



# City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Regular Meeting Minutes

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

*Mayor Tim Sandoval*  
*Vice Mayor Nora Garcia*  
*Councilmember John Nolte*  
*Councilmember Victor Preciado*  
*Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole*  
*Councilmember Steve Lustro*  
*Councilmember Robert S. Torres*

#### 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.*

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Monday, October 7, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sandoval called the City Council Closed Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval  
Vice Mayor Nora Garcia  
Councilmember John Nolte  
Councilmember Victor Preciado  
Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole  
Councilmember Steve Lustro

Absent: Councilmember Robert Torres

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### **Live Comments were as follows:**

There were no live comments for closed session agenda items.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**A) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 700 East Foothill

APN's: 8367-003-023 & 024

Negotiating Party: Foothill & Towne LLC

City's Negotiator: Anita Gutierrez, City Manager

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

**B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Pomona Police Manager's Association (PPMA)

Pomona Police Officer's Association (PPOA)

Unrepresented Group A and B Employees

Labor Negotiators: Anita Gutierrez and René Anderson

**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 stated there was no reportable action.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Sandoval led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval  
Vice Mayor Nora Garcia  
Councilmember John Nolte  
Councilmember Victor Preciado  
Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole  
Councilmember Steve Lustro  
Councilmember Robert Torres

Absent: None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Anita Gutierrez, City Manager  
Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney  
Rosalia Butler, City Clerk  
Diana Robles, Deputy City Clerk  
Michael Ellis, Pomona Police Chief

Daniel Tamayo, contracted by the City, provided translation services.

**PRESENTATIONS**

\*Presentation of Life-Saving Awards to Pomona Police Officers

Pomona Police Chief Ellis and Mayor Sandoval presented the awards to Officer Kevin Guillen.

**MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Preciado invited everyone to attend the upcoming Community Needs Meeting.

Vice Mayor Garcia discussed attending a meeting with City Manager Gutierrez and City of Chino Hills to address traffic flow from Chino into Pomona. Vice Mayor Garcia also announced various upcoming Halloween events taking place throughout the City.

Mayor Sandoval discussed his attendance at the Britney Brown, Paris Olympics bronze medalist winner, celebration at The Union. Mayor Sandoval also attended the Kindness Festival and the Pomona Price Center's Annual Gala. Mayor Sandoval requested an update on the park bathroom upgrades and discussed concerns with excessive fireworks going off.

**CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Gutierrez advised the City had an Innovation Strategy meeting and announced the Office of Violence Prevention won a state grant.

**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:**

Yesenia Miranda Meza discussed the history of her community activism in the City and requested stronger tenant protections.

Sophia Orozco discussed the no fault eviction notice she received, and spoke in support of the tenant anti-harassment urgency notice.

Greg Estel discussed concerns with Planning Commissioner Camacho and with the City's budget for consultants.

Margarita requested additional police patrol in her neighborhood and discussed concerns with the practices of the property managers of the apartments in which she resides.

Jesus Arzate discussed concerns with the issues caused by the addition of a bike lane in his neighborhood.

Dominick Yibale expressed concern for the lack of parking caused by the re-stripping of the street in front of his house.

Mayela Yibale discussed lack of parking issues caused by the addition of a bike lane and a turning lane on the street in front of her house.

Gabriel Yibale discussed expressed concern for the lack of parking caused by the addition of a bike lane on the street in front of his house.

Teresa Gil expressed gratitude for the street re-pavement but expressed concern for the lack of parking caused by the street re-stripping.

Jose Gil discussed the problems cause by a lack of parking due to the street improvement.

Alejandra O. expressed support for the tenant anti-harassment urgency ordinance, commemorated Palestinians and expressed support for investing in housing and education.

Genesis Vega discussed concerns with property managers changing the terms of leases before a lease expires.

Carmen Villagomez expressed concerns for the practices of the property managers of the mobile home community in which she lives.

Gloria Boiseñe requested assistance with addressing the increasing costs of utility services at the mobile home park in which she resides.

Xiomara Barrera expressed support for a tenant anti-harassment ordinance, and establishment of a permanent rental stabilization ordinance.

Marilu Arellano expressed support for sidewalk vendors located at Indian Hill Blvd.

Sergio Garcia expressed support for sidewalk vendors.

Nam Hwynh from the Pomona Taxpayers Association expressed opposition to the Mt. SAC Bond Measure V.

Hassan Sassi discussed the Mt. SAC Bond Measure V.

Lorraine Canales discussed concerns with the conditions of some of the bathroom parks and discussed concerns with the lack of parking on La Verne Ave.

Olga Leaños discussed concerns with the homeless population in her neighborhood.

Gary Chow, Mt. SAC Trustee, spoke in support of the Mt. SAC Bond Measure V and the Pomona Unified School Measure U.

César Tlatoāni Alvarado, Mt. SAC Student Trustee spoke in support of the Mt. SAC Bond Measure V and discussed the positive impact Mt. SAC has had on his life.

Julián Ibañez expressed support for the Mt. SAC Bond Measure V and for the tenant anti-harassment urgency ordinance. He also requested an update on the Parks Master Plan from the City.

Tim Horton discussed concerns with increasing utility costs.

Adolfo Sortelo discussed concerns with lack of parking on the street in front of his house due to the addition of the bike lane.

The following public speakers submitted speaker cards but were not present when called and therefore did not speak:

Maria Mucino  
Vanessa Mtz  
Darrel Kruss

Lucia Rangel submitted a non-speaker card to indicate her support for changing the newly added bike lane on La Verne Ave.

Jesus Ascencio, Ismael Villagomez and Yolanda Vega submitted non-speaker cards to indicate their support for stronger tenant protections including the tenant anti-harassment urgency ordinance.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire Consent Calendar except for Item #13 which was pulled by Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole.**

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:

August 7, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2024 and September 9, 2024.**

2. Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets by Appropriating \$28,000 of Capital Improvement Project Fund Reserves for Installation of a New Playground at Ralph Welch Park

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-133 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 CAPITAL IMPROVMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGETS BY APPROPRIATING \$28,000 OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND RESERVES TO "DISTRICT 2 - NEW PLAYGROUND AT RALPH WELCH PARK," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71096**

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-133.**

3. Approve Award of Contract to JOY Automation, LLC for Support and Maintenance of the City's Water Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition System

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

- 1) Award a contract to JOY Automation, LLC for a three-year agreement with two additional on-year renewal options, for support and maintenance services to the City of Pomona's water Supervision Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system; and

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with JOY Automation, LLC, on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to award a contract to JOY Automation, LLC for a three-year agreement with two additional on-year renewal options, for support and maintenance services to the City of Pomona's water Supervision Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with JOY Automation, LLC, on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments.**

4. Approve a Professional Services Agreement for Bridging Architectural Design Services for the Downtown Parking Structure CIP Project

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

- 1) Approve a professional services agreement with Watry Design, Inc. for Bridging Architectural Design Services for CIP Project, "Downtown Parking Structures," Project No. 441-6725-52285-73368 in the amount of \$569,639; and,
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement, in substantially the form as attached, on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve a professional services agreement with Watry Design, Inc. for Bridging Architectural Design Services for CIP Project, "Downtown Parking Structures," Project No. 441-6725-52285-73368 in the amount of \$569,639; and, Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement, in substantially the form as attached, on behalf of the City and any subsequent documents or amendments, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.**

5. Approving Funding of \$75,000 to the Pomona Economic Opportunity Center (PEOC) in accordance with the Defined Disbursement Schedule

It is recommended that the City Council approve funding for the Pomona Economic Opportunity (the "PEOC") for FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$75,000 to be disbursed in four equal payments of \$18,750 at the end of each quarter after receipt of the respective Quarterly Reports.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve funding for the Pomona Economic Opportunity (the "PEOC") for FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$75,000 to be disbursed in four equal payments of \$18,750 at the end of each quarter after receipt of the respective Quarterly Reports.**

6. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Measure H Funds from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for the Pomona Family Daytime Resource Center

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-128 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$245,000 IN MEASURE H FUNDS FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG), AND THE CARRYOVER OF \$108,490 IN UNSPENT FUNDS FROM FY 2023-24 AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY THE SAME AMOUNT**

- 2) Amend the agreement with Volunteers of America of Los Angeles (VOALA) increasing the award by \$10,000, and;
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, contracts and other documentation requested for acceptance and implementation of the grant awards, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-128; and amend the agreement with Volunteers of America of Los Angeles (VOALA) increasing the award by \$10,000, and; authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, contracts and other documentation requested for acceptance and implementation of the grant awards, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.**

7. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing City of Pomona to Submit a Grant Application for the Whale Tail Grants Program through the California Coastal Commission

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:



**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-150 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WHALE TAIL GRANTS PROGRAM THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents related with this action, with approval of the City Attorney as to form.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-150; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents related with this action, with approval of the City Attorney as to form.**

8. Resolution to Amend the FY 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for “Enhanced Traffic Signage Replacement Program - Citywide”

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-142 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$7,064 OF DISTRICT 1 CIP CARRYOVER DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO “ENHANCED TRAFFIC SIGNAGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - CITYWIDE,” PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-68588**

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-142.**

9. Acceptance of a Child Passenger Safety Program Grant

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-154 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$87,000**

- 2) Accept a Child Passenger Safety Program Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$87,000;
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-154; and accept a Child Passenger Safety Program Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$87,000; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.**

**10. Acceptance of a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant**

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-152 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$39,024**

- 2) Accept a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$39,024;
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-154; and accept a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$39,024; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.**

**11. Acceptance of a Motorcycle Safety Education and Training Program Grant**

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-153 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$20,000**

- 2) Accept a Motorcycle Safety Education and Training Program Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$20,000;

- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-153; and accept a Motorcycle Safety Education and Training Program Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$20,000; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.**

**12. Acceptance of a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant**

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-151 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$475,000**

- 2) Accept a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$475,000;
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-151; and accept a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$475,000; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.**

**13. Resolution to Amend the FY 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for "Civic Center Plaza - New Playground and Amenities," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71063; and Award Contracts**

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-157 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY UNAPPROPRIATING \$2,367,441 OF FUNDS FROM VARIOUS PROJECTS, AND APPROPRIATING THEM AND \$2,300,000 OF AVAILABLE GENERAL FUND RESERVE FUNDS TO "CIVIC CENTER PLAZA - NEW PLAYGROUND AND AMENITIES," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71063**

- 2) Award a construction contract to PUB Construction, Inc. for "Civic Center Plaza - New Playground and Amenities," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71063, to include all Base Bid items and Additive Alternate Nos. 1-3, in the amount of \$10,397,465;
- 3) Award a consultant agreement to Willdan Engineering to provide Professional Engineering and Construction Management, Inspection, and Sampling Services for "Civic Center Plaza - New Playground and Amenities," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71063, in the amount of \$574,064;
- 4) Find that the project referenced above is environmentally categorically exempt pursuant to:
  - a. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15301, 15303, 15331, and 15332 in that the construction of the proposed project is in an infill area, and designated to limit any impact to the historic structures and the historic character of the historic district.
  - b. National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Programmatic Agreement (PA) Section 106 and per the State Historic Preservation Office Appendix No. 20, the construction of a 'Noncontributing structure' are limited exclusively to the activities as listed in Appendix A of the PA in accordance with the PA exemption stipulation(s) cited in the Appendix; and
- 5) Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the construction contract, consultant agreement, and related documents (permits, change orders, etc.).

\*This item was pulled by Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole for questions.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole asked various questions about details of the project and expressed caution for approving this project when other parks need repairs.

Public Works Director Rene Guerrero answered her questions.

Vice Mayor Garcia asked for clarifications regarding the funding sources.  
Finance Director Mowbray answered her questions.

Mayor Sandoval stated the park would be an all-abilities park and gave closing comments.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, CARRIED 6-1 (COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE OPPOSED), to adopt Resolution No. 2024-157; and award a construction contract to PUB Construction, Inc. for “Civic Center Plaza - New Playground and Amenities,” Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71063, to include all Base Bid items and Additive Alternate Nos. 1-3, in the amount of \$10,397,465; and award a consultant agreement to Willdan Engineering to provide Professional Engineering and Construction Management, Inspection, and Sampling Services for “Civic Center Plaza - New Playground and Amenities,” Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71063, in the amount of \$574,064; and find that the project referenced above is environmentally categorically exempt pursuant to: a. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15301, 15303, 15331, and 15332 in that the construction of the proposed project is in an infill area, and designated to limit any impact to the historic structures and the historic character of the historic district and b. National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Programmatic Agreement (PA) Section 106 and per the State Historic Preservation Office Appendix No. 20, the construction of a ‘Noncontributing structure’ are limited exclusively to the activities as listed in Appendix A of the PA in accordance with the PA exemption stipulation(s) cited in the Appendix; and Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the construction contract, consultant agreement, and related documents (permits, change orders, etc.).**

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

- 14.** 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:

- 1) 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 Vietnamese Community of Pomona Valley in support of Mid-Autumn Children Festival: Requested Amount: \$2,000
  - B) Amount to be determined to Pomona Natives in support of Pop Warner Football & Cheer Team: Requested Amount: \$5,000
  - C) Amount to be determined to Latino and Latina Roundtable in support of Dia de los Muertos: Requested Amount: \$8,000
  - D) Amount to be determined to Galan Cultural Center in support of Teatro en Español Program: Requested Amount: \$5,000

E) Amount to be determined to Kiwanis Club of Pomona in support of Christmas on Columbia: Requested Amount: \$200

F) Amount to be determined to Pomona Valley Pride in support of their Inaugural Pomona Valley Pride Festival: Requested Amount: \$2,000

2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts.

Public Speaker Lina Mira spoke in support of the Dia de los Muertos event.

Public Speaker Franco Tapa spoke in support of the Teatro en Español program.

**MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to make a finding of public benefit for items A-F.**

**Mayor Sandoval called a recess at 8:57 p.m.**

**Mayor Sandoval resumed the meeting at 9:05 p.m.**

**15. City-Funded Maintenance of Phillips Ranch Greenbelt**

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

- 1) Approve the conversion of the Phillips Ranch Riparian Greenbelt (Greenbelt) to a City Park and utilize General Funds to maintain the Greenbelt at a Level A frequency beginning July 1, 2025; and
- 2) Approve an amendment to the agreement with Merchant Landscape Services, Inc. to include areas known as Site 24 - Silverwood Lane/Village Loop Road Greenbelt, Site 25 - Falcon Ridge Drive/Village Loop Road Greenbelt; Section 1, and Site 26 - Falcon Ridge Drive/Village Loop Road Greenbelt; Section 2, collectively referred to as the Phillips Ranch Riparian Greenbelt, in an annual amount of \$102,000, effective July 1, 2025; or
- 3) Disapprove the conversion of the Greenbelt to a City park, thus continuing the current level of maintenance funded by the Phillips Ranch Assessment District.

Public Works Director Guerrero gave an overview of the item.

Public Speaker Eric Trypucko spoke in support of approving the greenbelt to a City Park.

Public Speaker Frank Carrillo spoke in support of approving the greenbelt to a City Park.

Public Speaker Danielle Taylor opposed the conversion of the greenbelt to a City Park.

Public Speaker Alexandria Taylor opposed the conversion of the greenbelt to a City Park.

Public Speaker Yesenia Miranda Meza opposed the conversion of the greenbelt to a City Park.

Councilmember Lustro expressed support for the conversion of the greenbelt to a City Park.

Vice Mayor Garcia expressed support for the area becoming a public space so that it qualifies for other funding sources but expressed hesitation for allocating more monies to a space in which the residents voted against increasing the special assessment, which has historically funded the maintenance of the greenbelt.

Councilmember Torres expressed support for converting the greenbelt into a City Park.

Councilmember Preciado expressed support for converting the greenbelt to a City Park.

Councilmember Nolte asked questions about the current maintenance levels and the hazards that exist. Public Works Director Guerrero answered his questions.

Mayor Sandoval requested a special study session to update residents on the ongoing CIP projects, stressed the importance of fostering community, and expressed support for converting the greenbelt to a City Park.

Vice Mayor Garcia asked for clarifications from Mayor Sandoval.

Councilmember Lustro stated the assessment district fund would still be significantly short for full maintenance with the conversion to a City Park.

**MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 6-1 (VICE MAYOR GARCIA OPPOSED), to approve the conversion of the Phillips Ranch Riparian Greenbelt (Greenbelt) to a City Park and utilize General Funds to maintain the Greenbelt at a Level A frequency beginning July 1, 2025; and approve an amendment to the agreement with Merchant Landscape Services, Inc. to include areas known as Site 24 - Silverwood Lane/Village Loop Road Greenbelt, Site 25 - Falcon Ridge Drive/Village Loop Road Greenbelt; Section 1, and Site 26 - Falcon Ridge Drive/Village Loop Road Greenbelt; Section 2, collectively referred to as the Phillips Ranch Riparian Greenbelt, in an annual amount of \$102,000, effective July 1, 2025.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m. on October 7, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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

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



## Dear Mayor, council members, city staff and city residence,

WHY DO I SAY "NO" TO THE BOND MEASURE REQUESTED BY MT SAC?

This fall 27 school districts in LA County seeking \$15 billion while 10 school districts are asking for \$2 billion.

Mt SAC is asking the voters to pass \$750 million, 4<sup>th</sup> in 23 years.

Put simply, "the more money you can raise, the more money you will get from the state" As I quote Sara Hinkley of UC Berkeley,.

It is rarer, but the State can ship in money without bond as matching funds, this year the State is asking for \$10 Billion for matching funds to schools that their bond pass, unfortunately school districts like LAUSD and Bevely Hills get a lion share of the matching funds.

The last state fund passed in 2016 and failed in 2020, not sure if it will pass this time around since there is a big opposition by a frequent opponent of state and local bonds, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assocation is a major opponent.

How much will a bond cost the tax payers is the question.

If you review your county assessor's statement you can see how much taxes your paying on each bond be it a school or in this case college district.

I would not oppose a bond for it was not the burden of paying more property taxes for a number of bonds.

Schools and community colleges are in need of modernizing and repairing and constructing class rooms but not on top-of-the-line parking structures and Olympic size stadium that are not used by the community that the college serves.

Question you may want to ask, is how much will a bond cost?

According to Mt SAC the new bond will cost 2 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation for the next 25 years on top of the property taxes we presently paying of the 2018 bond measure.

Who is in charge of overseeing the bond and expenditure,

- 1) State law, Education Code
- 2) Independent, annual performance audit
- 3) Independent oversight citizen committee of at leas 7 members, for bond that pass with 55% yes vote. (Proposition 39 allowed K-12 and community colleges to pass bond with 55% rather than 66.67 priori to 2001, when bonds were not passing in great numbers)

This statement was prepared by:

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Walnut resident,

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September 23, 2024

United Walnut Taxpayers (UWT)  
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The Honorable Tim Sandoval  
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City Hall 505 South Garey Ave., Pomona, CA 91766

Dear Mayor Sandoval,

I'm writing to you on behalf of UWT, a 501 c3 NGO, about our opposition Mount San Antonio Community College (Mt SAC) \$750 million bond measure (Measure V) appearing on voters ballot this November General Election.

The **United Walnut Taxpayers** and the **Chinese American Association of Walnut**, strongly oppose the proposed 2024 Mt. SAC bond measure. This bond marks the fourth since 2001, bringing the total bond value to over \$2 billion in 23 years—that does not include additional State matching funds that Mt SAC has received. It is unacceptable to ask taxpayers to shoulder such an enormous burden for a single campus site.

This bond would result in over \$4 billion in taxpayer indebtedness over the next 25 years. Homeowners will potentially see their property taxes related to these 4 bonds more than double for the next 20-25 years especially since interest rates are unusually high. This financial strain is unnecessary and unjustified, especially when Mt. SAC is requesting more money for the same projects that were included in the 2018 bond. Why are these projects still incomplete?

Moreover, Mt. SAC has shown a lack of transparency and failed to adequately engage the community. This leaves citizens blind to community impacts and public safety concerns. Taxpayers deserve a voice in how their money is spent, but Mt. SAC's limited outreach efforts undermine trust and accountability.

In contrast, the local school district had a bond for \$152 million covering 15 school sites. This bond was project-specific and came with full accountability and transparency. Based on our research, this bond measure would put Mt SAC at the highest bond issuer in California for a single campus community college with similar number of students.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote NO on the 2024 Mt. SAC bond measure. This bond represents an excessive financial burden, repeated funding requests for the same projects, and a clear lack of transparency. Vote NO on the 2024 Mt. SAC bond to demand better management and accountability.

Thank you for your attention.

Looking forward to speaking during the oral segment of the 10/7/2024 City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Nam Huynh, UWT President

United Walnut Taxpayers and the Chinese American Association of Walnut,  
Both Non-Profit Community Taxpayer groups.

Urge you to **VOTE, NO**

**NO** on **PROPERTY TAX INCREASE - MEASURE V -**  
**Mt. SAC's New \$750 Million Bond Request**

**\*\* Total \$2 Billion in Mt. Sac's Bonds in the Last 23 years \*\*** Four bonds since 2001, including this new 2024, \$750 million proposal.

**\*\* \$4 Billion Total Debt Interest Included \*\*** Property taxes related to bonds could double for 25 years.

**\*\* No Benefits for Students \*\*** Bond funds can't reduce tuition or increase opportunities for students, bond money can only be used for facilities.

**\*\* Unfinished Repairs \*\*** Why should we pay a new bond for fixing critical issues like asbestos and leaky roofs which should have been fixed by previous bonds.

**\*\* Lack of Transparency \*\*** Mt. SAC hasn't justified the need for more funding or engaged the community:

**\*\* Demand Accountability \*\*** Vote NO to stop more debt and insist on better oversight.

It is unacceptable to ask taxpayers to shoulder such an enormous burden for a single campus site. Taxpayers deserve a voice in how their money is spent. This leaves citizens blind to community impacts and public safety concerns.

Mt. SAC needs better oversight and accountability not more bond money.

**VOTE NO** on the **2024 MEASURE V - Mt. SAC's New \$750 Million Bond Request**



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# YES on V: Vote for OUR Community College

- ✓ Student, teacher & staff safety
- ✓ Safe, clean drinking water
- ✓ Excellent programs for transfer to 4-year colleges
- ✓ Removal of asbestos, lead paint and mold
- ✓ Audits and public disclosure of all spending



## Help Students Succeed - Vote YES on V

# YES on V: Vote for OUR Community College



*"Yes on V saves local students like me thousands of dollars as an affordable alternative to the skyrocketing cost of four-year universities."*

– Krystal Maybir-Landeros  
Nursing Major at Mt. SAC



*By law, no money from Measure V will go to administrators' salaries or pensions, and all money will be spent locally.*

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*"Mt. SAC helped prepare me for a rewarding career in firefighting. It's important to support future students who are ready to give back to their communities."*

– Reuben Chan  
Local Fire Captain  
Mt. SAC Alumnus

**YES on V**

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