



Special Meeting Agenda

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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Patrice Lyn - Commissioner
Amanda Santiago - Commissioner

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026
5:30 PM**

**Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS

1. 120th Anniversary Logo Design Contest Selection

Recommendation:

Select 120th Anniversary Logo

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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January 20, 2026

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LIBRARY, CULTURE, AND ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2026

PREPARED BY:

Brittney Sherman, Economic Development Coordinator

APPROVED BY: Chris Ghione

120TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO DESIGN CONTEST SELECTION

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Select 120th Anniversary Logo

REPORT NARRATIVE:

The Library, Culture and Arts Commission shall be responsible to select the 120th Anniversary logo contest winner. City staff will walk the Commission through the review process during the meeting. Information on the contest is available below:

Contest Description

The logo should embody the spirit and identity of Morgan Hill. Designs should draw inspiration from, but are not limited to, one or more of the following key themes:

- **Natural Beauty & Geography:** The distinct rolling Morgan Hill landscape, the surrounding oak woodlands, and the recreational areas like Anderson Lake and Coyote Valley.
- **Heritage & Agriculture:** A nod to the city's agricultural roots, including vineyards, farms, pick-your-own locations, and the small-town community feel.
- **Community & Future:** Representing the vibrant downtown, strong family values, and the city's modern growth as a center for innovation and technology adjacent to Silicon Valley.
- **Local Landmarks:** Abstract or stylized representations of key features such as the historic Downtown Morgan Hill sign, the Vast Open Spaces, or the Caltrain station/rail line (representing connection).

Tone: The logo should feel celebratory, professional, inviting, and timeless, bridging the classic look of a historic city seal with a modern, clean design.

Submission Requirements

Be sure to review and follow the complete Logo Design Contest Brief (PDF) before submitting any work.

Submissions are due Sunday, December 21, 2025, 11:59 p.m. Late submissions will not be accepted.

First Name	Gus
Last Name	Giba
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
Do you live or work in Morgan Hill, South County, or Santa Clara County?	Morgan Hill
Are you 18 or Older?	Yes
File Upload Primary Logo	MH120th1.svg
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Design Statement	As a lifelong resident of Morgan Hill, this design was inspired by my love for the beauty of this growing town. The western sunsets over El Toro Mountain are a sight I've worshipped for as long as I can remember, and the bright, vibrant colors of the California poppy always caught my eyes on the road when we were close to home. The deep red represents our very own precious poppy jasper. The poppy flower is illuminated by the golden sky with its vibrant orange, and the yellow accents being represented in the sun that sets over a silhouette of my favorite landmark, El Toro. Outlined in a red taken straight from the gemstone.
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120th Anniversary Logo Design Contest Submission Form

First Name	Evan
Last Name	Kelly
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
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Are you 18 or Older?	Yes
File Upload Primary Logo	EK MorganHill 120.ai
File Upload Presentation File	EK MorganHill 120.png
File Upload Monochrome Version	EK MorganHill 120 Monochrome.png
Design Statement	El Toro mountain stands as the natural symbol of Morgan Hill. The skyline of downtown lies below it. The greens represent the green hills of Morgan Hill. The yellow and gold represent the golden hills in the summer. The rising sun represents the growth and evolution of Morgan Hill's growth. The greens and golds are also taken from the city logo and flag. The font is a mix of old style and new style, representing Morgan Hill's connection between its past and future.
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MORGAN HILL
120TH ANNIVERSARY

120th Anniversary Logo Design Contest Submission Form

First Name	Amanda
Last Name	Santiago
Email Address	████████████████████
Phone	████████
Do you live or work in Morgan Hill, South County, or Santa Clara County?	Morgan Hill
Are you 18 or Older?	Yes
File Upload Primary Logo	MHLogoFinal2025-AmandaSantiago-EnigmaArtworx-Colibri.ai
File Upload Presentation File	MHLogoColor-AmandaSantiago-EnigmaArtworx-Colibri.png
File Upload Monochrome Version	MHLogoBnW-AmandaSantiago-EnigmaArtworx-Colibri.png
Design Statement	Racing The Train - I selected the theme of the train, and the railroad in honor of the founding of Morgan Hill as a stop on the Southern Pacific Railroad, called "Huntington" which later became known as "Morgan Hill's Ranch" A horse races alongside an historically accurate depiction of a steam engine, representing both our agricultural roots, and our ongoing quest for excellence, racing into the future in ways that we have only begun to dream of. The horse and train are reaching the banner, our banner year, celebrating our 120th Anniversary. This train would be most similar to the A-3 Passenger Class, which would have been used around 1906. A hot air balloon hovers over El Toro, because I have always loved watching the hot air balloons taking off over our town, and I think it reminds us that our quest is not linear. Our journey takes us not only across the ground, but into the air

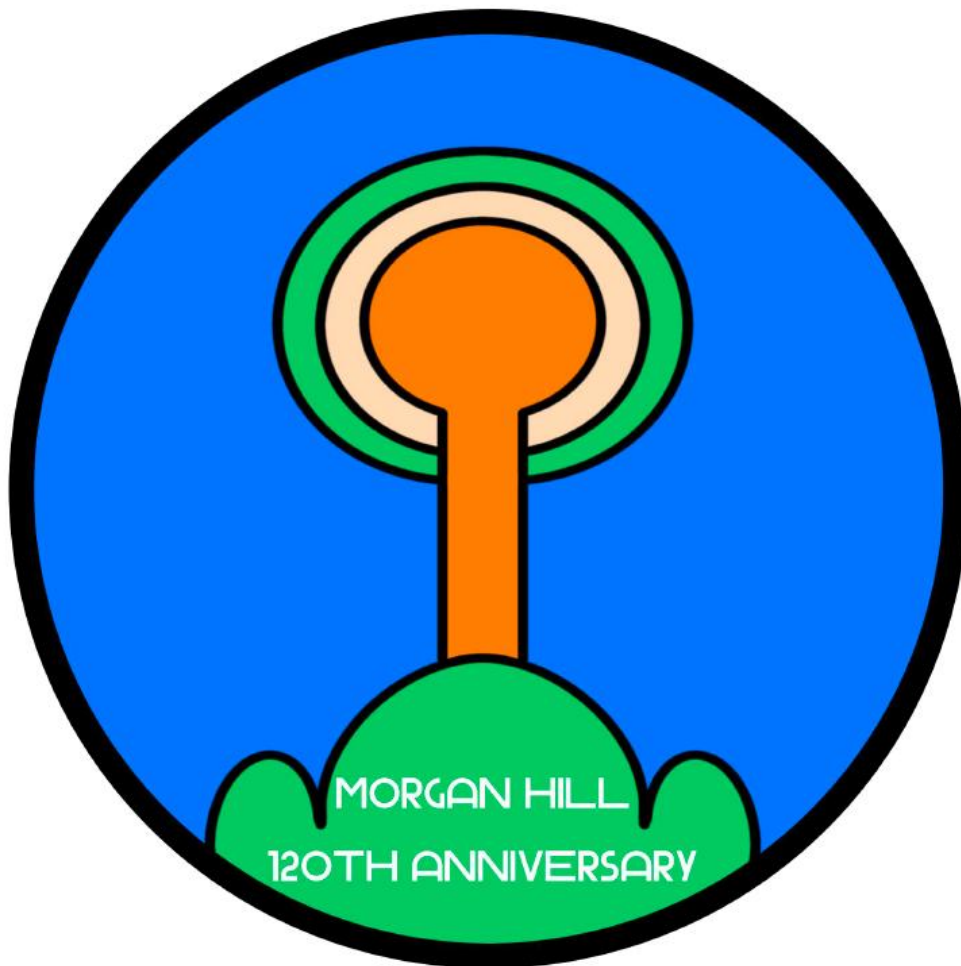
and beyond. I used a slatey blue, that is both industrial and celestial, a goldenrod shade that is the sunny gold of our summer hillsides and a sage green. I think these colors go nicely with our existing city color scheme.

I have also incorporated a fall of cherry blossoms and a grape vine climbing the border of the logo to honor our local wineries and orchards and in celebration of our past, present and future.

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First Name	Tricia
Last Name	Mutobe
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Phone	
Do you live or work in Morgan Hill, South County, or Santa Clara County?	Morgan Hill
Are you 18 or Older?	Yes
File Upload Primary Logo	Morgan Hill Logo Colored 2025 120Anniv Tricia Mutobe.png
File Upload Presentation File	IMG 9514.png
File Upload Monochrome Version	Morgan Hill Logo BW 2025 120Anniv Tricia Mutobe .svg
Design Statement	This logo is inspired by the spiral hedges at Villa Mira Monte in Morgan Hill and echoes the vast orchards that once filled our valley and the rolling hills that cradle it.
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120th Anniversary Logo Design Contest Submission Form

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Last Name	Mathkar
Email Address	
Phone	
Do you live or work in Morgan Hill, South County, or Santa Clara County?	I do not live or work in Santa Clara County
Are you 18 or Older?	Yes
File Upload Primary Logo	MorganHill-120Years-Logo.ai
File Upload Presentation File	MorganHill-120Years-Logo.png
File Upload Monochrome Version	MorganHill-120Years-Logo-Black-Bkgd.png
Design Statement	My primary concept is to portray the prominent El Toro Peak overlooking the city. This peak serves as the city's natural compass point. Considering that, my vision is to create a logo that celebrates the dramatic dialogue between earth and sky, where rolling hills cascade into valley floors, creating a unique topographical tapestry that defines the city's identity. The design ensures that Morgan Hill's development enhances its character while maintaining a small-town ambiance amid natural grandeur, thereby attracting wine tourism. The blue color palette aligns with Morgan Hill's current official branding.
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Thank You For Your Submission

The winning design will be announced the week of January 12, 2026.



First Name	Kimberly
Last Name	Sorich
Email Address	██████████
Phone	██████████
Do you live or work in Morgan Hill, South County, or Santa Clara County?	Morgan Hill
Are you 18 or Older?	Yes
File Upload Primary Logo	SORICH COLOR FINAL.svg
File Upload Presentation File	SORICH COLOR FINAL PNG.png
File Upload Monochrome Version	SORICH MONO FINAL.png
Design Statement	Morgan Hill has a very special name. No other city in the world shares its name. My design is paying homage to the history of the name, as it derived from a frequently requested train stop in the late 1800's, "Morgan Hill's Ranch" which was located in the shadow of El Toro. Over time, the stop became known as just "Morgan Hill". The City adopted this name when it incorporated in 1906. In my design, I show El Toro looming in the background as a steam engine train makes its way through the vast agriculture landscape in the area. My logo is dedicated to Morgan Hill's humble beginnings and within it you see nods to Natural Beauty & Geography, Heritage & Agriculture, and Local Landmarks. Although Morgan Hill has changed much since 1906, you can still enjoy El Toro, which stands proud, our beautiful sunsets, rows and rows of agriculture, and trains that pass through daily. My logo is celebratory, inviting, and timeless.

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City of Morgan Hill

120th Anniversary Logo Design Contest Brief

1. Project Overview & Context

The City of Morgan Hill is celebrating the **120th anniversary** of its incorporation (1906–2026). To commemorate this significant milestone, we are launching a public design contest to create an official anniversary logo.

The winning logo will be used throughout the 2026 calendar year on City communications, event materials, merchandise, web platforms, and physical banners. It must be a compelling, unifying, and celebratory mark that honors the city's past while looking toward its future.

- **Goal:** To design a commemorative logo that is instantly recognizable as Morgan Hill and celebrates 120 years of community, heritage, and progress.
- **Target Audience:** Morgan Hill residents, local businesses, visitors, media outlets, and regional partners in Silicon Valley and the greater Bay Area.

2. Thematic Focus & Inspiration

The logo should embody the spirit and identity of Morgan Hill. Designs should draw inspiration from (but are not limited to) one or more of the following key themes:

1. **Natural Beauty & Geography:** The distinct rolling **Morgan Hill** landscape, the surrounding oak woodlands, and the recreational areas like Anderson Lake and Coyote Valley.
2. **Heritage & Agriculture:** A nod to the city's agricultural roots, including vineyards, farms, pick-your-own locations, and the small-town community feel.
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3. Design Requirements & Technical Specifications

Mandatory Text Inclusion

The final logo design **must** clearly incorporate the following two pieces of text:

1. **"120th Anniversary"** (or "120 Years")
2. **"Morgan Hill, CA"** or **"Morgan Hill"**

Style and Scalability

- **Versatility:** The logo must be legible and effective when used in both large and small sizes (e.g., from a roadside banner to a lapel pin).
- **Black & White:** It must work effectively in a single-color (monochrome) format.
- **Readability:** Avoid overly intricate details that disappear at small sizes.
- **Originality:** The design must be 100% original and the intellectual property of the entrant until the prize is awarded, and rights are transferred to the City.

Color Palette

Entrants are encouraged to use a palette that aligns with Morgan Hill's official branding (e.g., blues, greens, and gold/yellows representing the hills, sky, and sunshine). The design should use no more than **three primary colors** plus black and white for maximum flexibility in printing and digital use.

4. Contest Eligibility and IP Rules

All contestants must adhere to the following rules regarding the integrity and ownership of the submitted artwork:

- **Original Work Only:** The submitted design must be the **original work of the designer** and created specifically for this contest.
- **No AI Generation:** **No entries or elements of work generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) sources or tools may be submitted.**
- **Intellectual Property (IP) Clearance:** Submitted designs must be **free from all third-party licensing, copyright, trademark, and EULA (End-User License Agreement) restrictions.** Use of copyrighted clip art, stock images, or licensed fonts is strictly prohibited.
- City reserves the right to request minor edits/revisions from the finalists for formatting or accessibility issues.
- **Acceptance of Terms:** By submitting an entry, the designer warrants that the design complies with these rules and agrees to the transfer of all rights upon winning, as detailed in Section 7.



- By submitting an entry, participants grant the City full ownership rights to the winning design, including all reproduction and usage rights. However, the designer will retain the right to use the design and logo in their professional portfolio.
- The City reserves the rights to cancel, modify, or suspend the contest if necessary.
- Any disputes related to the contest will be governed by the State of California, in the County of Santa Clara.

5. Deliverables and Design Formats

Submissions must be made electronically and include the following:

DELIVERABLE	REQUIREMENT	DESCRIPTION
1. Primary Logo File	Vector format (.ai, .eps, or .svg)	The original, scalable artwork. MANDATORY.
2. Presentation File	PNG (Transparent background, min 1500px wide)	A high-resolution raster file for digital preview.
3. Monochrome Version	PNG (Transparent background, black or white only)	A version of the logo that works in a single color.
4. Design Statement	Plain Text or PDF (Max 250 words)	A brief explanation of the concept, inspiration, color choices, and how the logo meets the brief's themes.

6. Submission Deadline:

Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

Upload entries to the 120th Anniversary Logo Website



7. Timeline and Prize

Judging Criteria

Submissions will be judged based on the following equally weighted criteria:

- **Relevance to Theme:** How well the design represents Morgan Hill and the anniversary.
- **Originality and Creativity:** The uniqueness of the design.
- **Memorability and Impact:** How easily the logo is recognized and remembered.
- **Versatility and Scalability:** Technical viability across all required formats.

The winning design will be announced the week of January 12, 2026.

Winner's Prize

- **Cash Prize:** A prize of **\$500.00 USD** will be awarded to the designer with the winning logo, sponsored by CURA Contemporary.
- **Official Recognition:** The winning designer will be publicly credited by the City of Morgan Hill in the Anniversary Press Release and in the Anniversary social media post.
- **Portfolio Usage:** The designer will retain the right to use the logo in their professional portfolio.

(Note: Upon acceptance of the prize, all intellectual property rights and usage rights for the winning logo are transferred exclusively to the City of Morgan Hill.)

Good luck to all entrants! We look forward to seeing your creative representations of Morgan Hill's 120th Anniversary.

