




February 13, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Edward C. Starr, City Manager 

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: February 10 – 13, 2020

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

- According to the Ontario International Airport (ONT) homepage, ONT has been the fastest-growing airport in the United States for two years running, and last year more than 5.5 million passengers (a 9.1% increase over 2018) used the airport – the highest number of air travelers in more than a decade. Passenger volume in 2019 was the highest recorded by ONT since 2008, when approximately 6.2 million passengers used the airport. The airport's record high is 7 million passengers, set in 2007, just before the onset of the Great Recession. Competing regional airports include Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR – 3 million passengers in 2019), John Wayne Airport (SNA – 10.664 million passengers in 2018) in Santa Ana, and Palm Springs International Airport (PSP – 2.327 million passengers in 2018).



Ontario International Airport (ONT), Ontario, California

Freight shipment out of ONT also increased by 5.1% to more than 760,000 tons, demonstrating the rise in leased space by FedEx, Amazon and UPS. Additional growth in freight is anticipated when FedEx completes its 51-acre hub expansion.

ONT currently has 72 daily departures and nonstop service to 25 destinations. However, a number of airlines, including Delta Airlines, United Airlines, Frontier Airlines and China Airlines are increasing flights and adding destinations, affirming ONT's status as the nation's fastest growing airport. In the past three years, ONT has added China Airlines, Frontier Airlines and JetBlue to their lineup of carriers – and begun nonstop service domestically to New York, Atlanta, Orlando, San Antonio, Austin, Houston and San Francisco; and internationally to Taipei, Taiwan; San Salvador, El Salvador; and Guatemala City, Guatemala. ONT is also the closest airport to 11 million Southern Californians, drawing customers from the Inland Empire, north Orange County and the east San Gabriel Valley portion of Los Angeles County. It is Pasadena and the foothill cities of the east San Gabriel Valley that are targeted for the Gold Line light rail system to Montclair, with a future connection to ONT.

Helping to ensure the airport's continued growth are millions of dollars in investments in restaurants, retail concessions, premium lounges, faster screening and an online pre-book parking reservation program.

In 2016, the City of Ontario and San Bernardino County took over operations from Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) and the City of Los Angeles.

- With mounting opposition from land-use control advocates and cities throughout California, [Senate Bill 50](#) failed to pass the state Senate earlier this month and died on the Floor.

This is the second consecutive year SB 50 was introduced. The bill failed to pass in 2019, and was converted to a 2-year bill. However, SB 50 failed to gain much interest among legislators, and was given a third chance last week by Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins when she pulled the bill out of the Appropriations Committee and moved it to the Rules Committee – a committee she chaired. Senate Pro Tem Atkins then sent the bill directly to the Floor for a vote where, with bipartisan opposition, the bill died. After the bill was defeated, Atkins announced she would meet with stakeholder and introduce new legislation, which could be as early as this session.

As originally proposed, SB 50 would have had the effect of upzoning many single-family neighborhoods to allow for quad-plexes, and created incentives for developers to build apartments and condominiums near transit stations. Additionally, the bill would have waived or greatly reduced local parking requirements and density restrictions for developers and limited local zoning and discretionary planning authority. Several amendments were introduced, however, a number of municipalities continued to oppose the bill because of its infringement on local land use control. The bill's author, State Senator Scott Wiener (D-San

Francisco), argues that local governments exercise “extreme local control” over housing developments, which is impeding the development of housing across the State.

During its two-year cycle the bill was opposed by local government and some affordable housing advocates. Housing affordability groups, for example, opposed the bill because it relied on market-rate housing construction to address the state's reported housing shortage. These groups feared low-income tenants would be vulnerable in high-rent areas and didn't see adequate protections in SB 50. They argued the bill's regulatory structure might do more harm than good in exclusive neighborhoods. A future bill could generate broader support by including requirements for affordable housing. This type of change could, however, endanger pro-business and developer group support.

Local governments opposed SB 50 because, cities argued, it would undermine legitimate General Plan Housing Elements approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. SB 50 proposed treating nearly all cities as bad actors and would override local planning regardless of local efforts to address the housing shortage. Montclair, for example, would be subject to the bill's restriction on, or elimination of, parking requirements despite the fact that the City is pursuing the bill's main objective – the development of high density housing near high quality transit facilities. Additionally, language and objectives of SB 50 were often vague and subject to interpretation because the bill lacked explanatory definitions.

Attempts were made to amend the bill, but these amendments failed to appease opponents. A future version of SB 50 may be introduced, but would need to specify a clear pathway for local agencies to achieve legislative goals for housing in workable ways.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Last Wednesday, San Bernardino County (County) held its Regional Business Summit and State of the County titled *Vision 2020*. The event took place at the Toyota Arena in the City of Ontario.

More than one thousand industry professionals representing more than 300 organizations within the County attended the event. In attendance: Mayor Dutrey; Councilwoman Johnson and Councilwoman Martinez; Planning Commissioners Eaton, Martinez, and Sahagun; and City staff.

*A Power Broker Panel Discussion on Innovation and the Future of the Region* took place prior to the State of the County *Vision 2020* presentation. The market leaders discussed how the County's socio-economic progress has influenced its current business plans and future real estate strategies. The Real Estate panel expressed optimism for economic, residential, and commercial development opportunities in the Inland Empire (IE). Noted strengths of the IE include; a growing population of approximately 4 million people, lower cost of living compared

to Orange and Los Angeles County, an abundant labor force, and lower commute times.

In 2010, the County Board of Supervisors engaged its residents, businesses, non–profits, and other agencies in the creation of a *Countywide Vision*. The *Countywide Vision* has created a roadmap to guide decision–making; unite residents, businesses, and municipalities; and establish a future of opportunities and advantages. The State of the County theme, Vision 2020, highlights a few of the success stories of the *Countywide Vision*.

The *Vision 2020* video presentation highlights business innovators, places, and people who influence the next decade. In the video, community and business leaders share their thoughts on workforce training, transportation, and innovation among other topics. A recording of the *Vision 2020* video presentation is available via the following link: <https://youtu.be/Ae6uRZ4eP4c>.



Mayor John Javier Dutrey, on the left, with a Montclair Place Leasing staff member.

- Last week, the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC) held its third meeting inside the Senior Center. Nearly 15 attendees participated in the meeting. In attendance were Mayor Dutrey, Councilwoman Johnson, City staff, Montclair Chamber of Commerce staff, Ontario Montclair School District staff, and Montclair residents volunteering as Community Ambassadors.

The CCC is led by Census 2020 representative, Renay Mehta. Ms. Mehta provides *Census 101: What, Why, & When* training and community outreach support to the CCC.

The following Census 2020 CCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm inside the Theater Room (entrance at the West Wing of the Montclair Library.) For more information, please contact Thailin Martin at [tmartin@cityofmontclair.org](mailto:tmartin@cityofmontclair.org)



## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- On Saturday, February 8, 2020, the Montclair Community Garden was joined by over 30 volunteers from around the community and students from Montclair High School's UNICEF Club. The volunteers worked together on various garden beautification projects throughout the morning. The final project of the day was a rock-painting activity to celebrate and bring awareness to American Heart Health, observed in the month of February. The volunteers formed a large awareness ribbon in the shape of heart with rocks and painted them bright red in honor of the health observance. Thank you to all of our garden volunteers!



- The Montclair After-School Program (MAP) will host its 2nd annual Masters of Montclair Art Show and 2nd Trimester Awards on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. Themed “A Taste of Art,” the show will include an unveiling of each student’s masterpiece. For the past month, students from each of MAP’s 12 school sites have been exploring artistic methods from world-renowned artists, along with their masterpieces and techniques. Students participated in hands on activities examining these artists and in the process created their own work of art! All are invited to come and enjoy “A Taste of Art” with the MAP Masters of Art.

A flyer is shared on Page 9.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- During the month of February, the Montclair Fire Department will be training on elevated master streams. Elevated master streams are used when fighting fires defensively. The fire engine can flow up to 2000 gallons of water per minute.





# The month of February

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event &amp; Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mon. <b>17</b>	<b>Presidents' Day – <u>City Offices Closed</u></b>	
Tues. <b>18</b>	<b>Real Estate Committee — Cancelled</b>	
Tues. <b>18</b>	<b>Code Enforcement Committee — Cancelled</b>	
Tues. <b>18</b>	<b>Council Workshop — Community Survey Results</b> Council Chambers	5:45 p.m.
Tues. <b>18</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Weds. <b>19</b>	<b>FY 2019–20 Midyear Budget Review</b> Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
Thurs. <b>20</b>	<b>Public Works Committee Meeting</b> City Manager's Conference Room	4:00 p.m.
Tues. <b>25</b>	<b>Community Meeting — Streetscape Design Arrow Highway &amp; Fremont</b> Senior Center	6:00 p.m.
Weds. <b>26</b>	<b>General Plan Workshop (Council &amp; Planning Commission)</b> Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.





**AN ART SHOW  
PRESENTED**

**BY:**



**Thursday, February 27, 2020**

**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Montclair Senior Center**

**5111 Benito St. Montclair, CA 91763**

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