



El Monte NEWS

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RETIREMENT OF EL MONTE CITY MANAGER HAROLD O. JOHANSON

EL MONTE, Calif. – One of the longest serving El Monte City employee will be stepping down April 30, 2003 after a successful career spanning 33 years. City Manager Harold O. Johanson has served the citizens of El Monte since 1967, in positions ranging from Planning Intern all the way up to City Manager.

When Johanson began as a Planning Intern back in 1967, the city had a population of about half of its current number of 116,000 and life was simpler. Mr. Johanson displayed extraordinary skills at dealing with people and land use issues and was subsequently promoted many times, becoming an Assistant Planner, Planning Director, Director of Community Development and eventually City Manager.

Mr. Johanson devotes much of his personal life to the city too, being a 30+ year resident, Treasurer for the San Gabriel Valley Boys and Girls Club, a member of the International City Manager's Association and member of the San Gabriel Valley City Manager's Association.

Under Mr. Johanson's direction, the city secured a water bond generating funds for the new Aquatics Center; developed the Auto Superstore on Valley Boulevard and secured a developer for a Valley Mall Housing Project.

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The retirement dinner for Mr. Johanson will be a merry affair, with the Master of Ceremonies being none other than E. Clarke Moseley, City Attorney for the City of El Monte. Those interested in attending the retirement dinner to be held on Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the San Gabriel Valley Hotel (formerly the Radisson Hotel in Baldwin Park) at a cost of \$35.00 should contact the City Manager's Office at (626) 580-2001 as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to the "City of El Monte/Harold Johanson Retirement".

El Monte, a city incorporated in 1912 and comprising over 116,000 population is a full service city located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. It is freeway close, bisected by Interstate 10 and abutting Interstate 605. El Monte is home to a mega auto mall and boasts the largest single car dealership in the world, Longo Toyota. El Monte can also be visited on the web at www.elmonte.org

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