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### Santa Clara **County Board** of Supervisors terminates county relationships with Russia

he Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors today took a strong stand to condemn Russia's brutal and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by voting unanimously to terminate the County's relationship with the governments of the region of Moscow, Russia and the City of Moscow.

"What we are saying is that our government can't work with you until your government is treating humanity with the kind of dignity and respect that we all deserve," said Supervisor Cindy Chavez.

Santa Clara County has had a sister county relationship with Moscow since 1994. The County also has sister county relationships with Florence, Italy and Hsinchu County, Taiwan, Republic of China. During today's meeting Supervisor Chavez asked the County staff to explore establishing a relationship with an appropriate jurisdiction in Ukraine

"We ought to be thinking about how we can create and extend a partnership in a more formal way with Ukraine," said

## Almaden's Leland 604 Robotics Team wins San Francisco **Regional competition**

Leland Robotics Team also wins 'The Innovation in Control Award'

By Helen Arrington

Special to the Times

lmaden's Leland High School's 604 Quixilver Robotics Team won the San Francisco Regional competition at St. Ignatius College Preparatory on March 20. This is the team's 21st season participating in the FIRST program.

A field of 41 high school teams competed at the event including teams from Brazil and Turkey. Team 604 was seeded number one making them an alliance captain. The Leland team chose the second seeded team 846 Funky Monkeys from Lynbrook High School in San Jose to join their Alliance. Their third alliance pick was a rookie team 8852 from Drew High School in San Francisco.

The Leland Ouixilver Robtics Team also won The Innovation in Control Award which celebrates an innovative control system or application of See ROBOTICS, page 19



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## **AVCA 2022 San Jose Primary Mayor Candidate Forum April 11**

lmaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) will hold an in-person and live streaming event on April 11 at 7 p.m. to introduce the primary candidates for San Jose Mayor to voters in Almaden Valley.

"This is our first in-person meeting since Santa Clara County put in place COVID-19 restrictions," said Shiraz Kotadia, president of AVCA. "It's important that our community has the chance to meet the candidates for San Jose Mayor in person and to see how they respond to ques-

We look forward to welcoming our members and other residents of Almaden Valley to this open forum. The four leading candidates for Mayor have confirmed their atten-

- Cindy Chavez, County Supervisor · Dev Davis, City Councilmember

· Matt Mahan, City Councilmember

Raul Peralez, City Councilmember After a moderated discussion, voters will have the opportunity to submit written questions for the candidates. Topics are expected to include



rising homelessness, increased crime, soaring inflation, structural budget deficits, shortages of affordable housing, trash-filled streets, rising rents, and the on-going drought.

The forum will be held at the Westgate Church South Hills Campus, 6601 Camden Avenue. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the forum will begin at 7 p.m.

Since 1961, AVCA has brought Mayors, Councilmembers, County Supervisors, District Attorneys and other government officials to speak to Almaden residents.

Details on the streaming portion of the AVCA event are available on the organization's website and Facebook page: https://www.avcasi.org: https://www.facebook.com/avcasj

#### Feature



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#### **Robotics**

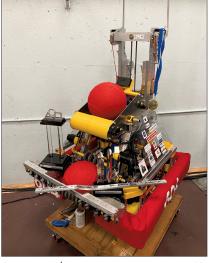
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Team 604 is proud to compete in the FIRST® Robotics Competition (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), where teams of high school students design, machine, build and test a fully functioning 125 lb. robot that competes in a sport-based competition.

FIRST brings together teams from across the United States and around the world. The 2022 game RAPID REACT presented by The Boeing Company is played by two alliances of three teams each, with each team controlling a robot and completing specific actions to score points. The game revolves around

both alliances shooting inflatable balls known as Cargo into a central Hub and climbing within their HANGERS at the end of the match. The 
overall objective of each match is to score more 
points than the opposing alliance before the 
match ends.

The top two members of the winning alliance are invited to compete at the World's Championship Tournament at the George R. Brown



Convention Center in Houston, Texas April 21 through April 23 where 450 teams from around the world will be competing for the honor of winning the World Championship title.

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