



City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

*Mayor Tim Sandoval
Councilmember John Nolte
Councilmember Victor Preciado
Councilmember Mayor Nora Garcia
Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Vice Mayor 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.*

Monday, April 5, 2021

7:00 PM

Teleconference via Zoom

CLOSED SESSION

5:30 P.M. Teleconference via Zoom, closed to the public

A) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Armory Parking Lot at N/E corner of 7th Street and Park Avenue
Negotiating Party: State of California, Department of General Services
City's Negotiator: James Makshanoff, City Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1))

Rochelle and Jerry Bryant v. City of Pomona, et al.
U.S. District Court, Central District - Case No. 2:21-cv-00578-RGK (JPRx)

*Humane Society of Pomona Valley, Inc. dba Inland Valley Humane Society and
SPCA v. City of Pomona*
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. KC067113

*Fred Sayari; Sayari Enterprises v. City of Pomona, an Incorporated City and Does 1
through 50, Inclusive*
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS170504

C) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4))

Two (2) matters regarding possible litigation to be initiated will be discussed.

D) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

City Clerk

E) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Part Time Unrepresented Employees
Part Time General Employees Unit
Unrepresented Group A and B Employees
Unrepresented Mid-Management Group C-2 Employees
Pomona City Employees' Association, a Chapter of Teamsters Local 1932
Pomona Mid-Management Confidential Employees Association (PMMCEA)
Pomona Police Officers Association (PPOA)
Pomona Police Managers Association (PPMA)

Labor Negotiators: James Makshanoff and Linda Matthews

7:00 P.M. Teleconference via Zoom, closed to the public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandoval called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho reported that several Closed Session Agenda matters were discussed and there was no reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Nolte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT via Zoom

Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney
Rosalia Butler, City Clerk
James Makshanoff, City Manager
John DePolis, IT Director
Mark Gluba, Deputy City Manager
Kirk Pelser, Deputy City Manager
Linda Matthews, Human Resources Director
Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director
Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director
Anita Gutierrez, Development Services Director
Benita DeFrank, Neighborhood Services Director
Donyielle Holley, Housing Programs Supervisor
Mike Osoff, Recreation Manager
Aren Yeh, Management Analyst
Roberto Curiel, Recreation Supervisor
Dustin Andolsen, Finance
Shar Perez, Revenue Operations Manager
Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director
Julie Carver, Environmental Programs Supervisor
Arnold Dichosa, City Engineer
Christian Hsu, Deputy Police Chief

PRESENTATIONS

*Proclamation Proclaiming April 2021 as Earth Month

The Mayor read the proclamation. Reverend Jan Chase accepted the proclamation.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Nolte gave a reminder for District 1 and 5 residents about the upcoming Clean-up event on April 10 at the Pomona Valley Transfer Station.

Councilmember Preciado spoke about LA County moving into the orange tier for COVID.

Councilmember Garcia thanked the Latino Roundtable for the Cesar Chavez breakfast event at which Councilmember Preciado was honored for his work. She thanked staff for holding the Hamilton Park design meeting.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole reported that she would take part in upcoming COVID vaccine clinics at Purpose Church. She expressed sympathy to the families affected by the shooting in Orange.

Councilmember Lustro thanked the residents that participated in the special meetings regarding the city budget and the Pomona Choice Energy.

Councilmember Torres thanked the LA County Food Bank for their partnership in the recent district food drive that helped over 300 families. He also reported LA Care Health plan on Holt would be offering free COVID vaccines on April 15 and 21.

Mayor Sandoval reported that on April 23 at City Hall there would be an event in response to the shooting in Atlanta. He stated that more details would come later.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager reported that the City recently launched its new website. He reported that street sweeping parking enforcement would resume on May 1. He announced that the state has started its rent assistance program for property owners and tenants. LA County eviction protections are extended through June. Street and sidewalk improvements will be happening throughout the City so keep an eye out for signs regarding this.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation - In response to the global COVID 19 pandemic and in accordance with California Governor's Executive Order N 25 20 regarding the Brown Act and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, please note that comments for Public Participation or for a specific item on the agenda were accepted by email and also were accepted live during the meeting via the chat feature on Zoom or voice. Comments received electronically via email were read into the record by the City Clerk.

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR EIGHT (8) EMAIL COMMENTS READ DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

There were no live comments for public participation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire consent calendar.

1. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Pomona City Code Establishing a Master Fee Schedule of Certain Regulatory Fees and Service Charges

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4301 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI OF THE POMONA CITY CODE ESTABLISHING A MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Ordinance No. 4301.

2. Adoption of a Resolution Establishing the Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment for Business License Taxes, Utility Users' Maximum Annual Taxes, and Income Levels for Qualifying for Residential Utility Users' Tax Exemption Eligibility

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) ADJUSTMENT FOR BUSINESS LICENSE TAXES, UTILITY USERS' MAXIMUM ANNUAL TAXES, AND INCOME LEVELS FOR RESIDENTIAL UTILITY USERS' TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-20.

3. Authorize San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to Execute a Section 130 Agreement on Behalf of the City and Re-Appropriate Measure M Funds Amongst Two Capital Improvement Projects

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-28 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY UNAPPROPRIATING \$100,000 OF MEASURE M FUNDS FROM "SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - AT-GRADE CROSSINGS," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-68551 AND APPROPRIATING \$100,000 OF MEASURE M FUNDS TO "TRAFFIC SIGNAL

**IMPROVEMENTS - TOWNE AVENUE & PHILADELPHIA STREET AND
GAREY AVENUE & PHILADELPHIA STREET," PROJECT NO.
428-2590-XXXXX-68549**

- 2) Amend the FY 2020-21 CIP by modification of the project description for CIP project, "Safety Improvements - At-Grade Crossings," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68551 to read as follows:

In-lieu of constructing a grade separation at Hamilton Boulevard, this project will improve at-grade pedestrian crossing safety at Hamilton Boulevard, Park Avenue, Main Street, Palomares Street and San Antonio Avenue. The proposed improvements will consist of pedestrian gates, fencing to channel pedestrians to the gates and, related street and drainage improvements to enhance pedestrian safety at these railroad crossings.

Phase 1 - San Antonio Avenue funded by Section 130;

Phase 2 - Hamilton Boulevard, Park Avenue, Main Street and Palomares Street - unfunded.

***This CIP project is for required plan check, related staff time and procurement of equipment. The Public Works Department has entered into agreements with SGVCOG (formerly ACE) for: cost reimbursement and other financial responsibilities related to City requested betterments.*

- 3) Award sole source open purchase orders to Ameron Pole Products and McCain, Inc. for the purchase of traffic signal materials and equipment for the duration of the Section 130 Agreement; and
- 4) Authorize the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to execute the Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Program (Section 130) Agreement with Caltrans on behalf of the City as the local agency.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-28, amend the FY 2020-21 CIP by modification of the project description for CIP project, "Safety Improvements - At-Grade Crossings," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68551, Award sole source open purchase orders to Ameron Pole Products and McCain, Inc. for the purchase of traffic signal materials and equipment for the duration of the Section 130 Agreement and Authorize the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to execute the Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Program (Section 130) Agreement with Caltrans on behalf of the City as the local agency.

4. Approval of Annual Audit Reports, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020
It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the annual audit reports for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0 to receive and file the annual audit reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

5. Award a Sole Source Contract with Motel 6 Pomona to Provide Emergency Shelter to Homeless Pomona Residents with COVID High-Risk Medical Conditions

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH MOTEL 6 POMONA FOR A VOUCHER PROGRAM TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER TO HOMELESS POMONA RESIDENTS WITH COVID HIGH-RISK MEDICAL CONDITIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$201,000

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute contract award, amendments, and other documentation.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-31.

6. Award a Sole Source Contract to Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) to Operate a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Program Providing Housing Services to Homeless Pomona Residents with COVID High-Risk Medical Conditions

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-32 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT TO VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA LOS ANGELES (VOALA) TO OPERATE A RAPID REHOUSING (RRH) PROGRAM PROVIDING HOUSING SERVICES TO HOMELESS POMONA RESIDENTS WITH COVID HIGH-RISK MEDICAL CONDITIONS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$949,445

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute contract award, amendment, and other documentation.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-32.

7. Approval of Lot Merger LM9-2020 for the Property Located at 1450 W. Tenth Street, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Numbers 8349-018-070 & -071, and of Lot Line Adjustment LLA5-2020 between the Properties Located at 1450 W. Tenth Street and 1483 W. Eleventh Street, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Numbers 8349-018-070, -071 & -049, related to the Expansion of Two Existing Residential Properties (Council District 2)

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING LOT MERGER LM9-2020 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1450 W. TENTH STREET, POMONA, CA, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 8349-018-070 & -071, AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT LLA5-2020 BETWEEN THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1450 W. TENTH STREET AND 1483 W. ELEVENTH STREET, POMONA, CA, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 8349-018-070, -071 & - 049

- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to sign the Lot Merger LM9-2020 and Lot Line Adjustment LLA5-2020 on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-41.

8. Approval of Parcel Map PM No. 82908 for the Property Located at 1095 W. Eight Street, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Number 8342-020-030, Related to the Subdivision and Development of Two Residential Condominium Units (Council District 2)

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARCEL MAP PM NO. 82908 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1095 W. EIGHTH STREET,

POMONA, CA, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8342-020-030

- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to sign the Parcel Map PM No. 82908 on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-42.

9. Approval of Lot Merger LM8-2020 for the Property Located at 1501 E. Holt Avenue, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Numbers 8323-025-018 & -023, Related to the Remodeling and Upgrading of an Existing Commercial Property (Council District 4)

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING LOT MERGER LM8-2020 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1501 E. HOLT AVENUE, POMONA, CA, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 8323-025-018 & -023

- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to sign the Lot Merger LM8-2020 on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-43.

DISCUSSION

10. 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 provide emergency relief for those affected by COVID-19 Pandemic – Requested Amount: TBD
 - B) Amount to be determined to support Project Perfect Pair back-to-school shoe drive for Pomona youths – Requested Amount: TBD
- 2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts for previously approved

projects/activities.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to make a finding of public benefit for items A and B.

11. Proposed Pomona City Charter Amendments for Term Limits, Charter Review Commission, and Preamble Being Considered by the Charter Review Commission

It is recommended that the City Council review and provide feedback regarding amendments to the City Charter being considered for placement on the ballot in November 2022 by the Charter Review Commission regarding 1) implementing term limits for elected officials; 2) modifying language related to Charter Amendments and the Charter Review Commission; and 3) adding a preamble.

Charter Review Commission Chair Derek Engdahl gave the presentation for this item.

Councilmembers provided feedback on the Charter Review amendments.

Live comments were as follows:

Eunice Russell, Charter Review Commissioner, spoke about the push from the Pomona's Promise organization to include the term compassion as a value of the City.

John Clifford, Charter Review Commissioner, spoke in response to Councilmember Garcia's question regarding the wording in the preamble and if anything was lacking in the wording.

This item was for discussion only so no action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Continue Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution Adjusting Pomona Choice Energy Rates

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

- 1) Continue Public Hearing; and
- 2) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ADJUSTING RATES FOR POMONA CHOICE ENERGY COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director, gave a brief overview of this item.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and with no speakers for this item, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 5-2 (COUNCILMEMBERS ONTIVEROS-COLE AND TORRES IN OPPOSITION), to adopt Resolution No. 2021-36.

13. Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution Establishing a Citywide Master Fee Schedule

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

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing to receive testimony and comments regarding the proposed increases and adjustments to new and existing fees for services provided by all City Departments; and
- 2) Upon conclusion of the Public Hearing, adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING TO ESTABLISH A CITYWIDE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director, introduced Tony Thrasher from Willdan Financial to give the presentation.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

Live comment was as follows:

Ann Tomkins asked about how these fees compare to other cities and whether this comparison is considered when compiling this report.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmembers asked questions and made comments about this item.

Mayor Sandoval and Councilmember Garcia expressed concerns about the cost of lights and wanted to eliminate this fee for residents.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, CARRIED 5-2 (COUNCILMEMBERS ONTIVEROS-COLE AND TORRES IN OPPOSITION), to adopt Resolution No. 2021-08 with the amendment that the cost of lights would be brought back to a future meeting to address the possibility of eliminating this fee.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Sandoval asked about the property on Grove that was referred to in public participation and Development Services Director Anita Gutierrez spoke about a project in the works at that property. He asked that the City respond to that property to offer services to the homeless encampment there.

Councilmember Preciado asked about when the discussion of impact fees will be brought forward.

Councilmember Garcia thanked public works for their response to a mobile home park regarding red curbs.

Mayor Sandoval asked about the project on Valley Blvd and Public Works Director Rene Guerrero reported on the progress.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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

APRIL 5, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

CHRIS FAULL – Dear Mayor and Members of the Pomona City Council:

The Health Department closed the Eagles Lodge for dining quite a while ago. There was a kitchen with cooks I knew and trusted, functioning bathrooms, adequate parking and a very nice dining area. I do not know the details on why it was closed. With this closure in mind, why are there so many pop-up restaurants allowed in Pomona that do not appear to have hot running water or bathrooms? They are on private or public sidewalks with no designated parking. Are these businesses regulated by the Health Department? Who validates their business licenses? A lot of community fellowship was enjoyed at the Eagles Lodge on a weekly basis. The profits were used to support local charities. Do the pop-up stand owners contribute anything to Pomona? Taxes? Volunteering? Why are my friends and I denied the ability to dine at the Eagles Lodge while these other businesses are allowed to stay open?

JEFF ROWAN – Dear Mayor and Members of the Pomona City Council:

I was pleased to see the “No Parking” signs on Holt Avenue east of Garey Avenue. I want to commend the City for eliminating parking at night so the street can be cleaned. Having the street-sweepers out during those hours will enable the area to be cleaned without worrying about parked cars and disturbing the businesses. It is unfortunate this idea will not improve the prostitution businesses in the neighborhood. These entrepreneurs moved to the side streets a long time ago. By cleaning up a “Gateway to Pomona,” perhaps legitimate businesses will be encouraged to locate in our City.

PATRICIA NEWTON – Dear Mayor and Members of the Pomona City Council:

Let’s learn something from the Fireworks tragedy that recently occurred in Ontario. Fireworks are illegal in Pomona. Who actually enjoys them when they are lit? Not my animals, not those who think they are gun shots, not those with PTSD, not those who are woken from a sound sleep...need I go on? Please support the Pomona Police Department with the resources they need to be pro-active against fireworks as July 4th approaches. Fines should be increased and enforceable. Let’s avert another tragedy.

JULIE MESTAS – Dear Mayor and Members of the Pomona City Council:

There are many services available to those living in Pomona who desire a better life for themselves. Those who think it is thoughtless to complain about conditions the homeless create are welcome to invite them into their homes and neighborhoods. It would be helpful if the advocates for the homeless volunteered to clean up storefronts prior to businesses opening. Removing others’ litter, urine and feces should not be the responsibility of the business owner. Commercial businesses are leaving Pomona because of this and new companies are bypassing our buildings because of the homeless situation. We all supported Pomona’s Homeless Shelter. What happened? This was supposed to discourage sleeping on the street. Something needs to be done and it needs to be done now.

BETH BROOKS – Dear Mayor and Members of the Pomona City Council:

I am interested in the report regarding the arrests of Pomona youth. It did not provide information on what crimes were committed. Stealing cars? Robbery? Possession of firearms? Drugs? Prostitution? Walking down the street? Did the statistics reflect all those who were arrested or just those living in Pomona? What about repeat offenders? I understand that there is currently a Pomona Citizen's Academy being conducted. I hope those who question the actions of the police officers are enrolled so they can have a better understanding of how this organization works. Now is not the time to cut down on Police services. Graffiti is at an all-time high. It seems that crime is up...or perhaps we are just hearing about it more due to social media. Please support the Pomona Police Department by giving them the resources they need to protect us.

VIRGINIA MADRIGAL – Good Evening Council Member's

For the past few months, Gente Organizada has continued to demand that the city divert funds and grants from our police department budget. They're filing complaints of racial profiling of Latinos, when 70% of Pomona's population is Latino. Discrediting our Police Department in the name of social justice only sends a message that your race is a free ride to do whatever they want. Cutting the budget will change the ratio of Officers per resident and affect calls for service. We are already below the national average of 2.6 Officers per 1000 residents. What's important, is it the safety of the community? After all, you took an oath of office to uphold the law. I'm sure you get Nixle alerts, in the past month felons, gang members and others have been arrested for drug possession, firearms violations, illegal gambling, domestic violence and hostage of a child. Of those arrested, 99% of them were Latino. No one is above the law, not even Latinos. Asking you to take away police department community-based programs goes to show that Gente Organizada has no clue what Community Policing is all about. The majority of Pomona residents support our Police Department and it's time to make our community your priority.

ERIC VASQUEZ – My name is Eric Vasquez and I am a long term resident of the City and I live in District 6. I am writing to request your support on a matter that is very concerning to the residents who reside on Grove street. There is an abandoned building/church that is located at 528 E Grove st, Pomona 91767 that has become a hub and squatting place for many homeless in the community. There have been multiple issues that are escalating now and us residents feel the need to reach out on this platform for more support.

Here are a few things that are occurring consistently:

- homeless are breaking in and squatting
- homeless are abusing drugs and alcohol and causing a ruckus ie. shouting matches late night, early morning
- The homeless are selling drugs out of the premises. Different vehicles come and go after picking up what they need. There is an exchange of money and drugs that is visible.
- there is a pitbull that is staying there now. It got loose and chased a neighbor and their family while they were on a walk.
- we have had theft occur on multiple occasions (caught on camera)
- we have homeless people, during early morning hours, roaming on our property, sometimes inappropriately exposing themselves (caught on camera).

When contacting the police department we are told that they cannot do anything unless the owner gives them permission to enter the premises. We ask that the city please assist us by contacting the owner and encourage them to work collaboratively with local PD to grant the necessary permission. Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please advise me and other neighbors as to how to take next steps to address this matter.

JANELLE ORTIZ – Hello my name is Janelle Ortiz, I am current resident of Pomona on E Grove St. I'd like to bring up a concern many in my neighborhood have of a abandon church located on our street. 528 E Grove St. The abandon building houses many homeless people and squatters who can been seen coming and going. Most recently they have been sheltering dogs with them one which was a pit bull who chased my 5 year old son. Our cars have been broken into multiple times and we have contacted law enforcement on multiple occasions. My concern is that it seems to be getting worse and is only a matter of time until more crime is committed. I'd like to discuss solutions to getting this problem resolved so that our beloved neighborhood could feel safe again. Thank you.