



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, February 1, 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:	1041 South White Avenue (APN: 8342-021-053)
Negotiating Party:	POMONA MISSION VILLAS/Mayans Development
City's Negotiator:	James Makshanoff, City Manager
Under Negotiation:	Price and terms

Property:	400 West Second Street (APN: 8341-003-902)
Negotiating Party:	Kennedy Austin Foundation
City's Negotiator:	James Makshanoff, City Manager
Under Negotiation:	Lease Price and Terms

B) 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.

C) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

City Attorney
City Clerk
City Manager

D) 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

****NOTE: Audio on Zoom recording was not working until 13:25 mark of the meeting.**

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 Sonia Carvalho reported that the Closed Session Agenda matters of real property negotiations, anticipated litigation, public employee performance evaluation and conference with labor negotiators were discussed. She reported that the City authorized the city attorney to file a legal action in relation to an illegal cannabis operation. The City also authorized the city attorney to send a notice of default and take legal action to recover outstanding water service fees.

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
Arnold Dichosa, City Engineer
Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director
Ed Segura, Purchasing Manager
Anita Gutierrez, Development Services Director
Benita DeFrank, Neighborhood Services Director
George Montano, Housing Authority Manager
Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director
Shandy Dittman, Senior Management Analyst
Mike Ellis, Police Chief

PRESENTATIONS

*Proclamation proclaiming February 2021 as "Black History Month" in the City of Pomona

The Mayor recited a proclamation declaring February as Black History Month and presented a certificate to the African American Advisory Alliance.

*Honoring of Los Angeles County Fire Fighters for the Heroic Rescue of a Pomona Family from a December 2020 Apartment Fire

The Mayor presented certificates of recognition to firefighters from Squad 183 from Pomona and Engine 101 from Claremont: Andrew Marquez, Chris Cullen, Joe Burruel, Eric Hammerstrom, Matt Cristea, Max Dymond, Vince Casas and Neil Polakovic.

*Presentation given by Tri-City Mental Health

Toni Navarro from Tri-City Mental Health gave a presentation regarding the services that Tri-City Mental Health provides to the community.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Preciado thanked everyone at the Farmer's Market. He also thanked the housing department for their work on the rental assistance program and the city's partners that are also assisting renters. He also read a paragraph provided by the African American Advisory Alliance in honor of Black History Month about Dr. Vada Watson Somerville. Dr. Somerville was the first African American woman to graduate from USC with a doctorate in dental surgery. She was also a civil rights activist and a Pomona resident active in her community.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole shared that she participated with other nurses at the Fairplex's COVID-19 vaccination site in helping prepare the vaccinations. She expressed gratitude to all those that were there volunteering their time to help in this effort. She reminded everyone to continue to wear a mask and socially distance. She spoke about February as heart month.

Councilmember Lustro attended the first southwest quadrant watch commanders meeting put on by the Pomona police department. He thanked Lt. Rodriguez, Cpl Lewis, Officer Hayward and his police dog Barry.

Councilmember Torres spoke about the struggles in the City due to COVID-19 and that the city will need to look to the federal government to provide the much-needed economic relief for residents. He encouraged residents to contact their congress member to push the issue that help is needed. He said he will dedicate his time in office to provide as much COVID relief as possible and stressed to the community that now is not the time to be divided.

Mayor Sandoval spoke of the importance of getting the vaccine to the Pomona community and the need to continue to advocate at the state and federal level. He spoke of the need to have more local sites for closer access when there are more vaccine doses to distribute and the need to have a plan in place for distribution. He also asked that the item regarding local control that Councilmember Lustro requested be brought forward by the March 1 meeting.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager reported that the City now offers a virtual community center. He also reported that the State released a cannabis scorecard for those cities with a cannabis ordinance and out of 157 cities, Pomona ranked third on the cannabis scorecard. He further reported that staff are preparing to bring an update on the Master Fee Schedule back to council in March for consideration. Lastly, he reported that the new City website

should be up and running in March sometime.

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 ELEVEN (11) EMAIL COMMENTS READ DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Live comments were as follows:

Elinor Crescenzi (comments were inaudible)

Mike Sutton spoke in support of the inclusionary housing ordinance.

Julian Ibanez spoke about the continuing issues at Tony Cerda Park with the closed restrooms.

Sunny Soon asked for an update regarding street sweeping parking enforcement tickets. She also spoke about the need for restrooms and trash cans to be available at parks so residents can wash their hands and throw away their trash.

Nel, Pomona resident, spoke about the ideas behind non-violence and loves that the City is a compassionate city.

Elinor Crescenzi spoke about her commitment to the community in helping the homeless and her belief in non-violent principles.

L.A. Corcuera spoke about clean up needed on Thomas St in downtown. He also had concerns with community efforts to clean up freeway onramps and off-ramps due to safety concerns and feels this issue should be handled by Caltrans.

At this time, the mayor added an additional comment regarding Victor Glover, a Pomona native who is at the International Space Station and had his first spacewalk.

City Manager Makshanoff responded to the Mayor's request for an update on the freeway cleanup issue with Caltrans. City staff have reached out several times to Caltrans and the response has been that Caltrans is short staffed and under budgeted due to COVID.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire consent calendar except for Items 8, 11, 12, and 14 which were voted on in separate motions.

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:

December 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the meeting minutes for the December 21, 2020 and January 4, 2021 City Council Meeting.

2. Re-Appropriation of Cal Recycle Rubberized Pavement Grant Funds Amongst Three Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY RE-APPROPRIATING \$39,038 OF CALRECYCLE RUBBERIZED PAVEMENT GRANT FUNDS FROM "STREET REHABILITATION - DISTRICT 6," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-67921 TO "STREET IMPROVEMENTS - DISTRICT 5," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71045 AND "STREET AND ALLEY REHABILITATION IMPROVEMENTS - DISTRICT 3," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71051

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute grant application/agreement-related documents.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-11 and authorize the city manager to execute grant application/agreement-related documents.

3. Award of Bid for Citywide As-Needed Concrete Repair Services

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

- 1) Award a bid to G.M. Sager Construction Company, Inc. (G.M. Sager) at the prices bid, for a term of three (3) years with two (2), optional, one-year extensions for Citywide as-needed concrete repair services; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the agreement, purchase orders, and any extensions thereto, on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to award a bid to G.M. Sager Construction Company, Inc. (G.M. Sager) at the prices bid, for a term of three (3) years with two (2), optional, one-year extensions for Citywide as-needed concrete repair services; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the agreement, purchase orders, and any extensions thereto, on behalf of the City.

4. Approval of Appointment to Fill the District 1 Vacancy on the Board of Parking Place Commissioners (Vehicle Parking District)

It is recommended that the City Council review the application and approve the appointment of Mr. Juan Carlos Garcia Juarez to serve as the District 1 Representative on the Board of Parking Place Commissioners (VPD).

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve appointment of Juan Carlos Garcia Juarez to the Board of Parking Place Commission.

5. Adopt a Resolution Amending FY 2020-21 Operating Budget and Award of Contract to Code Studio to Prepare the City's Comprehensive Update to the Pomona Zoning Ordinance

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$107,794 IN AVAILABLE SERIES BG BOND PROCEEDS

- 2) Award a three-year agreement with two one-year renewal options with Code Studio to assist the Development Services Department (Planning Division) with the preparation of a comprehensive update of the Pomona Zoning Ordinance; and

- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any related amendments as needed.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-19; award a three-year agreement with two one-year renewal options with Code Studio to assist the Development Services Department (Planning Division) with the preparation of a comprehensive update of the Pomona Zoning Ordinance; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any related amendments as needed.

6. Receive and File Report Required by City Ordinance No. 4244 Related to the California Values Act (SB 54)

It is recommended that the City Council receive a status report of the City's compliance with City of Pomona Ordinance No. 4244 and the State of California Values Act (SB 54).

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to receive and file a report related to SB 54.

7. Confirmation of Emergency Executive Order 2021-01 Extending Certain Leave Provisions for COVID-19 Related Quarantine and Illness

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-01 EXTENDING CERTAIN LEAVE PROVISIONS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR COVID-19 RELATED QUARANTINE AND ILLNESS FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-13.

8. Designation of No Parking and No Stopping Zones and Direct Installation of "No Parking/No Stopping" Signs Along Holt Avenue from Garey Avenue to East City Limits

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING NO PARKING AND NO STOPPING ZONES ALONG HOLT AVENUE FROM GAREY AVENUE TO EAST CITY LIMITS

- 2) Direct City Staff to install "No Parking/No Stopping" signs along Holt Avenue, from Garey Avenue to the East City Limits.

This item was pulled for speaker comments.

A clarification was made that this policy would be in effect at night only.

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR SEVEN (7) EMAIL COMMENTS READ REGARDING ITEM 8.**

Councilmembers made comments and asked questions about this item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-06.

9. Award a Bid to Step Saver CA LLC for the Purchase of Sodium Chloride
It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Award a bid to Step Saver CA LLC for the purchase of sodium chloride, at the prices bid, for a term of three-years, with a two-year extension option; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve purchase order, and any extensions thereto, on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to award a bid to Step Saver CA LLC for the purchase of sodium chloride, at the prices bid, for a term of three-years, with a two-year extension option; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve purchase order, and any extensions thereto, on behalf of the City.

10. Approve an Agreement with United Water Works, Inc. for the Purchase of Utility Systems Materials, Tools and Equipment, As-Needed

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

- 1) Approve an agreement with United Water Works, Inc. for the purchase of utility systems materials, tools and equipment using a contract that was competitively bid and awarded by the City of Azusa, California; and

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement with United Water Works, Inc. on behalf of the City, for the remaining term of the City of Azusa contract.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0 to approve an agreement with United Water Works, Inc. for the purchase of utility systems materials, tools and equipment using a contract that was competitively bid and awarded by the City of Azusa, California; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement with United Water Works, Inc. on behalf of the City, for the remaining term of the City of Azusa contract.

11. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Creating an Inclusionary Housing Program

It is recommended that the City Council give second reading and adoption to the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 4295 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4006, ALSO KNOWN AS THE POMONA CITY CODE, WITH THE ADDITION OF ARTICLE VIII TO CHAPTER 74 ADOPTING AN INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF POMONA

This item was pulled for speaker comments.

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR TWO (2) EMAIL COMMENTS READ REGARDING ITEM 11.**

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0 to adopt on second reading Ordinance No. 4295.

12. Award of Bid for Citywide Bulky Item Pick-Up to Valley Vista Services

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

- 1) Award a bid to Valley Vista Services for a term of one (1) year with two (2) optional one-year extensions for Citywide Bulky Item Pickup; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the agreement, purchase orders, and any extensions thereto, on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Lustro pulled this item for questions.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0 to award a bid to Valley Vista Services for a term of one (1) year with two (2) optional one-year extensions for Citywide Bulky Item Pickup; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the agreement, purchase orders, and any extensions thereto, on behalf of the City.

13. Approve the Selection and Dedication of 16 Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Project Based Vouchers

It is recommended that the City Council, sitting as the Governing Board of the City of Pomona Housing Authority, take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY, APPROVING THE SELECTION AND DEDICATION OF 16 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (HUD-VASH) AS PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS WITH 8 VOUCHERS ALLOCATED TO JAMBOREE HOUSING CORPORATION FOR WEST MISSION APARTMENTS DEVELOPMENT AND 8 VOUCHERS ALLOCATED TO CESAR CHAVEZ FOUNDATION FOR THE EAST END VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

- 2) Authorize the Executive Director of the Housing Authority or his designee to execute any and all contracts/documents required for the dedication of said project based vouchers.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10 and authorize the Executive Director of the Housing Authority or his designee to execute any and all contracts/documents required for the dedication of said project based vouchers.

14. Approval of the Police Department's Expenditure Plan for FY 2020-21 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA), and Amending the FY 2020-21 Operating Budgets by Increasing Revenue Estimates and Appropriations by \$355,000

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE FY 2020-21 SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES ACCOUNT (SLESA), AND AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGETS BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$355,000

This item was pulled for speaker comments.

Police Chief Ellis spoke about a juvenile diversion program that the City has already been a part of that would need an additional staff position. Mayor Sandoval spoke on the need for this item to be adjusted from five vehicles to three vehicles to have the funding to go towards this juvenile program. He spoke about the council's commitment to more youth spending in the budget.

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR SEVENTEEN (17) EMAIL COMMENTS READ REGARDING ITEM 14.**

Live comments were as follows:

Miranda Sheffield spoke in opposition to this item and expressed her frustration that the council would consider adding to the police budget after promises were made to police the City differently and budget for youth programs better.

Julian Ibanez Mandujano spoke in opposition to this item and felt that so much work had been done last summer to force changes to the police budget only to now have an item come up that increased the police budget. He expressed that funding could be used to clean up parks or help the homeless or keep the residents safe during the pandemic.

Yesenia Miranda-Meza spoke in opposition to this item and expressed that this was not the time for increased police budget when there are other more important concerns the City and its residents are facing. She said that money should be spent on people or more pressing issues and police cars are not urgent.

Ana Hernandez spoke in opposition to this item. She expressed that the priority of the City should be on the school system and the homeless population. She expressed frustration with the council ignoring the community's continued issues with the police.

Orlando Arias-Pulido spoke in opposition to this item. He spoke about the Black Lives Matter Movement and the protests of last summer. He expressed that the council should be investing in the community and not in the police. He expressed the need to find grants for families and not policing. He spoke of frustration with the low income members of the community being ignored.

Prior to council discussion the Mayor requested that the City Manager bring back to a council meeting a list of all the grants that the city has received or is pursuing to help all facets of the community needs.

Councilmember Torres asked if the additional cars would improve the police response time to service calls because his constituents have concerns about this and want the investment in the police to have better results. Chief Ellis reported that this grant funding would go towards replacement of equipment and that will not lead to quicker police response time.

Councilmember Preciado asked about how this grant works in the police budget. He inquired about a presentation on the life expectancy of the equipment so there was more transparency on when police items need to be replaced.

Councilmember Nolte clarified to the public that this grant is not a new grant that was sought out, it is grant money that the police receive every year and it has to be allocated for frontline police services so the council does not have a choice on its allocation. Historically this grant money has been used for the same thing every year. He expressed the need to discuss the relationship between the police and the community as part of a deeper separate discussion and also recognizes the irony in having an agenda item to increase the police budget and the same agenda as an item discussing the ban of no-knock warrants. He also gave background on the juvenile diversion program.

Councilmember Garcia asked the Chief if in the future there could be a more creative use of these grant funds that would benefit the community. He advised that he could look into that but replacing vehicles and equipment for his officers is also a necessity.

Mayor Sandoval expressed that he understood the frustration with the community as this looks like an increase to the police budget when in fact the item is accepting grant money that would otherwise be lost.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole asked the chief about the longevity of police vehicles.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-07 with the amendment that the number of cars to be purchased be reduced from five to three.

15. Approval of Lot Merger LM1-2020 for the Property Located at 790 W. Holt Avenue, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Number 8348-012-043, Related to the Restoration and Upgrading of an Existing Commercial Property (Council District 1)

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING LOT MERGER LM1-2020 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 790 W. HOLT AVENUE, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8348-012-043

- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to sign the Lot Merger LM1-2020 on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-17.

16. Acceptance and Appropriation of \$500,000 in State Local Early Action Plan (LEAP) Grant Funds for Use on Citywide Housing Policy Development and Implementation

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$500,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR USE ON CITYWIDE HOUSING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION; AMEND THE FY 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATING \$500,000

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award, distribution of the funding and operation of the subsequent agreements, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-18 and authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award, distribution of the funding and operation of the subsequent agreements, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor requested Item 22 be heard first in the discussion calendar.

The Mayor requested Item 19 be heard after Item 22 in the discussion calendar.

With council consensus, the Mayor continued Items 17, 18 and 21 to a special meeting on Monday, February 8 at 5pm.

17. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance to Add Division 3, "Wireless Facilities in Right-of-Way" to the Pomona City Code Chapter 46, Article IV; Adoption of Resolution to Establish Fees for Wireless Encroachment Permits

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

- 1) Introduce, waive further and give first reading to the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 4279 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING DIVISION 3, "WIRELESS FACILITIES IN RIGHT-OF-WAY" TO CHAPTER 46 (STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES), ARTICLE IV (ENCROACHMENTS) OF THE POMONA CITY CODE

2) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR WIRELESS ENCROACHMENT PERMITS AND TO INSTALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3 "WIRELESS FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY"

This item was continued to February 8, 2021.

18. Award of Landscaping Contracts to MCE Corporation and Merchants Landscape Services, Inc.

It is recommended that the City Council review the following and choose the appropriate action in each recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

1) Approve a three-year contract, with two optional one-year extensions to MCE Corporation to provide Citywide Non-Occupied Median, Street side/Right-of-Way (ROW), and other Landscaping and Amenity Maintenance

OR

2) Direct Staff to reject the current bids for Citywide Non-Occupied Median, Street side/ROW, and other Landscaping and Amenity Maintenance and issue another Request for bids, and extend the current Citywide Landscaping contract with MCE for the portion of their contract that addresses Citywide non-occupied medians, StreetSide/ROW, and other landscaping and amenity maintenance an additional four months to facilitate the timing of the bidding process.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

3) Approve a three-year contract, with two optional one-year extensions, to Merchants Landscape Services, Inc. to provide Occupied Space Landscape and Amenity Maintenance; and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$6,576 FROM THE UNIVERSITY CORP ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BUDGET FROM AVAILABLE RESERVES

OR

- 4) Direct Staff to reject the current bids for Citywide Occupied Space Landscape and Amenity Maintenance and issue another Request for bids, and extend the current Citywide Landscaping contract with MCE for the portion of their contract that addresses Citywide occupied space landscaping and amenity maintenance an additional four months to facilitate the timing of the bidding process;
- 5) Reject the bid protest submitted by MCE Corporation as meritless; and

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

- 6) Provide direction to Staff to further pursue in-house maintenance services; and
- 7) Authorize the City Manager to execute the contracts and any extensions to the contracts on behalf of the City, subject to review by the City Attorney.

This item was continued to February 8, 2021.

19. Consideration of Removal of Designation of Single Historic Landmark (SHISTORIC 15211-2020) for the Property Located at 395 S. Thomas Street (Masonic Temple).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, DENYING THE REMOVAL OF DESIGNATION OF THE SINGLE HISTORIC LANDMARK (SHISTORIC 15211-2020) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 395 S. THOMAS STREET (APN 8341-005-014)

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR SEVENTEEN (17) EMAIL COMMENTS READ REGARDING ITEM 19.**

Live comments were as follows:

Jorge Espinoza spoke about his love for historical buildings but also his belief in progress and bettering the community.

Mickey Gallivan spoke in support of this item, as she believes historical buildings should be preserved and can be adapted for use.

Tamara Gonzalez spoke in support of this item and believes the City should not set a precedent that future developers will follow to try to remove historic designations. The City has the opportunity to preserve historic buildings and bring tourism to the City.

Caprice Cooper spoke in support of this item. She spoke on her personal ties to the building.

John Clifford spoke in support of this item and referred to the Downtown Specific Plan including the Masonic Temple as a cornerstone of the plan.

John Pena, applicant and property owner, spoke about respecting history and developing the future. He stated he has no plans to demolish the building and wants to develop residential units and a restaurant in the building. He stated that he bought the building in good faith and was told that this building did not have historic status.

Wintergery@earthlink.net spoke in support of this item and spoke on her personal ties to the building. She said the building adds value to the City.

Deborah Clifford spoke in support of this item and spoke of the value and uniqueness that this building adds to the City. She said she knows we need business in Pomona but not at the expense of historical buildings.

Larry Otte, downtown resident, said he believes the architectural integrity should be preserved but this building is in serious need of rehabilitation and should be renovated and re-purposed to the benefit of downtown. He stated that the historic designation should be removed so that the owner can move forward with his plans.

Omar Sanchez, business owner in Pomona, moved because of John Pena advocating for the potential of Pomona. He supports Pena's plans to renovate the building while maintaining the beauty of it and he believes this will bring more life and growth to downtown. He expressed the difficulties with developing in Pomona and the entire state because of efforts to keep old buildings.

Monica Cortez, owner of El Jefe, stated she supports John Pena in his efforts to add to the City by renovating the Masonic Temple. She stated Mr. Pena has already invested so much in bringing business in Pomona and she knows he has good intentions.

Greg Griffith, engineer for John Pena, stated that Mr. Pena is just trying to repurpose the building, provide housing and a restaurant. He stated that it is a great project they have been working on for a year and renovation of the building will do a lot for Pomona.

David, business owner on 2nd street, spoke in support of John Pena to improve the downtown area.

Ann Tomkins, spoke in support of this item and stated that the Historic Preservation Commission has not reviewed any plans on this building and that it is the job of the

commission to make sure any plans maintain the historic integrity of the building. The historic designation protects the historic features of the building but does not prohibit adaptive reuse of the building.

Paige Bruyn spoke in support of this item and the comments made by Ann Tomkins, Mickey Gallivan and Deborah Clifford.

Cary Payne, downtown resident, spoke in support of John Pena's plans. She stated she has seen this building vacant for too long and it needs to move forward with renovation.

Angel Rosete spoke in support of John Pena's plans and knows that there are many examples of buildings that are renovated but maintain their historical beauty.

Zachary Bowers spoke in support of the item and removing the status would set a dangerous precedent for other buildings in the City. He gave examples from neighboring cities with successful adaptive reuse projects.

The Mayor allowed John Pena as the applicant to continue with his comments from earlier. Mr. Pena stated that he is a proud Pomona resident, respects its history and actively encourages other businesses to come to Pomona. He stated his intention is to keep the same historical look and just adapt the building to be more modern as many other cities have done successfully with historic buildings. The building will be the same but better and will improve Downtown.

Development Services Director Anita Gutierrez answered questions from the council.

Councilmembers Garcia and Preciado spoke about their concerns with the process involved when it comes to historical buildings being too restrictive and time consuming.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-1 (COUNCILMEMBER TORRES OPPOSED), to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12.

20. 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

- 2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts for previously approved projects/activities.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to make a finding of public benefit for item A.

21. Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Pomona City Code by Adding Provisions to Establish an Independent Redistricting Commission in 2021

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

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 4297 - AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING DIVISION 6 TO ARTICLE V (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) OF CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE POMONA CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO DRAW CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES BASED UPON THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS

This item was continued to February 8, 2021.

22. Adoption of a Resolution Prohibiting the Use of No-Knock Warrants by Pomona Police Personnel

It is recommended that the City Council consider and adopt one of the following resolutions (Attachments No. 1 and No.2):

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, PROHIBITING THE USE OF NO KNOCK WARRANTS BY POMONA POLICE PERSONNEL, WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE

OR

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, PROHIBITING THE USE OF NO KNOCK WARRANTS BY POMONA POLICE PERSONNEL

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR TEN (10) EMAIL COMMENTS READ REGARDING ITEM 22.**

Live comments were as follows:

Lisa Engdahl spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants to help protect residents and police officers. She relayed her family's personal experience with the trauma caused by flash grenades used by Pomona Police in her neighborhood while serving warrants.

Ainsley Brown, NAACP member, spoke support of a complete ban on no knock warrants to protect residents and police officers. She spoke about the nationwide issue with this and the movement to make changes everywhere.

Derek Engdahl spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants to make this a City policy. He expressed that police officers make mistakes and residents should not have to suffer when police make mistakes.

Kyle Brown, NAACP member, spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants. He spoke about this not just being the reaction to events from around the county but about Pomona community members that have had negative experiences with no knock warrants.

Jonathan Kupetz, Temple Beth Israel Rabbi, spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants. He expressed that this would help restore relationships between residents and police.

Miranda Sheffield, NAACP member, spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants. She also expressed that there can be more done to help the minority community beyond this resolution and hoped that this was not just about doing something symbolic but that it is the start of more change.

Niki Wong spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrant as these types of warrants are rooted in racial bias. She said the no knock warrants have contributed to eroding trust in police especially in communities of color.

Joe George spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants as these types of warrants have proven to be deadly to both officers and civilians. This type of policy is widely supported by all political parties.

Andrew Wong spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants to help prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. He spoke about respect for police officers who protect and serve but no knock warrants do not protect and serve the community but rather endanger lives.

Maria Galvan, NAACP member, spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants as in the past this has led to racial injustice.

Yesenia Miranda Meza spoke in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants. She also spoke in frustration about her belief that Councilmember Torres has not been paying attention during this meeting.

Chief Ellis spoke about Pomona as a policy not using no knock warrants except in very limited cases such as terrorism or human trafficking. He also spoke about new transparency procedures to track police activity as warrants have not been tracked in the past so no data can be produced to show how many warrants have been served.

Councilmembers made comments in support of a complete ban on no knock warrants. The mayor acknowledged the lack of trust with police in this community and that this will continue to be a discussion to make changes. He endorsed the Chief, as someone who is committed to developing trust and that there is more work to be done.

MOTION BY MAYOR GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-16.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole spoke about her concerns with crime in the City following action from District Attorney George Gascon regarding releasing prisoners. She asked if a resolution about non-enforcement by the District Attorney could be brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

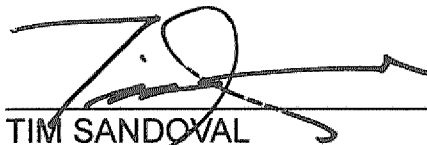
The City Council meeting was adjourned in memory of Pastor Dalrick Henry, Carrie Baker and Larry Raines at 11:57 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021 to a special meeting on Monday, February 8 at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

ATTEST:



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

FEBRUARY 1, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (11 comments)

Jonathan Hawes: Good evening. My name is Jonathan Hawes. I served as El Monte City Clerk from 2013 to 2018. Since 2015 I have been a whistleblower on Andre Quintero and Team El Monte's embezzlement of \$10 million from the El Monte Promise Foundation scholarship fund. I have interviewed dozens of El Monte residents who have privately confirmed that Promise funds were used for fraudulent trips to Vietnam and Haiti, a bogus consultant in Salt Lake City, house repairs, and other criminal activities. I have myself been interviewed by the FBI about two dozen times. Documents proving the embezzlement have been submitted to the FBI and the District Attorney's Office and are now available to the public online (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mH4CC1BCQtj4Lwa7ne9uR33Jf_yZIVrH/view?usp=sharing). I am asking the Pomona City Council to call out these crimes and protect the vulnerable residents of one of the poorest cities in southern California. El Monte children, who should've been provided with college scholarships, were robbed. Andre Quintero and Team El Monte members must go to prison. If you have any questions, please call or text me at (626) 863-2149. Thank you.

Doug Murray: 1. The Masonic Temple building should be preserved. 2. Please disseminate information online, including perhaps Eye on Pomona Facebook group, as to when the new cannabis dispensaries will be opening. 3. I was a victim of a hit and run accident where there were no witnesses. It was at Hamilton and Holt. Please install recorded video cameras at all major intersections to enable police department to catch hit and run drivers. I'm not referring to a red light cam. Just a recording video camera so there is some evidence for police to go on, when either the victim is knocked out, or even killed by the hit and run driver. Thank you for all your hard work.

Lina Mira: Hi City Clerk, I would like to make an announcement that the Latino and Latina Roundtable will be hosting their 17th Annual Cesar Chavez Breakfast on 3.26.2021. This will be a virtual celebration. This is a community event where we honor community leaders and provide scholarships to local students. We thank you for your support.

Julie Mestas: Mayor Sandoval and members of the Pomona City Council: Is there a procedure for welcoming new businesses to the community? I am aware that that Pomona has an active Chamber of Commerce, but I think there should be a formal welcome by the Mayor or District Representative when someone obtains a new business license. Since we are currently unable to host ribbon-cutting ceremonies, one-on-one introductions would go a long way in creating good will. City Hall has a reputation for not being friendly to businesses owners. I believe having the Mayor and District Representatives reach out to new and existing businesses would do a lot to restore a positive reputation for the city.

Audrey Jarnagin: Mayor Sandoval and Members of the Pomona City Council: I am concerned about the dead trees and brush in the neighborhood surrounding Ganesha

Park, most importantly on the south side. I was encouraged to reach out to Councilmember Torres as I am a resident of District 6. Receiving no reply, I contacted the local Fire Department and was informed they are not allowed to intervene without formal instruction from the City of Pomona. I am asking for assistance. If my council representative and Fire Department cannot help, what is the next option? There have been several small fires in Ganesha Hills and I am trying to prevent a small one from becoming a major one. Thank you.

Dennis Querio: Mayor Sandoval and Members of the Pomona City Council: There needs to be an avenue for discussion for items brought up during Public Comment at the City Council meetings. It is frustrating to hear the same comments expressed meeting after meeting with no feedback. First, why does the Council continue to make decisions for landlords/tenants without openly asking for input from those who provide housing in the City of Pomona? Second, what is being done about the homeless encampment on Commercial and Eleanor? Third, why aren't residents living in District 6 able to contact Robert Torres, their representative? I am now a member of the "no telephone call returned" Club. Answering these three questions would make a positive impact on those being affected with these concerns. Thank you.

Keith Booker: Mayor Sandoval and Members of the Pomona City Council: We are now on Month 8 of my having to live with my disruptive neighbors, a subject I am quite sure you are tired of hearing about. My landlord has been trying to evict these tenants since last summer. Owners may have been able to begin evictions regarding nuisance tenants, but the courts have not been moving forward with them. You may believe what you hear on the news, but I am living a nightmare government decisions created for my neighbors and me. I appreciate that you have to abide by state and county rules. I realize it is important that you continue to follow these guidelines, imperfect as they are. It is imperative that you do not make life harder for the responsible tenants residing in the City. When these moratoriums end, Pomona needs to follow suit.

Greg Estel: Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council: I was recently informed of the Special (secretive?) meeting regarding "Hero Pay" for the retail employees. No fiscal impact to the City. Are you kidding me? These stores are going to pass on this increase to their customers. Those who can will begin shopping in surrounding areas. Those who cannot will be saddled with higher prices for goods and services. What about the health providers who have to enter houses on a daily basis. What about the heating and air-conditioning repair people? Plumbers? We are greeted at the door with "No Covid Here" only to find out, upon entering, that one of the residents had tested positive the day before. We service-providers encounter risks every day. It is your job to provide leadership for the City. It is not your job to micro-manage others' employees. Thank you.

Ramon Guevara, Jr.: Good evening, my name is Ramon Guevara. For 52 years my father (now deceased) and I have been asking the city to place a sidewalk in front of 2 of 4 properties that we own. I come to you and ask for a sidewalk to be placed in front of 490 & 410 E. 7th St. Pomona. ,also to inform you, that only 1 of 4 corners is handicap accessible. If there is a reason that you are not able to place a sidewalk, please let me

know. Mr. R. Guevara Sr. (my father) was never given a reason why, but had been to city hall asking for 52 years.

M. Joyce Bakersmith: Mayor and City Council Members:

My understanding I understand there was a City Council Meeting held January 28, 2021. I heard about it after the fact. I went to the City website to see if it had been posted along with the agenda. It was not there. I found the announcement under the City Manager's correspondence dated January 28, 2021. The following is how it appeared: City Council Teleconference Special Meeting: Thursday 1/28/2021 Meeting: 5:00 pm. My concern is that the public was not made aware of the meeting in a timely manner. I have learned to read the City Manager's Correspondence on the website. I am able to see information he does not share during regular City Council Meetings. Much of the information he posts, because of its volume could and should be reviewed on line. But I feel something as important as a Special City Council Meeting in which pertinent information affecting businesses and employees should be open to the public.

Toni Navarro: Submitted comment via the "Q&A" message box on Zoom regarding Black History Month.

CONSENT ITEM NO. 8 (Designation of No Parking and No Stopping Zones along Holt Ave) (7 comments)

Hank Fung: Dear mayor and members of the city council, Regarding removing parking on Holt Avenue, it should be noted that Holt Avenue is also slated for construction of the Omnitrans West Valley BRT between Pomona, Ontario Airport, and Rancho Cucamonga. Removing parking on Holt Avenue provides the opportunity to improve Holt as a passageway for clean vehicles such as bikes and buses. Even if Holt Avenue parking were still permitted, it would be removed in a couple years anyway as this project begins. To the extent feasible, the former parking lane of Holt Avenue should be striped as a bus lane or a bike lane to encourage safer active transportation. This would also keep speeds to the speed limit as a wider right lane will encourage speeding. City staff should get an update on the BRT project as it will provide clean transportation to points east and also help focus development along the Holt Avenue corridor and meet the City's housing goals.

Julie Mestas: Mayor Sandoval and Members of the Pomona City Council: Prohibiting parking and stopping on Holt Avenue is not going to decrease crime in that area. The homeless, dealers and prostitutes are already setting up shop along the side streets. Please provide additional resources to the Pomona Police Department and allow the officers do their jobs in cleaning up the City.

Natalie Ford-Brown: Mayor Sandoval and Members of the Pomona City Council: I ask that you vote "no" to restricting parking along Holt Avenue. My neighbors park on Holt Avenue during "Street Sweeping" hours as our home do not have parking so we must park on the street. I live across the street from Garfield Park. There is already too much traffic in the park, and now park attendees will be parking in front of my home instead of on Holt. Restricting parking and stopping is just a band aid on a much larger problem. Thank you.

Karen Loehr: Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council: After hearing about the proposed parking/stopping restrictions on Holt Avenue, I drove the street at 9:00 last Friday night. From Mills to Garey there were only a few cars parked on Holt Avenue. The only "call girl" I saw was on an auxiliary street. Putting more restrictions on the local businesses is a bad idea. Did you consult them before putting this item on the agenda? If you want to clean up the street, may I suggest you get rid of the many pop-up food stands. They are an eyesore, a potential health hazard and draw unnecessary crowds (most not wearing masks) to this area. Leave policing up to the Pomona Police Department. Thank you.

Rikki Fine: Mayor Sandoval and the Pomona City Council: I reside between Holt Avenue and Commercial Street nestled in- between the drug dealers, prostitutes and the homeless encampment. Prohibiting parking on Holt Avenue is only going to make the situation worse for my family and our neighbors. We have suffered through transients on our properties, thefts and now cars are being stolen and broken into. Pushing additional people into our neighborhood is only going to make it worse. Your decisions should improve the quality of life for Pomona residents, not make things worse. Thank you.

Michael Helliesen: Mayor Sandoval and Members of the Pomona City Council: As a business owner along the Holt Avenue corridor, I was not consulted about the restriction of parking in front of my store. As a convenience to my mostly-disabled customers, parking in front of my business is a necessity. I ask that you vote "no" on restricting parking on Holt Avenue. It will be detrimental to my business. The City's inability to handle the homeless situation has been a nightmare for me. Additional restrictions will only make it worse. I do not wish to go out of business, but may have to without the support of city leaders. Thank you.

M. Joyce Bakersmith: Mayor and City Council Members: I object to the resolution which designates NO PARKING AND NO STOPPING ZONES along Holt Avenue between Garey Avenue to East City Limits. Have any of the business owners located on Holt been included in this proposal? Have they created a contingency plan to address parking if they do not have customer parking behind their businesses? I pay my cell phone bill at the BOOST Store located in the strip mall on San Antonio and Holt. I have often parked on the street. It leaves space for customers using the laundromat and/or shopping at the other businesses which occupy the strip mall. If this resolution is approved, a 10-minute errand could conceivably turn into a 45- to-60-minute excursion. I don't need this. Pomona's businesses don't need this. We profess to be business friendly. How can this be, if we hamper the number of customers a business could potentially have? This resolution will not alleviate prostitution on Holt. Prostitutes will direct johns to side streets to complete their transactions, negatively affecting the quality of life for residents living north or south of Holt.

CONSENT ITEM NO. 11 (Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Creating an Inclusionary Housing Program) (2 comments)

Maria Uceda: Good Evening Mayor Sandoval and members of the council. My name is Magdalena Uceda and I am a resident of Pomona, a member of St. Madeleine Catholic Church, a member of PTA, and a leader of ICON. One year ago, Mayor Sandoval agreed

to work with us on a housing vision which includes inclusionary zoning. We thank you for considering and taking part in this needful action. The city of Pomona has been in the midst of low-income housing crises for a number of years. The cost of housing is one of the primary factors of housing displacement. Forcing many longtime residents to move away from friends and family because housing costs are outpacing their income. I urge the council to adopt ordinance #4295 as another step in dealing with affordability conflicts of housing in our city. I personally have family members and have met parents who had to leave to neighboring counties, such as San Bernardino county and Riverside County, due to housing expenses rising. It is unfair for those parents who have been living in Pomona for years to suddenly have to move to make ends meet. With that being said, I support Ordinance #4295 and I hope you all do as well.

Paul Deibel: My name is Paul Deibel, and I am a resident of Diamond Bar and of the Pomona Unified School District. I am also a parishioner at St. Denis Parish, which is a member institution of ICON, the Inland Communities Organizing Network. Through ICON's conversations with school district representatives, we are aware that the cost of housing in Pomona is problematic for families with children in school and for teachers who wish to remain in, or find, affordable housing in Pomona. Adoption of the Inclusionary Housing Program ordinance as currently proposed will help in this regard. So I strongly support its adoption, particularly considering I have a four-year old in my household who will be entering Kindergarten next year. Moreover, as an urban planner, I think that adoption of the ordinance with the percentages of affordable housing as currently proposed is warranted because these metrics will be defensible against any potential challenge to the ordinance because of the extensive research and analysis conducted by KMA to justify these numbers as realistic and reasonable. Thank you.

CONSENT ITEM NO. 14 (Approval of the Police Department's Expenditure Plan for FY 20-21 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA), and Amending the FY 2020-21 Operating Budgets by Increasing Revenue Estimates and Appropriations by \$355,000 (17 comments))

Kassandra Angel: My name is Kassandra Angel and I am writing to ask the city council to NOT approve Pomona PD's requested budget increase of \$355,000, Agenda Item #14. Our community is suffering and struggling to make ends meet during these challenging times that are only going to continue. Our residents have not been assisted during this pandemic, but Pomona PD was able to get this request on the agenda for consideration? Could these funds instead be used for our community's current needs, like SURVIVAL? Did anyone even explore this? Pomona PD already receives nearly \$62 million of our budget; why would they ever need more when they're taking more than half of the city's budget? And for enhancing your cars? I've seen the city's police cars. This should be the last of your concerns. When are you doing to help your citizens? When are you going to listen to your community? We are suffering and dying. If you approve this budget increase, your city will look down on you all even more. I urge you to listen to us and put in the time to assist your citizens during these times.

Yajaira Marquez: I would like to comment that I think it is HIGHLY irresponsible for the city to increase the Pomona PD budget while we are in a global pandemic. Those

resources could be better allocated to help the community. I don't believe enhancing the police cars is an appropriate use of OUR resources; not now, and possibly not ever. I think we are being manipulated by our city council and police department because you count on the public being disengaged. But i think this is a betrayal of the highest regard to the residents of Pomona. I am appalled - but not surprised as the police department already usurps over half of the city's budget and they just always want more and you give it to them. Please do not increase their budget. Please do better for YOUR residents.

Fernanda Frausto-Bonilla: Mr. Tim Sandoval, members of the city council, and others attending today's meetings, have you lost a loved one, friend, or family member to COVID-19? If so, you know the frustration and agitation of feeling useless, disenfranchised, and all the characteristics this pandemic has made ever so common. I ask you this, because I want to remind you of the severity of the times we live in. People are dying, Pomona is a hot-spot for COVID-19. Loss of jobs, lives, and focus is all one can think about. In these times, where we need community support, outlets for our pain, community guidance, and more, the council is reviewing a potential budget increase for Pomona PD's vehicles. Do we not have enough cops driving around on every corner? Or is a newer car more important than the people who actually live here. Put your priorities in check. We voted you in, not them.

Armando Santana: Dear City Council of Pomona, In regards to Agenda Item 14 for increasing the Pomona PD budget by \$355,000 in the middle of a pandemic, I just have one question for you: why? There are people that are living on the streets that require help, people who lost their jobs from this pandemic, local businesses trying to stay afloat with no help and you want to increase Pomona PD budget so they can have better cars. Shame on you for even thinking this is the right thing to do and shame on you for not reallocating the funds to the community which are the people that put you in the position that you are in. Do better for your people and do a better job as a civil servant before you lose your position as a city council member.

Lisa Maldonado: hey, i strongly believe that Pomona pd have enough money since they receive \$62million of Pomona budget which is more than half of the budget altogether. they have a fleet operation that is marked at \$1.5million. how could they want more money when they have all this? there are more important things happening in Pomona right now than cops in need of a new whip 🐍. please use our money wisely.

Jennifer Vidal: Dear Pomona City Council, I am concerned about the increasing of the police budget by \$355,000 after there have been months of calling for reallocation of funds towards community improvement, housing stability, and community programming. The Pomona Police Department does not need to enhance their cars especially during a time when some families in our community cannot afford to feed their families and are struggling with the disastrous effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. How will improving the fleet of police cars improve our community's safety and resiliency? Couldn't those funds be better used towards homeless or mental health eval services? Improving public parks and youth services? Are we more interested in pathological punishment of our neighbors and specifically the disproportionate number of Black persons being arrested? Our neighbors are starving, suffering, grieving, and you would rather spend money on vehicles? Absolutely shameful. I know we can do better than this. Please explore

precious resources to a desperate community on the brink of utter chaos is something I cannot comprehend. I dare not say "shame on you" because I don't think you feel shame. What I have seen here is politics as usual. The people have been pushed around, ignored, silenced for longer than this current counsel. We are tired. We are hungry. But we are waking up to your misdeeds and your greed. Counsel, when the revolution comes, where will you hide?

Lucia Nagler: I am concerned about the increase in the Pomona Police Department budget. This funding would be better served to go directly to community resources. We are in the middle of a pandemic-our community is under financial stress and many other services are neglected and underfunded. Increasing an already \$1.5 million budget for the police fleet should be a low priority. The Pomona Police Department has demonstrated discriminatory practices and should not be rewarded with more funding.

David Ortega: Dear City Council, I am writing this comment in anger and disappointment of the tone-deafness of the city council's utilization of resources to give Pomona PD more money. After an eye-opening year of protests AGAINST the police in 2020, it's disgusting to see you trying to give grant money to an already overfunded Pomona PD. They do not need more money that will just go to terrorizing the people of Pomona. I ask that you exhaust all options to redirect that money to areas of the city like housing, homeless services, youth services, or park renovation, all of which directly help the people of Pomona. If city council passes this grant money to police, they are ignoring thousands of voices in their city.

Arleen Alonso: Good evening city council members, My name is Arleen Alonso and I am a Pomona resident. Regarding agenda item #14...it is almost disrespectful as a community member to hear that Pomona PD is seeking yet another increase to their budget. They already receive more than half of the city's funding and to make such an ask during a critical time where many residents and youth are struggling is blatant disregard and care of our livelihoods. The COVID-19 pandemic has swept through our city and affected our most vulnerable populations. As someone who lives in a multi-generational home and is the primary caretaker of their elders, I truly believe there are other sources that can benefit from an increase in funds and provide relief to many of our city's families. Pomona PD seeking money for vehicle enhancements does not equate to the true needs of our community ESPECIALLY right now. I'd like to see the city care more about our livelihoods rather than new cop cars. I hope you all keep that in mind when making your decision. Thank you for your time.

Linda Hinojos: As a long time resident of Pomona it is disconcerting to me that we are at a point in the city where we are discussing additional funding for the PPD and specifically for its vehicles. Whether this is a grant secured by the PD or by another source, I would like to see as much effort and energy put forth by staff in the city to secure funding for our youth, housing, community programming, community development, and other community departments. The tumultuous and difficult summer of 2020 across the nation proves that police reform is necessary and increasing police budgets is NOT. Pomona youth and residents alike demand investment in our neighborhoods and community life. I urge council to strongly review how they can direct staff to secure and allocate this type of funding for us. I believe a grant writer was discussed months ago, I

would like to inquire what updates there are, if any, as to this progress of this hiring/position.

Graciela Conchas: Here we are again, showing up as a community in any capacity we can to remind you, the council, yet again that you all are choosing the wrong side of history. Our communities are suffering, scared of getting sick, of being jobless, of being homeless yet Pomona PD is prioritized and for what, to enhance their vehicles!! Our city leadership has shown us time and time again that our Black and Brown communities don't matter, we are in the middle of a pandemic with no end in sight! It is time that the communities that need the most assistance get prioritized and that our elected officials do EVERYTHING they can to correct this! We are tired of the political theater, when do you plan on addressing the real issues you all have been tiptoeing around!!?

Elizabeth Trejo: My name is Elizabeth Trejo. I'm commenting on item number 14. This past summer our nation rallied behind the movement for Black Life and the struggle against police violence and their lack of acknowledging accountability for abuse of power. Youth in Pomona have been organizing to stand in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and all those affected by police brutality. I hope this body reconsiders raising the Pomona Police Budget when such money can be better allocated to fight our current threat, COVID-19 Pandemic.

Paige Bruyn: On May 26, 2020, Finance Director Mowbray submitted a Council Report named "Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Study Session. The Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account is listed on page 1 of the Financial Summary, and the funds are shown as Special Revenue Funds, line item #281. As of 07/01/20, the SLESA had \$278,312 available. These funds are allocated by the State of California and not a revenue based on earnings by the Police. Why is the wording of Resolution #2020-07 asking the Council to increase these funds BY \$355,000. This would bring the sum total to over \$575,000? Or should the request read that the increase is TO \$355,000? Even if the wording is in error, this request is not supported by fiscal history. In past years, the State allocation has been as follows:

- FY15-16 was \$205,842
- FY17-18 was \$173,199
- FY19/20 was \$278,312
- FY20/21 was \$232,048

This averages approximately \$222,350, there has been nothing near this new amount in past Budgets. So, without correcting the verbiage, and without more facts related to this year's allocation, the council cannot suppose that the State has enough extra money to increase this line item.

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 18 (Award of Landscaping Contracts to MCE and Merchants Landscape Services) (1 comment)

Jeff Core: Pomona City Council Members, As per the Council report write-up, MCE did not submit a bid for the Occupied Space Landscaping and Amenity Maintenance (OSLAM) contract, as we erroneously submitted our bid for that contract to the Non-

Occupied Median, Streetside/ROW and other Landscaping and Amenity Maintenance (NOMSROLAM) contract. The error was only identified after the OSLAM bid had closed, so we were unable to submit our bid to the proper location. The error was noted three days prior to the NOMSROLAM closing, but Planetbids does not allow a submitted bid to be manipulated until after the bid is closed, nor does it allow two bids to be submitted for the same job. Consequently we had to replace our erroneously submitted bid in order to guarantee participation, so our OSLAM bid was not seen by staff. Based on the proposed annual contract price for the OSLAM contract, we believe its in the City's best interest to reject all OSLAM bids and issue another RFB. Our erroneously submitted annual price is significantly less than the apparent winner (slightly less than \$150K annually). MCE will be in virtual attendance of tonight's meeting if you have clarifying questions. Sincerely, Jeff Core, President MCE

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 19 (Consideration of removal of SHistoric for 395 S Thomas St-Masonic Temple (17 comments))

Kevin-Renee Loomer: City Council, Please vote to save the Masonic Temple. We are watching this wonderful city become known for morphing into cheap stores and hookers and forgetting that it has historical beauty, that must be saved. Keep a piece of the past that reminds so many how beautiful Pomona was. It was a great place to be raised and attend school. It had some great old buildings that we miss after they are demolished. Pomona has the potential to be a beautiful place to be raised, again.

Tara Tavi: The Masonic Lodge is a beautiful piece of historic architecture and should be protected by the city of Pomona. It is a beautiful example of Georgian architecture much like the Phillips Mansion. If the city were to open it to events, it would be hugely successful. Please allow the Masonic Lodge to keep its protected historical designation. Pomona needs to respect the beautiful icons of its illustrious past such as the Masonic Lodge. Thank you, Tara Tavi

Susie Russell-Wagner: **PROTECT THE MASONIC TEMPLE IN POMONA.** I am writing this to plead with you to SAVE and PROTECT THE POMONA MASONIC TEMPLE. The Masonic Temple was built in 1909. The wonderful old building is iconic - an important piece of Pomona and California's history. It would be a real crime if you removed this old building. It must be SAVED!!! PLEASE KEEP THE MASONIC TEMPLE ON POMONA'S REGISTER OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS! So many beautiful Pomona buildings have been destroyed, torn down for whatever reasons. Pomona's history MUST BE PROTECTED. My family and I grew up in Pomona and have a lot of history in Pomona. Going back to my great great grandfather JOHN OSGOODBY. He was one of the original founders of Pomona. His son GEORGE OSGOODBY (wrote the Murchison Letter), his children including my grandmother, Ethel Osgoodby-Russell, my father, Andrew Osgoodby Russell, and my brother and I - Don Russell (former GM of the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin), and myself, Susie Russell-Wagner. I would be at your meeting on Monday, but I live in Las Vegas - too far away to be there.

Kitty Graham: As a citizen of this city, a small business owner, and a concerned member that cares about our community, I do not believe taking this building out of historical status is a good idea at all. Our city, especially our downtown areas, have been presented as

cultural and diverse. With many opportunities for dining, shopping and entertainment. We present ourselves at Antique Row, and Artwalk with a vintage appeal and pride. Our history is what makes us unique, memorable and fascinating. The charm it brings to this area, is something to be proud of, not torn down and buried. We have lost too many other beautiful monuments to our past. Change and conformity is a part of life. As is preserving our past, our history and our culture. I feel leaving the building as it is, previously named as historical, should remain. Its artistry, charm and ingenuity is Downtown Pomona. It is home. On a more personal note. Whatever is to become of the use of the building, if the buildings facade and artistry cannot be respected and incorporated, then I say move on. Find another project to mold as your own. Let us continue to appreciate the architectural mastery that is Pomona Masonic Lodge. Thank you. Kitty Graha, Owner and Pastry Artist. Kittys Cafe Bakery

Cathy Williams: Please do not allow the removal or tear down of another Pomona treasure; we have lost too many historical buildings and the Masonic Temple is too beautiful to lose.

Robert and Karen Stoltz: Mayor Sandoval and Members of the City Council, Regarding Agenda Item #19, we request that you follow the recommendations of city staff and the Historical Preservation Commission in denying the removal of designation of the single historic landmark for the property located at 395 S. Thomas Street (Masonic Temple). Please continue the existing protection of the architectural integrity of this piece of Pomona history. Thank you.

Joan McIntire: I am asking the council to consider the negative impact of removing the Masonic Lodge building located at 395 S. Thomas St. in Pomona. It sets a terrible precedent to remove a historically significant building from the protection provided by its historic designation at the whims of a developer. Please vote against this item. Thank you

Megan Gearhart: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, I am Megan Gearhart, current president of Pomona Heritage. After reading through the resolution I encourage the city council to deny the removal of the historic status of 395 S Thomas street. Our city has an "A" rating from the Los Angeles Conservancy for our commitment to preservation. I know the council, Mayor and staff know the importance of finding the balance in historic preservation and development in Pomona. I am sure we can continue to work for what is best in downtown while upholding past preservation efforts. Thank you

Vicki Scott: I strongly disagree with the plan, request and thought of tearing down one of our historical buildings. My husband and I became homeowners in Pomona 20 years ago because of it's rich history and architecture. I live a few blocks away and I feel this requested action would loose our integrity as a city and neighborhood we allow this building and others like it to be torn down. Let's keep our city unique and keep it's history alive for our future generations. This building was built and designed to last. It is one of our jewels. Thank you.

Carolyn West: As member of Pma Valley Hist Soc, I oppose removal of historic designation. Pma has lost a great many historic structures / gardens etc. Let's not remove another.

Duane Smith: Honorable Mayor and City Council, I support the staff recommendation regarding the Single Historic Landmark Designation of the Masonic Temple and ask that the council approval RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 as drafted.

Lori Langrell: Good evening city council members, thank you for taking the time to listen to my comments regarding the removal of the historical designation of the masonic temple on Main Street. Pomona has a very rich history dating back to the 1800's, and sadly we have lost many buildings of historical significance. I recall as a child going to the post office which was located on the corner of Mission and Garey, just a stones throw from the Masonic Temple. That post office is no longer there, demolished so many years ago. We cannot allow another building to be lost from our city. I understand the applicant's position, but I would implore the city to keep the historic designation, and perhaps sit down and try to find a common ground to satisfy both parties. Please don't allow progress to erase the history of our town. Thank you for your time.

Melissa Ayala: Good Evening Mayor and city council, I served as a historic commissioner for our city and have a passion for protecting our city history and its landmarks. Here in the city of Pomona we are blessed to have groups like the Historic Society, Pomona Heritage, in addition to experts at the local universities. I urge you to work with these experts to find solutions and protect the history of our city. Several times these groups brought suggestions and alternatives to protect our historic landmarks, buildings, and homes to allow the growth and improvement of these locations. I urge you to protect the history of the Masonic Lodge to be a designated historic landmark and find a way to support the incoming business. There can be a solution. I hope you all take the time to work together.

Penny Keach: As a longtime resident of Pomona and member of the Historical Society of Pomona Valley, I am asking the City Council to not remove the historic landmark designation from the Pomona Masonic Temple. It is a beautiful reminder of Pomona's past. We have lost many of these iconic buildings in recent years. It is important that we preserve the few that remain. Pomona has a proud history and we need to keep that history visible for future generations. Please accept the staff recommendation to keep the historic designation of this fine old building.

Debra Martin: Good evening Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers, I support the staff recommendation to deny the removal of the Masonic Temple historic designation.

Darlene Ventura: I am writing this email regarding item 19 on the council's agenda this evening. I want to let you know that I oppose the request to have the Mason Temple's historic designation removed. This building, located at 395 S. Thomas Street was built in 1909 by Ferdinand Davis and is a wonderful example and reminder of our rich history and connection to our past accomplishments. I've been a resident for 33 years and live in a historic home in Pomona. I am in awe of the craftsmanship of our historic buildings and I appreciate the determination of many thoughtful people who saw the

importance of designating buildings and sections of our community as historic sites. Please don't let the new owners take our past away from our beautiful city. This building deserves to be cherished and preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Felipe Miranda: My name is Felipe Miranda. I am pretty much a lifelong resident of the city of Pomona. Product of Pomona Unified S.D. (Philadelphia Elementary School, Simons Middle School, Diamond Ranch High School and Cal Poly Pomona). I have lived in this are my whole life and have seen it struggle and also blossom. I have to say to you all today that I am very much bothered by the idea that the removal of historic designation from the masonic Temple is even being considered. As a resident and a voter, I urge you all to deny this proposal and preserve this iconic building of the downtown area. Enough is Enough! The greed of some people to demolish and develop to make a few bucks should not be re-shaping OUR Downtown. If they want to build a new development, there are plenty of vacant lots within the downtown district. I do not see the point of demolishing a historic building that is more than a century old, just because a small group of investors want to do it. Please Vote No on this proposal on item #19 of tonight's agenda. I do not care for whoever anyone is trying to build on that site at all! Leave MY Downtown Alone!!!!

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 21 (Adopt an Urgency Ordinance to Establish an Independent Redistricting Commission) (1 comment)

Hank Fung: Dear honorable members of the City Council, I wholeheartedly support this ordinance to form an independent redistricting commission. This follows the best practices of jurisdictions from all over California. it should be noted that if an independent commission is not formed, the Council itself must comply with the FAIR MAPS Act, including scheduling the four meetings where redistricting topics are discussed as fixed time items as stated in State law. Councilmembers have noted the oddity of past council districtings and having an independent commission, in consultation with a qualified demographer, review the lines provides some independence and assurance that these districts are drawn to account for communities of interest, and are not designed to split neighborhoods or protect incumbents. Also, these meetings are going to have extensive public input, which we want, and an independent commission is best suited to listen to people in a neutral manner, without preconceptions based on the commenter's previous political stances. It is important to get a diverse group of individuals to participate, and I encourage councilmembers to recruit from their neighborhoods and networks. However, we should also discourage them from being puppets of councilmembers and give them the space to operate independently and listen to the community. Please approve this item and get to work recruiting this commission.

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 22 (Adopt a Resolution Prohibiting the use of No-Knock Warrants) (22 comments)

Dr. Roberta Perlman and Mr. Arturo Jimenez: Esteemed Mayor Sandoval and City Council, We address you as residents of the city of Pomona; the opinions contained in this letter do not represent those of the school district or our fellow school board members. We urge you to initiate a ban on no-knock entries. The very premise of no knock entries is to surprise, frighten, and confuse—creating potentially impulsive and desperate reaction. These raids often occur late at night and create disorientation and volatility that

can perpetuate unnecessary danger for all involved---adults, children, and officers. Innocent people can and are sometimes the victims of these raids. And some of these innocent people are children. The physical and emotional impact on a child witnessing such chaos and violence is profound. Death, injury, and trauma of innocent children have indeed been the result of some of these no-knock raids. One child lost is enough reason to ban this policy. We urge you to protect the well-being of our most vulnerable—our children—by banning no-knock entries in the City of Pomona. We thank you for your consideration.

Hugh Wire: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval and members of the City Council. I am Hugh Wire, member of the NAACP Pomona Valley Chapter, worshiper with Pomona's First Presbyterian Church, and community volunteer and urge support for the proposal of our NAACP Chapter that the Council ban completely no-knock warrants. This is a tactic belonging to action games and not in a community seeking to grow in civic virtue. Respect for law, absolutely necessary for insuring public safety, is squandered when a community suffers the trauma of its government resorting dramatically to brute force, "bombing the village to save it." Please act to ban this noxious tactic.

Hailey Donner: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, My name is Hailey Donner. I am a Pomona resident and member of Pomona Presbyterian Church. I urge you to adopt a complete **BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers.** I feel that no knock warrants are ineffective and I don't want to see another Breonna Taylor shooting in pomona. When police enter a residence, without first identifying who they are, there is a risk of injury or death for residents and officers. In the confusion, residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and shoot in self-defense, and officers may in return shoot back in self-defense, resulting in a tragedy. Police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. Warrant service is after a crime has occurred when police are looking for evidence or suspects, and can occur at one or multiple locations. There is always the possibility of human error in serving warrants, which can have devastating consequences, such as when a no-knock warrant is served at the wrong location. Please adopt a complete Ban on No-Knock warrants.

Ryan Donner: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, My name is Ryan Donner. I am a Pomona resident I attend Pomona Presbyterian church. I urge you to adopt a complete **BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers.** I have some friends who have been traumatized by no knock warrants in Pomona, and the person the police were looking for wasn't there. When police enter a residence, without first identifying who they are, there is a risk of injury or death for residents and officers. In the confusion, residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and shoot in self-defense, and officers may in return shoot back in self-defense, resulting in a tragedy. Police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. Warrant service is after a crime has occurred when police are looking for evidence or suspects, and can occur at one or multiple locations. There is always the possibility of human error in serving warrants, which can have devastating consequences,

such as when a no-knock warrant is served at the wrong location. Please adopt a complete Ban on No-Knock warrants.

Amy Donner: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, My name is Amy Donner I am a Pomona resident and a member of Pomona Presbyterian Church. I urge you to adopt a complete BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. My own family has been impacted by the loss of life of friends from gun violence in Pomona. Life is precious and should be protected. The chance of error is too high with no knock warrants, and it puts the lives of Pomona residents and police officers at further risk. I have several close friends who have been traumatized by no knock warrants here in Pomona, and the suspect the police were looking for wasn't at the home searched, nor had the suspect been there recently. Our goal should be to promote the safety and welfare of residents in our community- not to add more trauma. When police enter a residence, without first identifying who they are, there is a risk of injury or death for residents and officers. In the confusion, residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and shoot in self-defense, and officers may in return shoot back in self-defense, resulting in a tragedy. Police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. Warrant service is after a crime has occurred when police are looking for evidence or suspects and can occur at one or multiple locations. There is always the possibility of human error in serving warrants, which can have devastating consequences, such as when a no-knock warrant is served at the wrong location. Please adopt a complete Ban on No-Knock warrants.

Adam Donner: Mayor Sandoval and City Council, My name is Adam Donner. I am a leader in ICON, Pastor of Pomoan Presbyterian Church and Pomona resident. I urge you to adopt a complete BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning no-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. I am grateful that the current Police Chief does not seem to favor using no-knock warrants, but there is no guarantee that won't change in future administrations. Further, police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. Warrant service is after a crime has occurred when police are looking for evidence or suspects, and can occur at one or multiple locations. There does not seem to be any reason for no-knock warrants. When police enter a residence, without first identifying who they are, there is a risk of injury or death for residents and officers. In the confusion, residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and shoot in self-defence, and officers may in return shoot back in self-defense, resulting in a tragedy. our nation has been reminded of this and we do not want to see that repeated here in Pomona. Please adopt a complete Ban on No-Knock warrants.

Laura Kotovsky: My name is Laura Kotovsky, and I am a member of Temple Beth Israel Pomona and of the NAACP Pomona Valley. I want to voice my opinion in favor of a complete moratorium on no knock warrants. We have all heard how across the nation, these warrants have caused death and injury. I have a friend who experienced such a raid and the police had entered the wrong home. Luckily in that case nobody was physically injured. Another friend told me of a no-knock raid on her street in Pomona in

which two children were put at risk. No knock raids are something that sounds sensible in theory, but when put into practice frequently goes wrong and disproportionately hurts people of color. Please support Resolution 2021-16 to ban no knock raids by Pomona police personnel.

Jenna Hoover: Good evening, I'm Jenna Hoover. I am a Pomona resident, Youth Director of First Presbyterian Church of Pomona, and board member of Pomona Hope. I urge you to adopt a complete BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. I have heard from the national news as well as from friends in Pomona about the trauma no-knock warrants can cause. There is always the possibility of human error in serving no-knock warrants such as when one is served at the wrong location. However, whether the no-knock warrant is served correctly or not, there is a risk of injury or death for residents and officers when police enter a residence without first identifying who they are. Residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and react in self-defense, resulting in an escalated response by the police. Many other cities such as Santa Fe, Indianapolis, and San Antonio have already banned or are considering banning no-knock warrants. As a city that includes safety in our motto, I urge you to adopt a complete ban on no-knock warrants.

Judith Tiersma: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, My name is Judith Tiersma, I am a fairly-recent Pomona resident. We are so glad we moved here! I am writing in support of the NAACP, and asking for the BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. Police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. There is always the possibility of human error in serving warrants, which can have devastating consequences, such as when a no-knock warrant is served at the wrong location. I am asking for you to adopt a complete Ban on No-Knock warrants.

Liz Hawisher: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, My name is Liz Hawisher. I live and work in Pomona. I urge you to adopt a complete BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. When police enter a residence, without first identifying who they are, there is a risk of injury or death for residents and officers. In the confusion, residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and shoot in self-defense, and officers may in return shoot back in self-defense, resulting in a tragedy. Police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. Warrant service is after a crime has occurred when police are looking for evidence or suspects, and can occur at one or multiple locations. There is always the possibility of human error in serving warrants, which can have devastating consequences, such as when a no-knock warrant is served at the wrong location. Please adopt a complete Ban on No-Knock warrants. Thank you

Megan Gearhart: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, My name is Megan Gearhart. I am a twenty year Pomona resident. I urge you to adopt a complete BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of

Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. When police enter a residence, without first identifying who they are, there is a risk of injury or death for residents and officers. In the confusion, residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and shoot in self-defence, and officers may in return shoot back in self-defense, resulting in a tragedy. Police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. Warrant service is after a crime has occurred when police are looking for evidence or suspects, and can occur at one or multiple locations. There is always the possibility of human error in serving warrants, which can have devastating consequences, such as when a no-knock warrant is served at the wrong location. Please adopt a complete Ban on No-Knock warrants

Kathryn Kirui: Good evening. My name is Kathryn Kirui. I'm a member of Temple Beth Israel, Pomona. To knock or not to knock: that is the question. Knocking and announcing law enforcement's presence gives the guilty some notice, so that they may have extra time to respond with violence or to destroy evidence. But knocking and announcing law enforcement's presence gives the innocent some notice, too. If the innocent know that law enforcement officers are there, they may have enough time to respond appropriately, to open the door peacefully, thereby avoiding possible injury and death, both for themselves and for the law enforcement officers. Law enforcement is a challenging profession. The community depends on our law enforcement officers to be ready at a moment's notice to take very significant risks on our behalf. The community depends on our law enforcement officers to keep us safe. And certainly it's that very level of trust that the community needs to have in its law enforcement officers which can make harm to the innocent when done by law enforcement so very difficult for the community to understand and often impossible to accept. Preserving the community's trust in our law enforcement officers is essential. Thank you.

Margaret Velarde: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, My name is Margaret Velarde. I am a Pomona resident, ICON leader of St. Madeleine Church and Clean and Green member. I urge you to adopt a complete BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. When police enter a residence, without first identifying who they are, there is a risk of injury or death for residents and officers. In the confusion, residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and shoot in self-defence, and officers may in return shoot back in self-defense, resulting in a tragedy. Police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. Warrant service is after a crime has occurred when police are looking for evidence or suspects, and can occur at one or multiple locations. There is always the possibility of human error in serving warrants, which can have devastating consequences, such as when a no-knock warrant is served at the wrong location. Please adopt a complete Ban on No-Knock warrants.

Ivory Brown: My name is Ivory Brown. I am a resident of the city of Pomona. I support the prohibition of the use of no knock warrants by the Pomona Police Personnel. I believe that the use of no knock warrants places the community and law enforcement officers in unnecessary harm.

Ron Cobas: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, My name is Ron Cobas. I am a Pomona resident of 30 years. I urge you to adopt a complete BAN on "no-knock warrants" in the city of Pomona., as proposed by the NAACP. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. I urge Chief Ellis to weigh the benefits of executing a 'no Knock' warrant vs. the trauma and anguish forced upon innocent civilians, many of them children. Please consider alternative ways to achieve the objective. To date, the states of Virginia, Oregon and Florida, as well as the cities of Louisville, Memphis and Indianapolis have banned these dangerous tactics. I applaud the Pomona PD, who has done and are doing a great job of community outreach, that goodwill has built trust, support and confidence in our Police. One tragic incident can only damage this trust. A complete ban on 'No Knock' warrants is requested. thank you

Linda Church: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members, My name is Linda Church. I am a long time Pomona resident I urge you to adopt a complete BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning No-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. When police enter a residence, without first identifying who they are, there is a risk of injury or death for residents and officers. In the confusion, residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and shoot in self-defence, and officers may in return shoot back in self-defense, resulting in a tragedy. Police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. Warrant service is after a crime has occurred when police are looking for evidence or suspects, and can occur at one or multiple locations. There is always the possibility of human error in serving warrants, which can have devastating consequences, such as when a no-knock warrant is served at the wrong location. Please adopt a complete Ban on No-Knock warrants. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and service to the City of Pomona.

Nora Jacob: Dear Mayor Sandoval and Pomona City Council Members: I write on behalf of the UrbanMission Community Partners (UMCP), a nonprofit organization in Pomona whose mission commits us to increasing the well-being of the most vulnerable and neglected persons in our community. I urge you to adopt a complete ban on no-knock warrants in the City of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Banning no-knock warrants will help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. When police enter a home or apartment without first identifying who they are, they risk injury or death for themselves and for the residents. In the confusion, residents may believe their home is being invaded by criminals and shoot in self-defense, and officers may in return shoot back in self-defense, resulting in a tragedy. Police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. But there is also the possibility of human error when police are serving warrants to look for evidence or suspects- and this too can have devastating consequences, such as when a no-knock warrant is served in the wrong location. In these ways, no-knock warrants erode public trust in our police force. Please adopt a complete ban on no-knock warrants. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Julie Roberts-Fronk: Greetings Mayor Sandoval and Council Members, I am a 36 year resident of Pomona and urge the passage of Resolution No. 2021-16: a complete ban,

as proposed by NAACP. It is past time for this tool from a failed social experiment called "War on Drugs" to be eliminated from the arsenal of enforcement. A ban on no-knock warrants must be passed for the sake of the rule of law, for the sake of the safety of neighborhoods and police officers. How many more "unforeseen, unfortunate incidents" must we endure? How many more utilitarian rationalizations will we allow before we open our eyes and recognize the havoc this practice wrecks about our communities? How much more community trust will be undermined by this practice? Trust is a fragile commodity law enforcement needs to do its job fully. This is about building trust and saving lives.

Jeanette Ellis Royston: Good Evening, Mayor Sandoval, Council Members and Community. My name is Jeanette Ellis Royston, I'm a Pomona resident. I would like to quote Theodore Roosevelt's "nobody cares how much to you know, until they know how much you care" Mayor Sandoval and Council you have demonstrated over and over how much you care about Pomona resident's health and safety. The NAACP Pomona Valley Branch thank you for your compassion and leadership to prevent another tragedy in the City of Pomona. I affirm my support for option #2 BAN NO KNOCK WARRANTS IN THE CITY OF POMONA. This Resolution will prevent the innocent and a police officer from any hurt harm or danger. All of Pomona families will benefit, sounds like a "Win Win" Thank you, Chief Michael Ellis, I appreciate your transformational leadership approach and valuable time meeting with us. Civil Rights Attorney Bryan Stevenson, would be pleased. Attorney Stevenson, states we must change the narrative in law enforcement. Finding new language and methods to solve a complex issue which all can agree to. I must say this is what changing the narrative and collective impact looks like, thank you. "The time is always right to do what is right" Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cynthia Brown: I am a Pomona resident for 20 plus years, and I support the no knock Band for the city of Pomona.

Mike Sutton and Mary Jean Neault: Good evening, Mayor Sandoval, City Council Members and Community Members; We are Mike Sutton and Mary Jean Neault. My wife and I are 40 year residents of District 6 in Pomona and worship at First Christian Church - Pomona. We urge you to adopt a complete BAN on no-knock warrants in the city of Pomona, as proposed by the NAACP. Eliminating no-knock warrants can help to prevent the loss of life of Pomona residents and police officers. We know police are always able to enter a home if a crime is occurring, in order to protect the public. We understand the no-knock warrant was intended to enhance law and order in our cities, but the human cost of errors in application outweigh the advantages. There is always the possibility of error in the warrant process, which can have devastating consequences, such as when a no-knock warrant is served at the wrong location. Through the Briana Taylor incident we have seen vividly how a 'no knock' entry can go wrong. This was not a one of a kind incident. **Please adopt the Ban on No-Knock warrants**

Tamela Hutchinson: My name is Tamela Hutchinson and I am against no knock warrants.