

LOCATION:

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



DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday,
November 7, 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 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution of the El Monte City Council to Formally Dedicate the El Monte Homekey Project Properties in Honor of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Resolution to dedicate the Homekey Project properties in honor of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis;
2. Consider and approve the formal naming of the Homekey Project property at 10038 Valley Boulevard in the City of El Monte as the "Hilda Solis Iris House"; and
3. Consider and approve the formal naming of the Homekey Project property at 10024 Valley Boulevard in the City of El Monte as the "Hilda Solis Rose Court."

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10493



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8. ADJOURNMENT:

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **November 21, 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.

All public meetings and events sponsored or conducted by the City of El Monte are held in sites accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodations may be made by calling the office of the City Clerk at (626) 580-2016 at least three (3) working days prior to the event, if possible. This Agenda and copies of documents distributed at the meeting are available in alternative formats upon request.

Posted: November 6, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.





CITY OF EL MONTE

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023

November 6, 2023

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

Dear Mayor and City Council:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL TO FORMALLY DEDICATE THE EL MONTE HOMEKEY PROJECT PROPERTIES IN HONOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Consider and approve a Resolution to dedicate the Homekey Project properties in honor of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis;
2. Consider and approve the formal naming of the Homekey Project property at 10038 Valley Boulevard in the City of El Monte as the "Hilda Solis Iris House"; and
3. Consider and approve the formal naming of the Homekey Project property at 10024 Valley Boulevard in the City of El Monte as the "Hilda Solis Rose Court."

BACKGROUND

On November 17, 2020, the City of El Monte (the "City") received two (2) grant awards from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the implementation of the Homekey Program. Homekey is the next phase in the State's response to protecting Californians experiencing homelessness who are at a high risk for serious illness and are impacted by COVID-19.

On December 15, 2020, the City acquired the M Motel and Budget Inn located at 10024 and 10038 Valley Boulevard to implement the Homekey Program. As part of the Homekey Program, the motels will provide 133 temporary interim housing units with onsite wrap-around supportive services for the homeless population.

DISCUSSION

The Budget Inn and M Motel were in desperate need of repair and repurposing when the City was presented with an opportunity to purchase them in December 2020. Since the inception of the Homekey Project, Los Angeles Supervisor Hilda Solis has been a champion of the City of El Monte's efforts to develop housing for those in our community who have suffered persistent homelessness. Supervisor Solis has worked with staff to continually meet the fiscal challenges related to the purchase, renovation, and reinvention of two (2) formerly delapidated privately-owned motel properties.

On November 8, 2023, the City of El Monte will conduct a formal ribbon-cutting at the newly renovated property at 10038 Valley Boulevard in the City of El Monte. Staff recommends that the City take this opportunity to formally name the Homekey Project properties in honor of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis in sincere appreciation for her support and advocacy for the completion of this project.

The Honorable Hilda Solis has been a public servant for her entire illustrious career; serving as: Member of the California State Assembly (57th district); Member of the California State Senate (24th district); Member of the California State Senate (24th district); Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from California (31st district (2001–2003), 32nd district (2003–2009)); the 25th United States Secretary of Labor appointed by President Barack Obama; and Member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (1st district).

Supervisor Solis is a long-term resident of the City of El Monte. She is a graduate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona holding a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and the University of Southern California from which she earned a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration.

Staff is seeking City Council approval to formally name the Homekey Project properties in honor of Supervisor Hilda Solis. Staff recommends that the property at 10038 Valley Boulevard be named the "Hilda Solis Iris House" and the property at 10024 Valley Boulevard be named the "Hilda Solis Rose Court."

The iris flower is symbolic of hope. Since January 2022, the El Monte Homekey program has provided 81 unhoused community members with a hopeful future by providing safe housing and supportive services to break down barriers to obtaining permanent housing. Over 50% of the residents have been able to transition from the Homekey site to permanent supportive housing.

The yellow rose is the official City flower. El Monte is the first city in Los Angeles County to undertake a Homekey project. Additionally, through partnerships with affordable housing developers, the City has been a pioneer in providing affordable and homeless housing in the San Gabriel Valley.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed recommendations have no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the City Council formally dedicate the Homekey Project properties in honor of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis for her tireless support to provide safe, transitional housing for unhoused people in our community.

Respectfully submitted,



ALMA K. MARTINEZ
City Manager

DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2023	
PRESENTED TO EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	APPROVED
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENIED
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CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK	

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, FORMALLY DEDICATING THE HOMEKEY PROJECT PROPERTIES IN HONOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2020, the City of El Monte (the "City") received two (2) grant awards from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the implementation of the Homekey Program; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2020, the City acquired the M Motel and Budget Inn located at 10024 and 10038 Valley Boulevard to implement the Homekey Program. As part of the Homekey Program, the motels will provide 133 temporary interim housing units with onsite wrap-around supportive services for the homeless population.; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Homekey Project, Los Angeles Supervisor Hilda Solis has been a champion of the City of El Monte's efforts to develop housing for those in our community who have suffered persistent homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Solis has worked with staff to continually meet the fiscal challenges related to the purchase, renovation, and reinvention of two (2) formerly delapidated privately-owned motel properties; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Hilda Solis has been a public servant for her entire illustrious career; serving as: Member of the California State Assembly (57th district); Member of the California State Senate (24th district); Member of the California State Senate (24th district); Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from California (31st district (2001–2003), 32nd district (2003–2009)); the 25th United States Secretary of Labor appointed by President Barack Obama; and Member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (1st district); and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Solis is a long-term resident of the City of El Monte, and she has represented our City as a staunch advocate to provide funding for services and housing for the unhoused in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of El Monte acknowledges the extraordinary political accomplishments of Supervisor Hilda Solis, particularly her representation of the City of El Monte at the county, state and federal levels.

SECTION 2. The City of El Monte wishes to honor Supervisor Solis for her unwavering support provided to the City of El Monte as we endeavor to provide housing and services for the unhoused in our community.

SECTION 3. The City of El Monte wishes to dedicated the Homekey Project properties in honor of Supervisor Hilda Solis by formally naming the property at 10038 Valley Boulevard as the “Hilda Solis Iris House” and the property at 10024 Valley Boulevard as the “Hilda Solis Rose Court.”

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Monte at its concurrent special meeting on this 7th day of November, 2023.

Jessica Ancona, Mayor
City of El Monte

ATTEST:

Gabriel Ramirez, City Clerk
City of El Monte

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF EL MONTE)

I, Gabriel Ramirez, City Clerk of the City of El Monte, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. _____ was passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of El Monte, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk at a concurrent special meeting of said Council held on this 7th day of November 2023, and that said Resolution was adopted by the following votes to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Gabriel Ramirez, City Clerk
City of El Monte