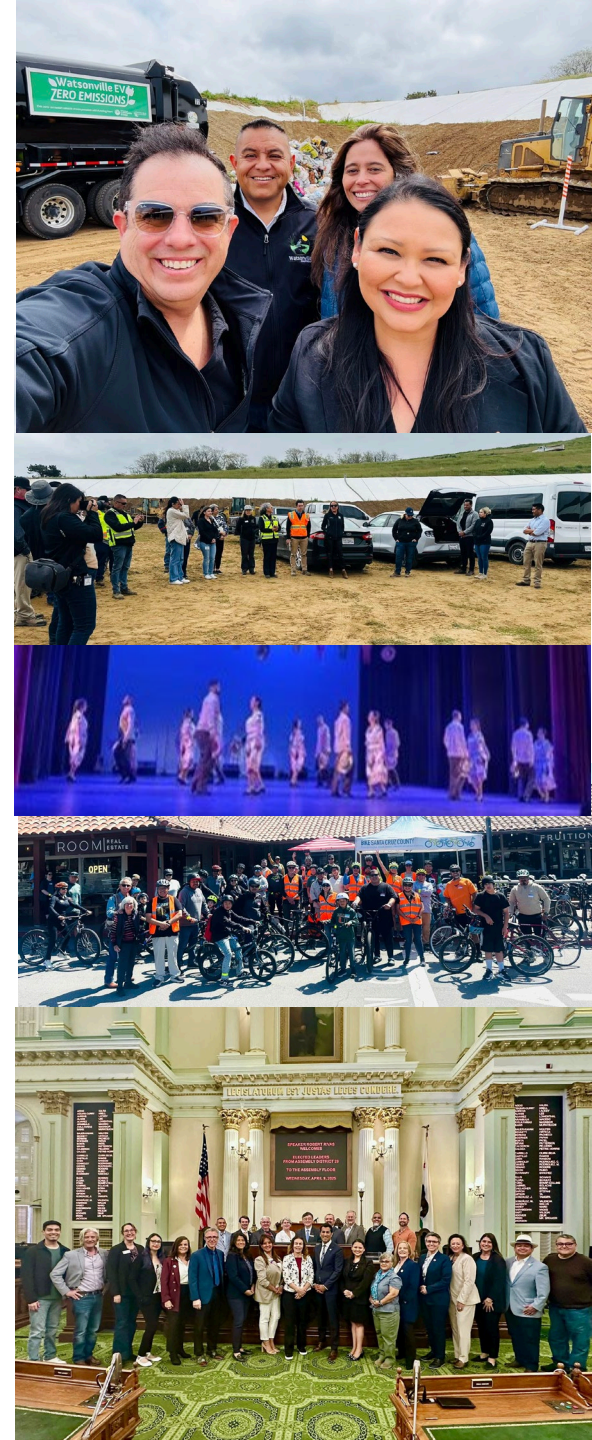


# Mayor's Updates

## 4/15/2025

- We celebrated the grand reopening of our landfill—bringing waste management back home to cut costs, improve reliability, and reduce our environmental impact. Huge thanks to our Public Works & Utilities team for making this happen!
- I had the honor of visiting Pajaro Valley High School, where students shared thoughtful civic engagement projects tackling real issues like housing, homelessness, and road safety. Their ideas were inspiring and solutions-oriented.
- Thank you to everyone who joined our Community Bike Ride in partnership with Bike Santa Cruz County and the County of Santa Cruz! Save the date: our next ride is Sunday, May 25 at 10am, starting at East Lake Center.
- I participated in AD 29 Legislative Issues Day at the State Capitol with regional council members and county supervisors. We heard directly from Speaker Robert Rivas, Senator John Laird, and Senator Dave Cortese, committee reps discussing key topics like transportation, housing, public safety, and the state budget.



- We also celebrated incredible community leaders at the Friends of Watsonville Parks and Community Services, Inc. Annual Cesar Chavez Community Awards. I was honored to serve as keynote speaker and congratulate 10 outstanding awardees.
- We had the pleasure of welcoming the President (Mayor) of Tangancícuaro, Michoacán to our city—strengthening our sister city relationship rooted in shared values of agriculture, culture, and education.
- I joined a senior nature walk, helped with a community cleanup on Bridge Street and the levee, and visited four amazing local businesses during Mayor on the Move: Bagel Café, Queen’s Shoes, Wishbone Pet Co., and Dixon & Sons Tire Shop.
- I had the joy of attending Esperanza del Valle’s 45th Anniversary performance, *Espíritu de México*, where we honored their contributions with a city proclamation.
- I represented Watsonville in Burbank at the CA League of Cities Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations Policy Committee—discussing key topics like the Brown Act, SB 707, and Gen AI in local government.

