



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL: CLOSED SESSION AGENDA
AUGUST 18, 2026
110 EAST MAIN STREET AND TELECONFERENCE
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:30 PM

Rob Moore, Mayor
Maria Ristow, Vice Mayor
Mary Badame, Council Member
Matthew Hudes, Council Member
Rob Rennie, Council Member

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is a hybrid meeting and will be held in-person at the Town Council Chambers at 110 E. Main Street and virtually through Zoom Webinar (log-in information provided below). Members of the public may provide public comments for agenda items in-person or virtually by following the instructions listed at the end of the agenda.

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS *(Members of the public are welcome to address the Town Council only on matters listed on the agenda. Town resources may not be used to facilitate audio or visual presentations. Each speaker is limited to no more than three (3) minutes or such time as authorized by the Mayor.)*

THE TOWN WILL MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case (letter from Council on American-Islamic Relations).

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The public is welcome to provide oral comments in real-time during the meeting in three ways:

- **Zoom Webinar (Online):** To participate from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device. Please use this URL to join: <https://losgatosca.gov.zoom.us/j/86730363468?pwd=pfKQoh92JnbwOYwFvZqldSSWpJxYoK.1>
Passcode: **577971**. You can also type in **867 3036 3468** in the "Join a Meeting" page on the Zoom website at www.zoom.us and use passcode **577971**.
 - When the Mayor announces the item for which you wish to speak, click the "raise hand" feature in Zoom.
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 - When the Mayor announces the item for which you wish to speak, press *9 on your telephone keypad to raise your hand.
- **In-Person:** Please complete a "speaker's card" located on the back of the chamber benches and submit it to the Town Clerk before the meeting or when the Mayor announces the item for which you wish to speak.

NOTES: Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes or less at the Mayor's discretion. If you are unable to participate in real-time, you may email to Clerk@losgatosca.gov the subject line "Public Comment Item #__" (insert the item number relevant to your comment).

Deadlines to submit written comments are:

-3:00 p.m. the business day before the Council meeting for inclusion in an addendum.

-11:00 a.m. the day of the Council meeting for inclusion in a desk item.

From: Zahra Billoo <zbilloo@cair.com>

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Subject: Concerns Regarding WVMA CUP Deliberations

Dear Los Gatos Planning Commissioners,

I write on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-SFBA) regarding tonight's continued deliberations on the West Valley Muslim Association's conditional use permit application.

CAIR-SFBA is an office of the nation's largest American Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, working to promote justice, empower American Muslims, and enhance the understanding of Islam across the Bay Area and broader region.

Like many Muslim communities across California, our community is grieving this week following the deadly attack at the Islamic Center of San Diego. In that context, we were shocked and appalled to see neighbors invoke that tragedy to justify additional restrictions on WVMA and its congregants.

A hate motivated shooting that left worshippers dead, families shattered, and children traumatized should never be used as ammunition in a local land use dispute.

WVMA would be the target in such an attack, not the source of danger. Muslim communities understand this reality all too well. Mosques across the country have had to invest in security planning, emergency preparedness, cameras, gates, volunteer security teams, and coordination with law enforcement precisely because anti-Muslim violence is real and ongoing.

By all accounts, WVMA has already been engaging responsibly with the Town, law enforcement, and fire officials regarding traffic management, emergency access, occupancy, and safety planning since acquiring the property. The draft conditions already address these concerns.

At the same time, we note the [Town Attorney has now acknowledged](#) that several previously proposed conditions likely raised concerns under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), the federal law that protects religious institutions from discriminatory land use treatment. That acknowledgment should matter here.

The question before the Town is how to ensure Muslims are treated equally under the law.

CAIR-SFBA urges the Planning Commission to reject fear-based narratives, avoid singling out this congregation for unequal treatment, and ensure that any conditions imposed are lawful, neutral, evidence-based, and applied consistently across religious institutions.

We are monitoring this matter closely and stand ready to support WVMA and the Muslim community in protecting their civil rights, including through legal advocacy if necessary.

At a moment when Muslim families across California are feeling vulnerable and targeted, local government should be sending a clear message that they belong here and that their rights will be protected equally.

Sincerely,

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