

LOCATION:

El Monte City Hall – East
City Council Chambers
11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, CA 91731

**DATE AND TIME:**

Tuesday,
September 5, 2023
6:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE

MEETING JOINTLY AND REGULARLY WITH THE EL MONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE WATER AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PARKING AUTHORITY; SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER EL MONTE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY; AND, FROM TIME TO TIME, SUCH OTHER BODIES OF THE CITY WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBERS/AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor

- ♦ *Martin Herrera, Mayor Pro Tem* ♦ *Marisol Cortez, Councilmember*
- ♦ *Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember* ♦ *Alma D. Puente, Councilmember*
- ♦ *Richard Rojo, Councilmember* ♦ *Dr. Julia Ruedas, Councilmember*

This meeting is a Special Meeting within the meaning of Government Code Section 54956 and as such public comment is limited to the item(s) of business appearing on the Special Meeting agenda only.

Members of the public may address the City Council (i) on agendaized closed session items of business prior to the City Council going into closed session; (ii) on items of business listed under the heading Public Hearings when the public hearing on the item the speaker wishes to speak on is opened; and/or (iii) on all other items appearing on the Special Meeting agenda. **The City Council shall be under no obligation to entertain comments from persons who (i) submit a speaker card after the City Council closes the applicable commenting period.** With this in mind, speakers are strongly encouraged to submit cards as early as possible to avoid missing the opportunity to speak. Speaker cards should be submitted to the City Clerk or the Sergeant at Arms (a uniformed El Monte Police Officer) before the City Council's approval of the agenda, if possible.

The City Council shall be under no obligation to respond to or deliberate upon any specific questions or comments posed by a speaker or take action on any issue raised by a speaker beyond such action as the City Council may be lawfully authorized to take on an agendaized matter pursuant to the Brown Act (Govt. Code Section 54950 et seq.) ("Brown Act") Members of the City Council may provide brief clarifying responses to any comment made or questions posed. Persons who wish to address the City Council are

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asked to state their name and address for the record. *Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons.* All comments or queries presented by a speaker shall be addressed to the City Council as a body and not to any specific member thereof. No questions shall be posed to any member of the City Council except through the presiding official of the meeting, the Mayor and/or Chair. The City Council may not engage in any sort of prolonged discussion or deliberation with any speaker or group of speakers on matters that are not listed on this agenda, nor may the City Council take action on any non-agendized items of business, except as specifically authorized under the Brown Act.

Enforcement of Decorum: The Chief of Police, or such member, or members of the Police Department as the Chief of Police may designate, shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of any City Council meeting. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957.95 as adopted under SB 1000, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding official for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the meeting. While members of the public are free to level criticism of City policies and the action(s) or proposed action(s) of the City Council or its members, members of the public may not engage in behavior that is disruptive to the orderly conduct of the proceedings, including, but not limited to, conduct that prevents other members of the public from being heard when it is their opportunity to speak or which prevents members of the audience from hearing or seeing the proceedings; speaking off topic or speaking beyond the speakers allotted time limit. Members of the public may not threaten any person with physical harm or act in a manner that may reasonably be interpreted as an imminent threat of physical harm. All persons participating in the meeting must adhere to the City's policy barring harassment based upon a person's race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor/Chair
Martin Herrera, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member
Marisol Cortez, Councilmember/Authority Member
Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember/Authority Member
Alma D. Puente, Councilmember/Authority Member
Richard Rojo, Councilmember/Authority Member
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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:



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4. **INVOCATION:** **City Council**

5. **FLAG SALUTE:** **City Council**

6. **SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDIZED MATTERS ONLY:**

As provided under **Government Code Section 54954.3**, this time has been set aside for persons in the audience to provide comment or make inquiries on matters appearing on this **Special Meeting agenda only**. Although no person is required to provide their name and address as a condition to attending a meeting, persons who wish to address the body are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) continuous minutes. Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons. All comments or queries presented by a speaker shall be addressed to the body as a whole and not to any specific member thereof. No questions shall be posed to any member of the body except through the presiding official of the meeting, members of the body are under no obligation to respond to questions posed by speakers but may provide brief clarifying responses to any comment made or questions posed. The body may not engage in any sort of prolonged discussion or deliberation with any speaker or group of speakers on matters that are not listed on this Special Meeting agenda.

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7. REGULAR AGENDA:

7.1 Discussion and Action Regarding the Appointment of Planning Commissioner.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the appointment of Veronica Alvarez to the El Monte Planning Commission

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A



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8. ADJOURNMENT:

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **September 19, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. This Agenda will be posted on the City's website, www.ci.el-monte.ca.us, and physically posted no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the subject regular meeting. Although it is the City's practice and desire to electronically post a copy of this Agenda along with supporting material as part of its website posting, the size or formatting of certain supporting materials may render their website posting infeasible. Nevertheless, all supporting materials related to any item on this Agenda, that is made available to the members of the council may be inspected by members of the public at the City Clerk's Office located at 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 626-580-2016.

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Posted: September 3, 2023 at 1:25 p.m.





CITY OF EL MONTE

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

CITY COUNCIL CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

August 31, 2023

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of El Monte
11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, CA 91731

Dear Mayor and City Council:

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSIONER

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the appointment of one (1) new member to the Planning Commission:

MEMBER: Veronica Alvarez

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On December 1, 2015, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2870 which amended portions of Chapter 2.24 (City Planning Commission) and Chapter 2.25 (City Commissions/Non-Planning) of the El Monte Municipal Code to:

- Conform commissioner adoption procedures with Government Code Section 40605;
- Provide for the removal of members for any reason (with or without cause) of City boards, commissions, and committees by a majority of the entire membership of the City Council (i.e. no less than three votes); and
- Limit the overall membership of members of City boards, commissions, and committees to eight (8) consecutive years on the same City board, commission, and committee. Sitting commissioners are deemed to be at the start of their first four-year term upon the effective date of the ordinance and prior time on the council will not count toward the 8-year maximum.

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With this action, on December 1, 2015, a related Resolution authorized the increase of the current stipend paid to City Planning Commissioners from \$50 per meeting to \$75 per meeting. The increase would not take effect until January 1, 2016.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor has requested that the City Council consider the appointment of Veronica Alvarez to the El Monte Planning Commissioner.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the City Council engage in a discussion and take the action regarding the appointment of a new Planning Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMA MARTINEZ
City Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Griselda Contreras', written over the printed name and title of the Chief Deputy City Clerk.

GRISELDA CONTRERAS
Chief Deputy City Clerk

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
PRESENTED TO EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL
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<input type="checkbox"/> REFERRED TO
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK