



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
Councilmember Steve Lustro
Vice Mayor 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, October 4, 2021

7:00 PM

Teleconference via Zoom

CLOSED SESSION

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

A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - INITIATION AND/OR EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2))

One (1) Case

B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

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

Labor Negotiators: James Makshanoff and Linda Matthews

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho stated that staff was given direction on Item A to move forward with a settlement agreement and this settlement will be discussed in connection with an agenda item at the next meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Garcia 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
Councilmember Steve Lustro
Vice Mayor Robert Torres

STAFF PRESENT via Zoom

Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney
Rosalia Butler, City Clerk
James Makshanoff, City Manager
John DePolis, IT Director
Kirk Pelser, Deputy City Manager
Mark Gluba, Deputy City Manager
Mike Ellis, Police Chief
Linda Matthews, Human Resources Director
Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director
Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director
Anita Gutierrez, Development Services Director
Benita DeFrank, Neighborhood Services Director
Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director
Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager
Adrian Valdez, Recreation Supervisor
Arnold Dichosa, City Engineer
Ed Segura, Purchasing Manager
Ata Khan, Planning Manager
Aren Yeh, Management Analyst

Hilda Estrada, contracted by the City, provided translation services via Zoom.

PRESENTATIONS

*Presentation by Three Valleys Municipal Water District on an Update on Water Supply Conditions

Matt Litchfield, General Manager at Three Valleys Municipal Water District gave the presentation.

*Presentation on the City of Pomona's Draft 6th Cycle Housing Element

Anita Gutierrez, Development Services Director, and Ata Khan, Planning Manager, gave the presentation.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole encouraged all to stay safe and get vaccinated. She thanked Code Enforcement and Public Works for assistance in some recent situations. She thanked Chief Ellis for support in District 4 with serious issues on the corridor.

Councilmember Preciado attended a ribbon cutting for Cal American Dental, the Cal Poly Pomona Pumpkin Festival, and Hope Fest at Tony Cerda Park. He is working on hosting a town hall meeting soon. He reported that the Pomona 5K/10K is coming up October 16

Councilmember Garcia attended a resource fair by Conexion de Padres. She reminded all about Storytime at the Pomona Library and a special Dia de los Muertes event coming up on October 27. She also attended the Hope Fest. She was a speaker at the Women's March Inland Empire in Riverside. She reported that the PEOC needs volunteers to help put together backpacks for the children at the intake center.

Mayor Sandoval thanked Councilmember Preciado for initiating the 5K/10K. He spoke about Saturday youth programming put on by De Colores. He spoke about the next Pomona Beautiful project. He attended the Affordable Housing Summit. He spoke about an upcoming Civic Center project called Kids World which is an all abilities park and thanked the staff that have been involved in bringing this project to the City. He spoke about his participation in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative in New York City with mayors from all over the world and the purpose of the initiative is to provide leadership training and bring resources to the City.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager James Makshanoff shared that every week his City Manager report is available to the public either on the City's website or you can sign up to receive the report via email.

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 FOUR (4) EMAIL COMMENTS READ DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Live comments were as follows:

Gloria Almanza expressed her concern with this council not being responsive to the community's needs. She also spoke about her participation in the upcoming Art Walk.

Lydia Moreno expressed her concern with construction occurring behind her home on the 1400 block of 10th Street. She stated it is occurring after hours and is causing her house to shake. She also stated she never received notice of this construction.

Development Services Director Gutierrez addressed these concerns and stated that the project manager's name and phone number are posted at the site so that residents may call with any concerns.

Michelle also expressed concerns with the construction on 10th Street.

Chris Clarke, resident of Twentynine Palms, spoke out against the Three Valleys Municipal Water District's Bonanza Springs Study and what he believes will negatively impact sacred area and the environment.

Cindy Barreras expressed her concern with this council not being responsive to the community's needs. She spoke about her non-profit business that will be built by March 2022 to provide local food to the community. She also spoke about the upcoming ArtWalk.

Stephanie De Vore extended an invitation to the 4th Annual Indigenous Day Celebration event Sunday, October 10 at Ganesha Park.

Fabian Pavon spoke about Hope Fest and said it was a great event. He thanked city staff for upgrading lights at parks to make them more safe. He invited everyone to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings every third Thursday.

City Clerk Rosalia Butler requested that Item 13 be heard at this time as it concerns the recent legislation signed by the governor with regard to virtual meetings.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to hear Discussion Item 13 before Consent Calendar.

DISCUSSION

13. Adoption of Resolution to Continue Virtual Meetings for City Council and City Board, Commissions and Committees Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-137 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS UNDER AB 361 FOR THE CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-137.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire consent calendar except for Item 9 which was voted on in a separate motion.

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:

September 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the meeting minutes of September 20, 2021.

2. Authorize the Acceptance of the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Traffic Records Improvement Grant in the amount of \$25,000

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-107 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) TRAFFIC RECORDS

**IMPROVEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 AND AMENDING THE
FY 2021-22 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES
AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000**

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

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER
PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-107.**

3. Authorize the Acceptance of the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the amount of \$420,000

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-113 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) SELECTIVE TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$420,000
AND AMENDING THE FY 2021-22 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE
REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$420,000**

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

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER
PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-113.**

4. Approve and Re-Establish Preferential Parking License Agreement with Western University

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-112 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SYSTEM OF
PREFERENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ON SPECIFIED STREETS NEAR
WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA
OF THE CITY OF POMONA, PURSUANT TO VEHICLE CODE SECTION 22507**

- 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee, to approve and execute all related agreements and documents.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-112.

5. Ratify an Action Taken by the City Manager Awarding a Contract to Better 4 You Meals, Inc. for Catered Meal Services for Elderly Nutrition Program in FY 2021-22 in an Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000 with Two (2) One-Year Extension Options

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

- 1) Ratify an action taken by the City Manager, awarding a one-year contract to Better 4 You Meals, Inc. for catered meal services in FY 2021-22 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with two (2) one-year extension options; and,
- 2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute any amendments or extensions thereto, subject to review by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to ratify an action taken by the City Manager, awarding a one-year contract to Better 4 You Meals, Inc. for catered meal services in FY 2021-22 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with two (2) one-year extension options.

6. Amend the FY 2021-22 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget; and Approve an Amendment to the Agreement with Ensaf, Inc. for the Continuation of the Onsite Soil Vapor Extraction Cleanup

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-125 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2021-22 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$100,000 OF REFUSE FUND RESERVES TO THE "CITY LOT REMEDIATION," PROJECT NO. 418-2590-XXXXX-71021

- 2) Approve an Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with EnSafe in the amount of \$300,000, for a total not to exceed \$4,000,515, for the continuation of the onsite soil vapor extraction cleanup and groundwater analysis; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any agreements necessary to complete the EnSafe, Inc. amendment, contingent upon City Attorney review.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-125 and approve an Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with EnSafe in the amount of \$300,000, for a total not to exceed \$4,000,515, for the continuation of the onsite soil vapor extraction cleanup and groundwater analysis.

7. Award of Agreement to Pacific Tire Pomona for the Purchase of Vehicle Tires and Tire Services

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

- 1) Award a three-year agreement with two, optional, one-year extensions to Pacific Tire Pomona, Inc. for the purchase of vehicle tires and tire services; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City, and any associated amendments, subject to review by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to award a three-year agreement with two, optional, one-year extensions to Pacific Tire Pomona, Inc. for the purchase of vehicle tires and tire services.

8. Adopt a Resolution Amending the FY 2021-22 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$33,300 from the Phillips Ranch Assessment District (Zones A and B) Fund Reserves to Pay for County-Required Weed Abatement

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-132 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2021-22 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$33,300 FROM THE PHILLIPS RANCH ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (ZONES A AND B) FUND RESERVES

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-132.

9. Approval of an Easement Agreement with Walnut Valley Water District and the Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-133 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND THE SPADRA

**BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY WHICH IS NECESSARY
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPADRA BASIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

This item was pulled for discussion by Councilmember Nolte for questions.

Water Resources Director Chris Diggs provided clarification.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-133.

10. Amendment of CIP Budget and Award of Contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the "Pedley Spreading Grounds - Pond Enhancements" Project

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-130 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2021-22 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$278,900 OF MEASURE W (SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM) FUND RESERVES TO THE "PEDLEY SPREADING GROUNDS - POND ENHANCEMENTS," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-81058

- 2) Award a design contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) for the "Pedley Spreading Grounds - Pond Enhancements" Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-81058 in the amount of \$420,330; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the design contract on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-130 and award a design contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) for the "Pedley Spreading Grounds - Pond Enhancements" Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-81058 in the amount of \$420,330.

11. Amendment of the FY 2021-22 Operating Budget by Unappropriating \$20,000 of General Funds from 101-2530-52285-00000 and Amending the Capital Improvement (CIP) Budget by Appropriating \$20,000 of General Funds to CIP Project "Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP)," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68570;

and Award an Agreement to KOA Corporation for Preparation of the Local Roadway Safety Plan LRSP

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-121 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2021-22 OPERATING BUDGET BY UNAPPROPRIATING \$20,000 OF GENERAL FUNDS FROM 101-2530-52285-00000 AND AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$20,000 OF GENERAL FUNDS TO CIP PROJECT "LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN (LRSP)," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-685700

- 2) Award a Professional Services Agreement to KOA Corporation in the amount of \$106,927 for the preparation of the Local Roadway Safety Plan; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee, to execute the agreement and any subsequent amendments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-121 and award a Professional Services Agreement to KOA Corporation in the amount of \$106,927 for the preparation of the Local Roadway Safety Plan.

12. Adoption of Resolutions Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Pomona and the Pomona Police Officers' Association, Inc. (PPOA) From July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-135 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING, RATIFYING, AND ORDERING IMPLEMENTATION OF A TWENTY-SIX MONTH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMONA AND THE POMONA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. FROM JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-136 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY OF POMONA'S SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 TO MEET THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 2, SECTIONS 570.5 AND 571 TO REFLECT A 3% GENERAL SALARY INCREASE FOR SWORN CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE

POMONA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-135 and Resolution No. 2021-136.

DISCUSSION

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

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This Item was heard before the Consent Calendar.

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

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

- 1) Approve the expenditure(s) recommended and make the finding that the community at large will receive a public benefit from the expenditure of funds for the recommended item(s); and
 - A) Amount to be determined to Latino & Latina Roundtable of San Gabriel and Pomona Valley in support of Fall/Winter Danza Azteca Classes – Requested Amount: \$4,960
 - B) Amount to be determined to PCS Family Services in support of COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – Requested Amount: \$250
 - C) Amount to be determined to COP Community Services in support of Family Park Play Date – Requested Amount: \$1,000
- 2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts for previously approved projects/activities.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to make a finding of public benefit for Items A-C.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Vice Mayor Torres asked if the city could contact whatever agency has the jurisdiction over the Thompson Creek Wash because the gate locks have been broken and there is a homeless issue there.

Councilmember Garcia asked if Public Works can fix potholes on Philadelphia and Marquette. She also asked if planning can address how to mitigate issues arising from new construction's effect on the older homes of Pomona.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole also expressed concern about new construction. She asked for more trash cans at Lincoln Park.

Mayor Sandoval gave out his phone number and expressed that the council always tries to be responsive. He also spoke about the governor's Clean California Initiative and how he wants to use funds for city-wide street sweeping.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:39 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

OCTOBER 4, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MINDY SONG – Hello, I'd like to submit a comment in regards to the construction occurring at 1422-1428 W. 10th Street, Pomona CA. Issues of concerns with this construction:

- Times of construction. The notice sent by owner/builder notes 7AM-5PM. They have consistently gone outside these times for construction (i.e. Tuesday (9/28) started at 6AM, Wednesday, (9/29) continued past 6PM, etc.)
- Noise and seismic activity of construction. My entire house is shaking, will now need to look at the structural damage due to it. The noise level is also extremely loud in the early morning.
- Owner/builders parking in no parking zone on the street.
 - Videos in regards to noise/shaking:
[IMG-7934.MOV](#)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UXLOcMnfskcl-tOc8C9JfZCdaQFbn-3/view?usp=sharing>
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UXLOcMnfskcl-tOc8C9JfZCdaQFbn-3/view?usp=sharing>
[IMG-7927.MOV](#)

VERONICA GALLEGOS – Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Veronica Gallegos and my family and I have lived in Pomona for six years. We live in District 3, close to Alcott. I am reaching out to you because I don't know who else to reach out to. The old landlord of our home sold the property in April. From one day to the next, the new landlord raised our rent from \$850 a month to \$1,295 a month which we began paying in May. It has been difficult to pay the rent especially with the pandemic but we have been paying. We have received a letter letting us know that the rent will be raised another \$235 a month or another 16.8% beginning in October. I reached out to PUSH and they informed us that rent can be raised up 8.6% in many cases or 5% more of the inflation tax in a year's time and even if the property has been sold, the new landlord just can't raise the rent like that. They guided us to write a letter but we have come to you because you have the power to protect us from these illegal increases and you haven't made any law that controls rent for this city. We beg you that you do the most possible to help us, protect us and pass a law that controls rent.

Sr Alcalde y estimados concejales,

Mi nombre es Veronica Gallegos y mi familia y yo tenemos 6 años viviendo en Pomona. Vivimos en distrito 3, muy cerca de Alcott. Escribo porque no sé adónde más dirigirme. El viejo dueño de nuestra vivienda vendió en abril y de la noche a la mañana la nueva dueña nos subió de 850 al mes al 1295 al mes, lo cual empezamos a pagar en mayo. Con dificultad hemos ido pagando pero no ha sido nada facil con todo y pandemia. Ahora nos han mandado otra carta que quieren subir otra vez, esta vez \$235 dolares al mes o sea 16.8%, a partir de este mes de octubre. Me comuniqué con PUSH y nos informan que en la mayoría de los casos, solo se puede subir 8.6%, o sea 5% más la tasa de

inflación, en el transcurso de un año, y el hecho que se haya vendido la propiedad no quiere decir que la nueva dueña nos pueda subir adrede. Nos guiaron a mandar una carta pero a la vez recurrimos a Uds porque Uds son los que tienen el poder de protegernos de estos incrementos ilegales y aun así, no han hecho ninguna ley de control de renta para esta ciudad. Pedimos que porfavor hagan lo posible para ayudarnos, que nos protejan y que pongan una ley de control de rentas y una junta de rentas con poder de hacer cumplir la ley. Att. Veronica Gallegos 909-272-8850

BEN WOOD – Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council:

For months our Center and our volunteers from PUSH have been helping doing outreach so that tenants in our community know their rights. We have helped tenants file rental assistance applications and connected them to legal resources. We have activated people to lobby to extend the protections against eviction. And yet we hit the eviction cliff anyways. All last week we were swamped with tenants in all kinds of situations, but the most common were rent increases. Some were illegal, as high as 64%, and others were legal. But even the legal increases of 8.6% under the TPA are too much for our community members to bear. You have the power to protect our tenants from this kind of abuse. You have the power to set rent increases to a reasonable limit and create a rent board with the authority to check this savage capitalism that is tearing our community apart. Please do so, or we will soon be dealing with a Pomona that is unrecognizable as the safe and vibrant community that it should be.

ISABEL HERRERA – Hi my name is Rosaura Virgen and I live in Pomona, California in Los Angeles County. I write to you because the landlord of the apartments where I live has raised the rent and has done nothing to fix my apartment. The kitchen floor is no good, there are leaks in the bathroom, the refrigerator, door, windows and plumbing don't work and there is no water pressure.

Hola mi nombre es Rosaura Virgen y vivo en Pomona CA en el condado de Los Ángeles, les escribo por qué el dueño de los apartamentos donde vivo me aumentado la renta, y no a echo nada por arreglarme el apartamento, el piso de mi cocina no sirve, hai goteras en el baño, el molino del fregador no sirve, la puerta, las ventanas y la tubería no sirve no ahí mucha presión de agua