



## Mayor's State-of-the-City address

Mayor Ron Leone (pictured) gave the Concord State-of-the-City Address on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The address will be rebroadcast more than a dozen times in February on cable TV channels 28 (Comcast), 29 (Astound), and 99 (AT&T U-Verse), and from the City's homepage, [www.cityofconcord.org](http://www.cityofconcord.org) via streaming video (select "Watch TV" from the choices in the right column).

[Broadcast schedule](#)



## Leadership changes at Civic Center



Valerie Barone (pictured) has been selected by the City Council as Concord's Interim City Manager, replacing Dan Keen who accepted the City Manager position with the City of Vallejo. Barone has served as Concord's Assistant City Manager since 2009. The City Council also selected Senior Assistant Attorney Mark Coon to serve as acting City Attorney, replacing Craig Labadie, who has gone into semi-retirement. Coon has been with the City since 2002.

## Elimination of Redevelopment

On Feb. 1, all 400 California redevelopment agencies were shut down and the funds, once used for local economic development programs, were taken by the State. The elimination of the Concord Redevelopment Agency will have a severe impact on the community, including putting the summer music events in Todos Santos Plaza in jeopardy.

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## Clean Water Initiative



The Clean Water Program, which includes all 19 Contra Costa County incorporated cities and towns as well as the county, is sponsoring the 2012 Community Clean Water Initiative to authorize funding to improve local water quality and protect Contra Costa communities from toxic and dangerous pollutants. Property owners should receive their ballots by mail the week of February 21. For more information, visit [www.ccleanwater.org](http://www.ccleanwater.org).

## Office Closures

City of Concord offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 13 in honor of President Lincoln's birthday, and Monday, Feb. 20 in honor of President Washington's birthday. No furlough days are scheduled for February. The next City furlough day will be Friday, March 9.



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