

Regular Meeting Minutes

City Council / Housing Authority / Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

Mayor Tim Sandoval Vice Mayor Steve Lustro Councilmember Debra Martin Councilmember Victor Preciado Councilmember Nora Garcia Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole Councilmember Lorraine Canales

VISION STATEMENT

Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.

Monday, May 19, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

CLOSED SESSION

A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) and (d)(1))

Movses Karapetyan v. City of Pomona, et al. Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCV37727

Nicole Marin v. City of Pomona, et al. Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23PSCV00256

B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency-designated representatives: René Anderson, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Chris Munoz, Human Resources Manager

Employee organizations: Pomona City Employees Chapter of the Teamsters Local 1932 (PCEA) Pomona Mid-Management/Confidential Employees Association (PMMCEA)

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE ABSENT), to add one item to the closed session agenda as permitted by Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2)

The item added was a matter of potential initiation of litigation:

ONE CASE OF POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandoval called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Carvalho advised one late breaking item was added to the Closed Session agenda by a 6-0 vote of the City Council. City Attorney Carvalho also stated that the City Council had unanimously voted to approve a settlement of \$155,000 in the case of Nicole Marin v. City of Pomona, et al.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

- Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval Vice Mayor Steve Lustro Councilmember Debra Martin Councilmember Victor Preciado Councilmember Nora Garcia Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole Councilmember Lorraine Canales
- Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Anita D. Scott, City Manager Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney Rosalia A. Butler, City Clerk Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk Michael Ellis, Pomona Police Chief

PRESENTATIONS

*A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Pomona Recognizing May 2025 as "Affordable Housing Month" in the City of Pomona

Mayor Sandoval presented the proclamation to George Lopez from the Cesar Chavez Foundation and to Sandra Espadas from National CORE. George Lopez and Sandra Espadas spoke a few words about their separate projects and shared a few words of gratitude for the proclamations.

*Presentation of Certificates to the 2024-2025 Diamond Ranch Boys Basketball Team

Mayor Sandoval presented certificates to Head Coach Kevin Ryan, Assistant Head Coach John Ryan, Assistant Head Coach Dante Washington, Dr. Gomez, Principal of Diamond Ranch High School, and to the following student basketball team members:

Saul Parada Devin Turner Presley Mondragon Ray Fukuyama Kym Allen Jasten Wilson Phillip Macias Michael Salazar Robert Rucker Matthew Tran Jaiden Pullian Jalal Shalabi Josue Hernandez Peter Casillas

Head Coach Kevin Ryan spoke about the team's experience during the season and expressed pride in the team. Dr. Gomez also gave comments about how proud he was of the team.

*Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition for Edison Scholars Program Recipient

Mayor Sandoval presented the certificate to Leonardo Castro, Garey High School student. Marissa Castro-Salvati, Government Relations Manager from SCE presented a grant check to Leonardo Castro and talked about the Edison Scholars program. Leonardo Castro shared a few words of gratitude for the opportunity, and thanked his family, friends and teachers for their support.

*A Proclamation by the City Council of the City of Pomona Recognizing May 19-25, 2025 as "National Public Works Week" in the City of Pomona

City Clerk Butler noted the proclamation would be presented to Public Works staff at a later date.

*A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Pomona Recognizing May 2025 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in the City of Pomona

Councilmember Preciado presented the proclamation to Brittany Nguyen, Community Capacity Organizer from Tri-City Mental Health. Brittany spoke a few words of gratitude and talked about the work of Tri-City Mental Health to provide mental health services and discussed the importance of mental health.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Garcia discussed the construction on San Antonio Ave, and at Washington Park. Councilmember Garcia invited people to attend the upcoming ribbon cutting event at Washington Park. Councilmember Garcia thanked library staff for providing the mobile library service while the library is under construction and invited people to attend the Pomona Library Foundation Gala.

Councilmember Martin discussed Pomona Day at the LA County Fair, encouraged folks to watch the David and Sugar Shane fight, attended an educational conference in Contract City, and announced the summer edition of the Community Services program was now available. Lastly, councilmember martin spoke a few words about Mickey Gallivan and her impact on the City.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole spoke a few words to honor the memory of Mickey Gallivan and gave her condolences. Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole expressed excitement for the upcoming affordable housing project discussed earlier by the Ceasar Chavez Foundation representative. Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole stated she had bacterial pneumonia and stressed how important it is to take care of one's health.

Councilmember Preciado discussed meeting Ontson Placide, Executive Director of Tri City Mental Health, attended Dr. Vo's 75th birthday celebration, and attended a panel from the Hilton Foundation, Ascend and Mayor Sandoval.

Vice Mayor Lustro invited folks to attend the upcoming District 5 Area Commander meeting and spoke a few words about Mickey Gallivan and the positive impact she had on the City. Vice Mayor Lustro gave his condolences to Mrs. Gallivan's husband and their family.

Councilmember Canales attended the Contact City's conference and spoke a few words about Mickey Gallivan. Councilmember Canales expressed condolences to Mrs. Gallivan's family. Councilmember Canales attended Dr. Vo's 75th birthday celebration.

Mayor Sandoval expressed condolences to Jim Gallivan, and his family, and spoke a few words about Mickey Gallivan's impact on the City. Mayor Sandoval attended the Bright Prospects College Decision Day and gave congratulations to all students graduating this year. The Pomona Concert Band performed over the weekend and encouraged people to attend future concerts. Mayor Sandoval wished Dr. Vo a happy 75th birthday. Lastly Mayor

Sandoval asked staff about the art component for the project discussed by the representative of the Cesar Chavez Foundation.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Scott noted additions and changes to Discussion Item no. 10: the word "donation" was replaced with "sponsorship," and food items eligible for purchase were added.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the direction of the City Council Emergency Sub Committee, beginning with the July 18, 2022 Council meeting, emailed comments will no longer be read into the record during Council meetings. However, they will be included as part of the record/meeting minutes.

Live Comments were as follows:

Ira Mazer discussed concerns with the proposed budget for homeless services, housing, public safety, and library funding.

Michael Neaderbaomer expressed comments of concern for the press release regarding his case against the City.

Email Acosta discussed animal shelter overpopulation and requested the City to give funds to the local animal shelter.

Dr. Trudy Coleman invited people to attend the upcoming 35th Juneteenth Jazz and Arts Festival.

Stacey Cline discussed concerns with her living situation.

Malik Mahmood shared a few Islamic teachings about rights of neighbors.

Adali Valdivia shared concerns about the outdoor market in the parking lot of the swap meet location.

Tharwat Besada talked about concerns with business licensing issues.

Jeffrey Michaelson was not present when called to speak.

Gustavo Ramirez submitted a non-speaking card to note support for the Hope for Holt Initiative.

Gerald Magalad submitted a non-speaking card noting Project Lacey.

Amanda Oslinger submitted a non-speaking card noting Project Lacey.

**After Public Comment items were heard in the following order: Discussion Calendar Item No. 11, Consent Calendar, Discussion Calendar Item No. 7, Discussion Calendar Item No. 8, Public Hearing Item No. 12, Discussion Calendar Item No. 9, Discussion Calendar Item No. 10, and Public Hearing Item No. 13.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire Consent Calendar.

1. Approval of City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes

It is recommended that the City Council approve the following City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes:

May 5, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to approve City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025.

 Approval of Grant of Easement EC1-2025 to Southern California Edison for Electrical Infrastructure Installation on a Portion of City Property Located at 100 W. Commercial Street, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Number 8336-031-900, Related to the West Valley Connector Project (Council District 2)

It is recommended that the City Council take the following action:

1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-58 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GRANT OF EASEMENT EC1-2025 TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION ON A PORTION OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 W. COMMERCIAL STREET, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8336-031-900

2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign the Grant of Easement to SCE on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-58; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign the Grant of Easement to SCE on behalf of the City.

3. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Submittal Projects List for the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (RMRA/SB-1)

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-61 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FUNDED BY SB-1, THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-61.

4. Award a Bid to Morton Salt for the Purchase of Bulk Sodium Chloride

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Award a bid to Morton Salt for the purchase of bulk sodium chloride, at the prices bid, for a five-year term; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee any extensions, subsequent changes or amendments thereto, on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to award a bid to Morton Salt for the purchase of bulk sodium chloride, at the prices bid, for a five-year term; and authorize the City Manager, or designee any extensions, subsequent changes or amendments thereto, on behalf of the City.

5. Approve an Agreement with Best Drilling & Pump, Inc. for Potable Water Well Rehabilitation Services

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve a maintenance service agreement with Best Drilling and Pump for potable water well rehabilitation of Well 32 and Well 36; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the maintenance services agreement on behalf of the City, and any amendments or related documents, subject to review by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to approve a maintenance service agreement with Best Drilling and Pump for potable water well rehabilitation of Well 32 and Well 36; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the maintenance services agreement on behalf of the City, and any amendments or related documents, subject to review by the City Attorney.

6. Award of bids to HASA, Inc. and to Waterline Technologies, Inc. for the Purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite and Hydrochloric Acid

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Award of bid to HASA, Inc. for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite and hydrochloric acid, at the bid prices bid, for a term of three-years, with a two-year extension option; and,
- 2) Award of bid to Waterline Technologies Inc. for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite and hydrochloric acid, at the prices bid, for a term of three- years, with a two-year extension option.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to award of bid to HASA, Inc. for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite and hydrochloric acid, at the bid prices bid, for a term of three-years, with a two-year extension option; and, award of bid to Waterline Technologies Inc. for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite and hydrochloric acid, at the prices bid, for a term of threeyears, with a two-year extension option.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

7. Finding of Public Benefit to the Community at Large-Recommended Expenditure(s) and Recap of Expended Funds

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- Approve the expenditure(s) recommended and make the finding that the community at large will receive a public benefit from the expenditure of funds for the recommended item(s); and
 - A) Amount to be determined to Tradición Dance Company in support of 15 Años de Tradición: Requested Amount: \$3,000
 - B) Amount to be determined to Kennedy Austin Foundation in support of 2nd Housing Assistance Event: Requested Amount: \$500
- 2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts.

*Councilmember Canales recused herself from this item because she was an active member of the Assistance League of Pomona. Councilmember Canales exited the council chambers at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER CANALES ABSENT), to make a finding of public benefit for items A-B.

8. Receive and File Pomona Valley Transportation Authority Get About Service Reduction Discussion

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file a discussion regarding Pomona Valley Transportation Authority's (PVTA) Get About program reduction.

*Councilmember Canales re-entered Council Chambers at 8:57 p.m.

Public Works Director Meg McWade gave an overview of the item.

Public Speaker Diana Robertson expressed concern about the reduction in services.

Councilmember Garcia commented on the challenges of the increased cost of services, recommended alternatives for residents, and encouraged folks to attend the upcoming public hearing from the Pomona Valley Transportation Authority.

Councilmember Preciado asked questions about the item and stated he would be attending the upcoming public hearing from the Pomona Valley Transportation Authority.

Mayor Sandoval gave comments on the importance of access to transportation and on the costs of transportation services.

RECEIVE AND FILE ONLY, NO MOTION MADE.

9. Discussion of Recommendations and Proposed Scope of Work for the City's Ethics Commission

It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to proceed with the proposed scope of work recommendations submitted by the City's Ethics Commission with implementation to be carried out in coordination with the City Manager.

Human Resources Director Rene Anderson gave the staff presentation.

Public Speaker Lidia Manzanares, Vice Chair of the Ethics Commission, spoke in support of the recommendations made by the Ethics Commission.

Mayor Sandoval expressed gratitude to the Ethics Commission, and appreciation for the work done.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES, CARRIED 7-0, to proceed with the proposed scope of work recommendations submitted by the City's Ethics Commission with implementation to be carried out in coordination with the City Manager.

10. A Resolution to Adopt the City Council Expense Fund Allocations Policy

It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-51 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY COUNCIL EXPENSE FUND ALLOCATIONS POLICY WHICH INCORPORATES THE COUNCIL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY, REGULATIONS FOR USE OF EXPENSE FUND ALLOCATION, AND THE COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP POLICY, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2002-171

City Manager Scott gave the staff presentation.

Councilmember Martin asked various questions about the item.

Councilmember Canales asked various questions about the item.

Councilmember Garcia expressed support for the item and asked questions about the item.

Councilmember Preciado asked various questions about the item and inquired about amending the limit amounts.

Councilmember Garcia asked if language could be added to the policy regarding acknowledgement of fiscal support.

Mayor Sandoval expressed support for both suggested amendments.

Councilmembers asked further questions about the item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-51 with amended Expense Fund Allocation limits, \$18,000 for Councilmembers and \$23,000 for Mayor, and with added language requiring organizations to acknowledge the City when receiving sponsorship funds.

11. Authorize outside counsel to investigate and prosecute employer wage theft and authorize applying to California Labor Commission grant

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) The City does not pursue the grant opportunity offered through the California Labor Commission for wage theft enforcement at this time, due to the significant staffing requirements needed to carry out this program as well as unfunded financial obligations that fall outside the scope of the grant's allowable expenses; or
- 2) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-67 - A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, TO HIRE AND AUTHORIZE OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE EMPLOYER WAGE THEFT AND AUTHORIZE APPLYING TO A CALIFORNIA LABOR COMMISSION GRANT

*Please see attachment for emails submitted regarding this item.

**This item was heard after Public Comment.

City Manager Scott gave an overview of the item and gave an amended recommendation: to direct staff to work directly with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office to file a joint application for funding with the understanding that any additional staff funded with the grant award will dedicate their efforts to enforcement within the City of Pomona.

Public Speaker Roberto Aguila discussed his experience with working without pay.

Public Speaker Venus Alfaro discussed how prevalent wage theft is and the consequences of wage theft.

Public Speaker Cal Soto spoke in support of the item and discussed wage theft statistics.

Public Speaker Fanelly Millan discussed the problems caused by wage theft and expressed support for the item.

Public Speaker Gilberto Beas talked about his personal experience with wage theft.

Public Speaker Angel Lira the problems caused by wage theft.

Public Speaker Claudia Bautista Perales talked about her experience helping people who have experienced wage theft.

Public Speaker Xiomara Barrera spoke in support of the item.

Public Speaker Alexis Teodoro stated the Pomona Economic Opportunity Center would write a letter of recommendation should the item be approved and expressed support for the item.

Public Speaker Christopher Nuñez spoke in support of the item and talked about his personal experience with wage theft.

Public Speaker Andrea Moreno was not present when called to speak.

Public Speaker Jim Sanbrano expressed support for the item on behalf of the Latino/a Roundtable.

Public Speaker Debra Mendez expressed support and talked about her personal experience with wage theft.

Lidia Manzanares expressed support for the item and talked about the prevalence of wage theft.

Vice Mayor Lustro expressed concern for budget constraints but expressed more confidence in the item upon learning about the partnership with the District Attorney's office.

Councilmember Garcia expressed support for the item.

Councilmember Canales expressed support for the item with partnering with the District Attorney's office.

Councilmember Preciado asked questions about the item.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole expressed support for the item.

Mayor Sandoval gave closing comments.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-67 with the added direction to staff to work directly with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office to file a joint application for funding with the understanding that any additional staff funded with the grant award will dedicate their efforts to enforcement within the City of Pomona.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **12.** Approve the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan with Preliminary Funding Recommendations
 - It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-57 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WITH PROPOSED FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME), AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FEDERAL ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

- 2) Approve the draft funding awards for the FY 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs;
- 3) Approve the funding recommendations for the FY 2025-2026 Home Investment Partnerships Program;
- 4) Approve the inclusion of funding awards in the FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan.

*Councilmember Canales recused herself from this item because she was an active member of the Assistance League of Pomona. Councilmember Canales exited the Council Chambers at 9:24 p.m. and returned to Council Chambers at 9:37 p.m. after the vote was taken.

Maria Siancunco gave the staff presentation.

Mayor Sandoval opened the Public Hearing.

Public Speaker Lisa Russi on behalf of Casa Colina Hospital spoke in support of the item.

Public Speaker Endy Farrow on behalf of Pearls of Service spoke in support of the item.

Public Speaker Cathy Harden on behalf of the Assistance League of Pomona Valley spoke in support of the item.

Public Speaker Stephanie Roberts on behalf of the Assistance League of Pomona Valley spoke in support of the item.

Public Speaker Latonia Jenkins on behalf of Pearls of Service spoke in support of the item.

Mayor Sandoval closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Preciado and Mayor Sandoval expressed thanks to Casa Colina Hospital for their work in the community.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER CANALES ABSENT), to adopt Resolution No. 2025-57; and approve the draft funding awards for the FY 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs; and approve the funding recommendations for the FY 2025-2026 Home Investment Partnerships Program; and approve the inclusion of funding awards in the FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan.

13. Establishment of Underground Utility Districts 1 and 2 to enable SCE to Perform an Undergrounding Project

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments and testimony regarding the establishment of Underground Utility District No. 1 along Lexington Avenue from Park Avenue to Garey Avenue; and
- 2) After receiving public comment and testimony, close the Public Hearing and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-62 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

- Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments and testimony regarding the establishment of Underground Utility District 2 along Park Avenue from Franklin Avenue to Lexington Avenue; and
- 4) After receiving public comment and testimony, close the Public Hearing and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-63 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2

Mayor Sandoval opened the Public Hearing and with no public speakers, Mayor Sandoval closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBE GARCIA, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-62 and Resolution No. 2025-63.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned in memory of Mickey Gallivan at 10:14 p.m. on May 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

ROSALIA A. BUTLER, MMC City Clerk/Secretary of the Pomona Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the to the Redevelopment Agency

TIM SANDOVAL Mayor/Chair of the Pomona Housing Authority/Successor Agency Redevelopment Agency

 From:
 Emma Orpiano <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

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 Support for Agenda Item 11 – Resolution to Authorize Labor Code Enforcement by City Attorney's Office

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I write in strong support of Agenda Item 11—the resolution to authorize the Pomona City Attorney's Office to enforce wage and hour laws under AB 594.

The Pomona Economic Opportunity Center (PEOC) has collected extensive stories from day laborers, domestic workers, restaurant workers, retail workers, and other low-wage immigrant workers. These testimonies clearly show that wage theft and labor violations are rampant in the City of Pomona, and that current enforcement mechanisms are insufficient to protect workers.

We have reviewed the staff report presented for this item and wish to raise serious concerns about the factual inaccuracies it contains.

1. The report incorrectly states that community-based organizations like PEOC can apply for the California Labor Commissioner's Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant. This is not true. Only cities and counties are eligible applicants. PEOC cannot apply—they can only support the City's application if this resolution passes.

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3.If this resolution is adopted, Pomona will be eligible for up to \$750,000 in state funding, with the application due June 2, 2025. That funding is sufficient to support a modest and effective program, starting with just one staff attorney and one legal assistant.

PEOC is committed to partnering with the City to co-design a flexible, community-rooted enforcement model that fits within the available funding and infrastructure. This is a practical, achievable, and badly needed intervention for Pomona workers.

We urge the City Council to vote YES on Agenda Item 11 this Monday. Let Pomona take this long-overdue step toward protecting its workers and holding abusive employers accountable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Emma Orpiano emmaorpiano@gmail.com

Diamond Bar, California 91765

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Lizette Gonzalez lg28208@gmail.com

West Covina, California 91792

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