



De Anna McNeal Mirzadegan

Introduction

- Lifelong Santa Clara County resident, primarily in San Jose
- Currently living in Willow Glen
- Owned manufacturing company and facility in North San Jose since 1999
- Board member of Willow Glen Neighborhood Association since 2019
 - President 2021-2024
- D6 Arts Commissioner appointed in 2025 by Councilmember Mulcahy



*Office of Cultural
Affairs
- Art Commission -*

1. 11 Commissioners – One for each district, plus a citywide commission appointed by Mayor
2. Arts Commission Roster: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/cultural-affairs/arts-commission-committees/arts-commission/arts-commission-roster>
3. Term is 4 years with 3 year Term Limit
4. Monthly Meeting – Third Monday of Month at 5:30pm City Hall – Open to Public

— *Art Commission* —
Responsibilities

1. Advisory board / Liaison to City Council
 - * Recommend Policies and Programs
2. Liaise with other Arts Organizations – SV Creates
3. Review Public Arts Projects
4. Review Grant Applications
5. Advocate of Arts
6. Awards

- My Goals -

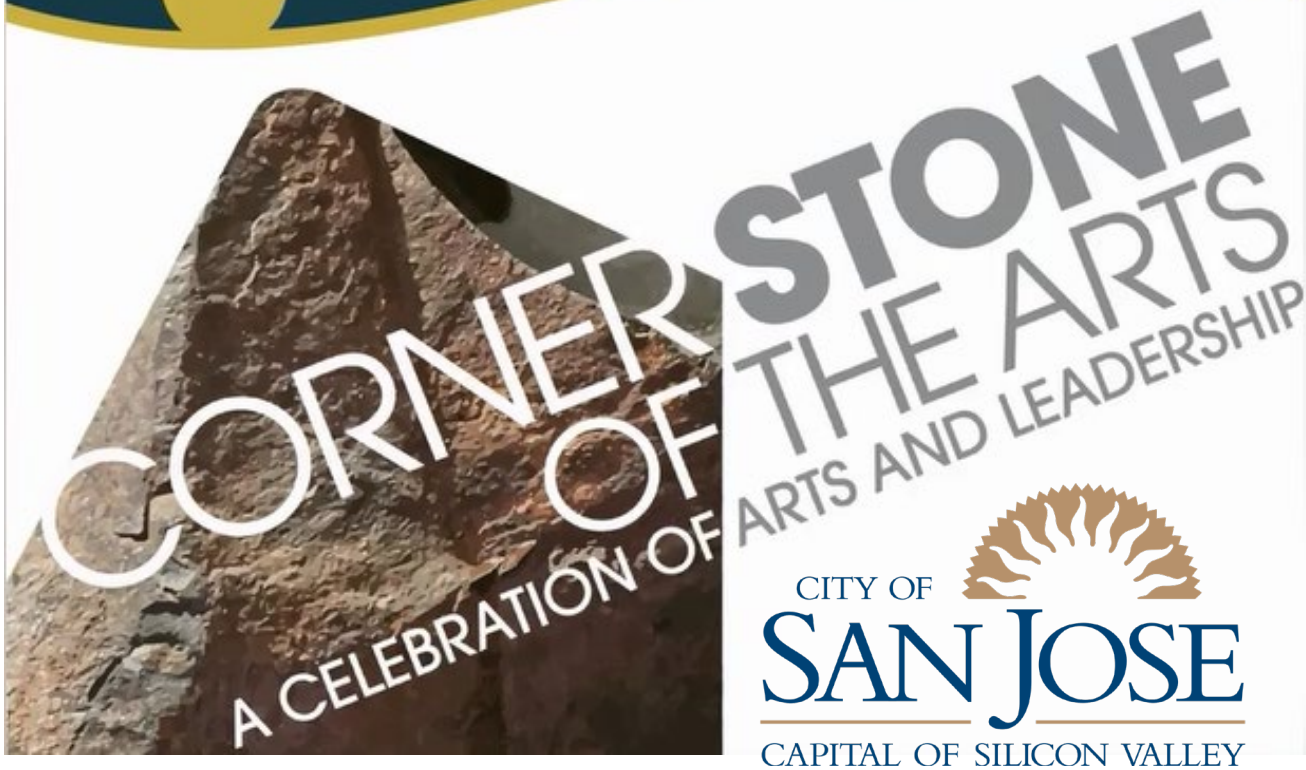
1. Represent D6 to the Best of my Ability
2. Engage and collaborate with D6 Neighborhoods and Residents regarding upcoming Arts Events and Opportunities
3. Facilitate and Assist Neighborhood Groups to install more Beautification and Arts projects within District 6
4. Lead Beautification projects within D6 (and all of San Jose) through my 501c3 nonprofit Willow Rose Arts Foundation (Arts Boxes, Murals, Landscaping)

- *Public Arts* —

1. Peace Monument located Arena Green
Benefactor: Diane Brandenburg
Artist: Mario Chiodo
Project Coordinator: Kimberly Mulcahy
2. Publicly Funded 3.3 million-dollar Project
3. Largest Public Arts Gift in San Jose History
4. <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=124447&t=638933001417181684>



CONGRATULATIONS
to the 2025 Honorees!



Cornerstone of the Arts Awards

Cornerstone of the Arts Award honors individuals and organizations who have had a significant and long-lasting impact on San José's art and cultural landscape

Date: October 24, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Location: Hammer Theater

Tickets: <https://hammertheatre.com/>

Award Recipients:

1. Kevin Hauge - Cornerstone Award
2. Chris Esparza - Creative Impact Award
3. Joe Miller - Luminary Artist Award



Neighborhood Beautification Project



Fire Station 6 Landscaping

1. Install low maintenance drought tolerant landscaping at Fire Station 6
2. Collaboration with Fire Station 6, Councilmember Mulcahy, Residents, Business Organizations, Neighborhood Groups, and Willow Rose Arts Foundation
3. Project may include Benches, Walking Path, Trees, Dry River Bed and Pollinator Garden
4. Fundraising and Volunteer Engagement
5. Donor Tiers TBD – Plaque and/or Steppingstone
6. Donations are Tax Deductible through Willow Rose Arts Foundation 501c3
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Q & A

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