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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2023

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

- **2022 California Affordable Housing Needs Report**

The [California Housing Partnership](https://chpc.net/resources/california-affordable-housing-needs-report-2022/)¹ has released a report on the state's affordable housing shortage and investments in housing production. Over the past three years, the [California-Affordable-Housing-Needs-Report-2022](https://chpc.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/California-Affordable-Housing-Needs-Report-2022.pdf)² demonstrates that California has more than doubled its production of new affordable homes. However, despite this progress, the state is funding only 16% of the total number of affordable homes needed to meet its housing goals.

The report finds that half of California's six million renter households are low-income, making at or below 80% of area median incomes (AMI). One million of these renter households are extremely low-income (ELI), making at or below 30% of AMI. The average asking rent in California has increased by 11% since last year, but wages are not keeping pace. A renter would need to earn \$42.46 per hour to afford the average asking market-rate rent for a two-bedroom apartment—nearly three times the state's minimum wage of \$15 per hour.

Even in below-market-rate homes, many low-income renters face cost burdens: a renter must earn \$19.50 an hour to afford the rent for a two-bedroom apartment set at HUD's state rent limits for households earning 50% of AMI. Unfortunately, the median wages for many occupations—including farmworkers and laborers, home health and personal care aids, childcare workers, retail salespeople, and janitors and cleaners—fall below that threshold.

Although California has made significant commitments to address the affordable housing shortage, the state's progress falls short of what is needed to secure affordable homes for all California renters. The number of new affordable homes funded through the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program and state funding programs increased from an estimated 7,177 in 2019 to an estimated 19,304 in 2021. Despite this growth, the number of homes funded in 2021 was only a small fraction of the annual production goal of an estimated 119,287 homes.

¹ <https://chpc.net/resources/california-affordable-housing-needs-report-2022/>

² <https://chpc.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/California-Affordable-Housing-Needs-Report-2022.pdf>

The report highlights a significant contrast between state resources for renters and homeowners. While approximately 99% of state homeowner resources come from permanent sources, only an estimated 10% of state renter resources are permanently funded. One-time funding sources—including the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, remaining balances of several voter-approved bonds, discretionary Cap and Trade auction revenues, and annual budget allocations—account for approximately 90% of the state’s \$4.884 billion in renter resources in fiscal year (FY) 2021-22. Meanwhile, virtually all the state’s homeownership resources—which cost \$5.748 billion in FY 2021-22—are permanently funded.

The report highlights the dwindling supply of California’s “naturally-occurring affordable housing”—cheap apartments, of which an estimated 864,000 remain in the state. The report estimates that:

- Approximately 38% of “naturally-occurring affordable housing” units are currently at-risk of becoming unaffordable, either due to rental increases or acquisition and redevelopment.
- Areas of the state with the highest share of affordable housing stock at risk are in the fastest-growing regions: the Inland Empire, the southern Central Valley, and Sacramento.

A 2021 report from the [consulting firm McKinsey & Company](#)³ claimed these unsubsidized cheap rentals, rented “predominantly” by low-income people, make up “the lion’s share of affordable housing units” across the country.

Montclair hosts a significant number of “naturally-occurring affordable housing” units that are primarily in private hands, and maintaining these products is central to the City’s efforts to expand its affordable housing program. The Montclair Economic Development Agency is working with federal partners to generate funds to acquire and manage additional affordable housing units. In addition, it will work with State Legislators to develop funding sources to develop assistance programs for renovating and maintaining the City’s base of “naturally occurring affordable housing.”

Before releasing the [California-Affordable-Housing-Needs-Report-2022](#),² the California Housing Partnership and its partnering agency, Housing California, published [Roadmap Home 2030](#)⁴ to create structural change in how California addresses housing and homelessness over the balance of the decade.

Roadmap Home 2030 established a vision that California could end homelessness, create affordable homes for those who need them the most, ensure that Californians can stay in their homes, and advance racial equity and economic inclusion. Roadmap Home 2030 outlines four primary goals:

1. Create 1.2 million new affordable homes for low-income Californians, including those experiencing homelessness.

³ <https://tinyurl.com/3h2jmxkt>

⁴ <https://roadmaphome2030.org/>

2. Protect 1 million low-income renter households from losing their homes, including more than 300,000 who face eviction yearly.
3. End homelessness for more than 150,000 Californians who are unhoused every night and over 400,000 who are unhoused throughout the year.
4. Close racial equity gaps in housing and homelessness.

The following core principles guided the development of Roadmap Home 2030:

- Reversing historical discrimination in housing policy by advancing equity.
- Approaching housing as a human right.
- Creating a path to affordable homeownership opportunities for those historically marginalized.
- Incorporating affordable housing opportunities in resource-rich neighborhoods.
- Ensuring that there are homes for all—including middle-income Californians.
- Advocating for federal funding and legislation to complement state efforts.

Roadmap Home 2030 also establishes 12 policy priorities to urge California state legislators to prioritize housing in 2023, including the following:

1. Initiate a statewide housing bond to fund additional affordable housing for low-income families and people experiencing homelessness.
2. Fund the conversion of commercial and rental properties of low-income households into affordable homes. Provide tenants and affordable housing organizations the first right of offer on rental homes that are converted for sale.
3. Shift savings from planned and future state prison closures to fund housing and services for formerly incarcerated Californians experiencing homelessness.
4. Make the \$500 million expansion of the state Low-Income Housing Tax Credit permanent.
5. Build on the [Bring CA Home](https://bringcahome.org/)⁵ mission to end homelessness by making available affordable housing — over 171,000 Californians experience homelessness at any point in time, and an estimated two times that number may experience homelessness during the course of a year — by permanently funding a flexible range of homelessness solutions, including rental assistance, interim housing, and permanent housing and services. Bring CA Home proposes doing this by capturing \$2.4 billion per year lost through corporate tax loopholes.
6. Lower the supermajority approval threshold required for housing ballot measures to 55% (the same requirement for educational facilities), generating approximately \$3 billion in local revenue over the coming decade.

⁵ <https://bringcahome.org/>

7. End exclusionary and racially discriminatory zoning by holding local governments accountable for implementing current land use laws and allowing increases in building height and density for mixed-income and affordable housing developments.
8. Allow new apartment and condominium developments to be built in commercial and mixed-use zones.
9. Speed up affordable housing production and eliminate inequitable misuse of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by exempting new housing developments, including Project Homekey hotel conversions, that are 100% affordable to low-income households.
10. Provide ongoing eviction protections and assistance to renters by creating a standing state of emergency Renter and Small Landlord Resiliency Emergency Program that launches upon declaration of a crisis.
11. Increase the speed and efficiency of the delivery of emergency housing assistance by creating a revolving state fund to bridge the timing of disaster relief.
12. Speed the construction of affordable homes and reduce uncertainty and costs by streamlining the award of state funding for affordable housing developments—currently, four state agencies vet funding applications.

In recent years, the state has acted on several housing-related bills that address many of the policy priorities contained in Roadmap Home 2030. Nonetheless, affordable housing and homelessness remain major societal concerns.

The City's Code Enforcement Unit, in cooperation with other intra-agency partners, including the Economic Development Agency, will continue their partnership to address homelessness and the development of additional affordable housing products in the City.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Montclair promoted the Project Homekey program, partnering with San Bernardino County to house approximately 60 homeless/at-risk individuals and family members. The City will continue partnering with San Bernardino County's homeless task force to provide housing for homeless persons, at-risk individuals, and families.

City staff is also in the final development of proposed revisions to Montclair's inclusionary housing ordinance. To develop a funding base for expanding the City's affordable housing stock by working with private and public partners and state and federal legislators to achieve new housing projects.

City staff's approach is to propose partnerships for new affordable housing projects, including partnerships with agencies that can provide wrap-around services to accommodate the needs of those who are homeless, those who are at risk, and those who require intervention, based on income thresholds, to remain in housing.

- **Congresswomen Norma Torres Presents Community Project Funding for Montclair Police Department Body-Worn Cameras**



From left to right: Council Member Bill Ruh, Police Lieutenant Brian Ventura, Director of Economic Development Agency Mikey Fuentes, Police Chief Robert Avels, Congresswoman Norma Torres, Mayor John Dutrey, Administrative Aide Marci Butler, and Police Captain Jason Reed.

On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, Congresswoman Norma Torres presented to City of Montclair officials a facsimile Community Project Funding check for \$800,000 to acquire body-worn cameras for Montclair Police Department personnel. In 2022, Director of Economic Development Agency Mikey Fuentes, working with Montclair Police Department Administrative Aide Marci Butler, submitted a Community Project Funding application for \$800,000 for body-worn cameras, servers, and other essential equipment. The City was notified of the award in December 2022.

Equipping Police Officers with body-worn cameras is seen as facilitating transparency related to law enforcement procedures. The technology can be mounted on a Police Officer's uniform and offers real-time information when used by Police Officers on patrol or other assignments. The cameras also provide law enforcement with a surveillance tool to promote officer safety and efficiency and prevent crime.

Police agencies identify several advantages related to body-worn cameras:

Advantages of police body-worn cameras

- **Improved transparency**

Body-worn cameras cannot capture everything an officer sees; however, video evidence obtained can help provide a clearer picture of what occurred in an incident, can help clarify complex situations, and remove uncertainty, resulting in better transparency and accountability.

- **Promotes positive community interactions and Complaint Resolution.**

Body-worn cameras may result in higher rates of citizen compliance to officer commands during encounters and fewer complaints against law enforcement. In addition, the video captured may help corroborate the facts of the encounter and result in a quicker resolution.

- **Training opportunities**

Body-worn cameras can present opportunities to advance policing through training. Management can assess officer activities and behavior captured by body-worn cameras. Additionally, body-worn cameras can allow Police personnel to self-evaluate their interactions to find opportunities for improvement.

- **Body-worn cameras are relatively unobtrusive**

Police officers in the field wear a lot of equipment on their person, some of it bulky; however, body-worn cameras are generally small and can be mounted in various locations on a Police Officer's person. Together, the typical camera and battery pack weigh less than a quarter of a pound.

The initial cost of acquiring body-worn cameras and associated equipment can be excessive. However, the funds provided by Congresswoman Torres through the Federal Government's Community Project Funding program will allow the Montclair Police Department to overcome acquisition costs and fully equip the Department's Police personnel with state-of-the-art body-worn cameras and address digital video storage requirements.

Montclair extends its sincerest gratitude to Congresswoman Torres for securing the funding necessary for the City to acquire body-worn cameras for members of the Montclair Police Department.



- **LA Metro Board Affirmed Priority Commitment to Gold Line Completion**

Last week, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency (LA Metro) Board of Directors affirmed their commitment to completing the Foothill Gold Line to Claremont and Montclair as their priority for current or future state funding opportunities, including state greenhouse gas reduction grant funding and state funds that will be made available in the

next two budget cycles as a result of [Senate Bill 198](#)⁶ passing last year.

- [SB-198](#).⁶ Existing law vests the California Transportation Commission with various powers and duties relative to the programming of transportation capital projects and allocation of funds to those projects pursuant to the state transportation improvement program and other transportation funding programs. SB-198 also allows the California Transportation Commission to award and administer funding to local agencies through the Transportation Infrastructure Climate Adaption Strategy Grant Program. In addition, the commission will identify transportation-related climate vulnerabilities by developing climate adaptation plans and identifying ways to incorporate transportation-related climate adaptation needs into existing transportation plans. The law establishes the Local Transportation Infrastructure Climate Adaptation Project Program, administered by the commission, to develop and implement projects adapting local transportation infrastructure to climate change.

The Gold Line Extension to Montclair qualifies as an eligible program because of the positive impacts it would produce for the State's climate adaptation plans, including the following:

- Add an estimated 7,700+ passenger boardings each weekday to the LA Metro transit system in the opening year, representing more than half of the six-station's (Glendora to Montclair) total ridership projections. Gold Line ridership growth is projected to increase steadily in succeeding years.
- Eliminate an estimated 14,900 car trips each day in the opening year, representing 53% of the six-station's total projected reductions in car trips.
- Eliminate 84,500 vehicle miles traveled (VMT) daily, or 46.4 million VMT annually. The Claremont and Montclair, Gold Line stations are projected to account for nearly 60% of the total VMT reduction estimated for the six stations.
- Based on the share of VMT reduction realized by completing the Claremont and Montclair Gold Line stations, the two stations will account for a projected reduction of 1.75 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e) over the life of the project — eliminating 77,000 lbs. of reactive organic gas (ROG), 357,000 lbs. of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), 12,000 lbs. of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), and 23,000 lbs. of diesel in one of the smoggiest regions in the United States.
- Provide a sustainable, zero-emission alternative to the 2.8 million vehicle trips every day that start, end, or travel between the Foothill Gold Line cities and Western San Bernardino County—**only 3 percent of those trips are currently made by transit.**

The Metro Board's decision follows the Gold Line extension project's recent unsuccessful \$798 million Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant request to the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA).

⁶ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB198&showamends=false

The LA Metro board directed the agency's staff to advocate for full funding of SB-198 and seek other opportunities to help fill the project's funding gap in LA County. The portion of the project in San Bernardino County is funded with approximately \$80 million through the San Bernardino County Transportation Agency (SBCTA).

Metro and Foothill Gold Line Board Member, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval, Metro Directors, and Los Angeles County Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis led the board action. Metro Chair and Glendale Council Member Ara Najarian also participated in the successful motion.

Members of the public who spoke on behalf of the motion included the following Construction Authority board members and stakeholders: Construction Authority Board Chair and Claremont Mayor Ed Reece; Board Member and La Verne Mayor Tim Hepburn; Board Alternate and Montclair Council Member Bill Ruh; the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership's Director of Public Policy, Nayiri Baghdassarian; and Citrus College's Executive Director of Communications and External Relations, Melissa Utsuki.

Letters of support were sent to the Metro board by Congress Members Judy Chu and Grace Napolitano; a delegation of state officials including State Senators Anthony Portantino and Susan Rubio; Assembly Members Chris Holden, Freddie Rodriguez, and Blanca Rubio; and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Montclair is grateful for the continuing regional effort to support completing the Gold Line Extension to Claremont and Montclair.

- **Windfall Gas Penalty Amendment Proposed by Governor Newsom**

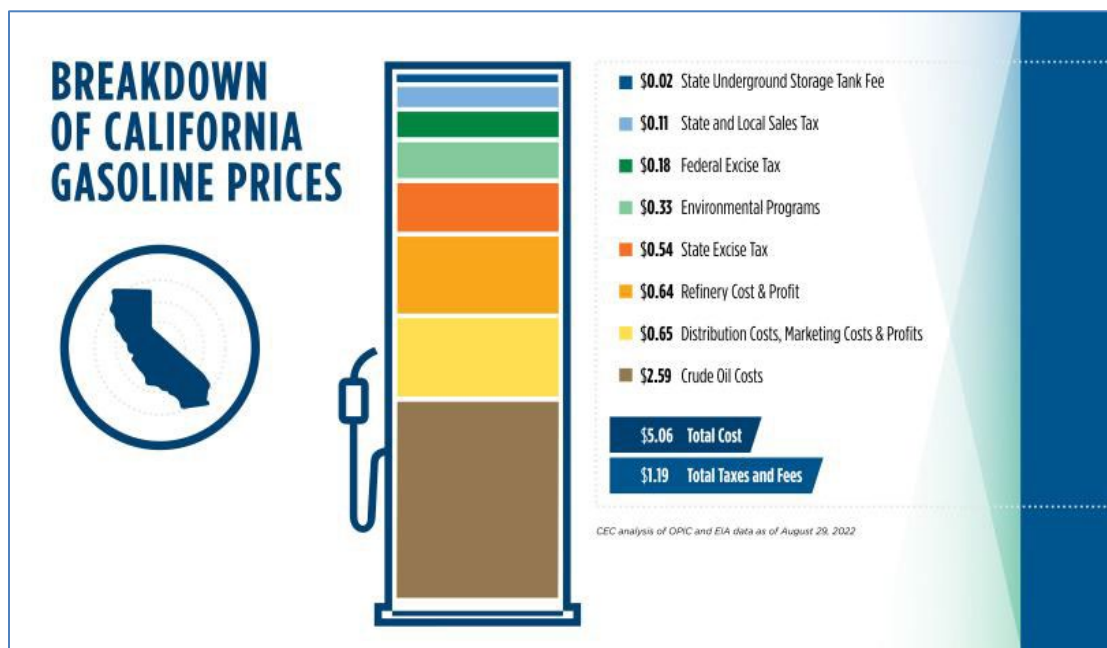
Gas prices in California are consistently higher than the rest of the country, primarily due to a combination of factors as indicated in **Figure 1** below, including taxes, a cleaner fuel blend, an isolated gas refining market, unplanned refinery outages, and external factors including the cost of global crude oil and shifts in supply and demand.

Figure 1



Figure 2 provides a breakdown of cost components based on a gallon of gasoline in California priced at \$5.06 per gallon:

Figure 2



California's transportation fuels market is isolated, meaning that gasoline purchased in California is also refined in the state. Oil refineries and fuel distribution centers are isolated by time and distance from alternative sources that may be needed to resupply the state during planned and unplanned refinery outages. Still, the state's market is nearly self-sufficient—imported gasoline and blending components account for only 3 to 7 percent of the supply. Supplies of gasoline and diesel fuel from outside the state are not routinely needed to balance supply with demand.

Pipelines connect the state's refining centers to distribution terminals in Nevada and Arizona, but they are used only to send gasoline and other transportation fuels to those states.

Because more than 90 percent of the gasoline consumed in California comes from in-state refineries, significant planned and unplanned refinery outages contribute to increases in the price of the pump. The state's 14 oil refineries are in the Bay Area, Central Valley, and Los Angeles. Together, these refineries process more than 1.6 million barrels per day of crude oil. Of the 14 oil refineries, 11 major refineries produce transportation fuels that meet California's specific environmental standards for formulated gasoline, and three smaller ones produce other fuels. The 11 major refineries also provide most of Nevada and nearly half of Arizona's transportation fuels.

Despite California's isolated refinery market, more than two-thirds of the crude oil California's refineries process comes from out of the state, as indicated below:

- 56.2 percent of crude oil was imported from foreign sources.
- 14.9 percent came from Alaska.
- 28.9 percent was produced in California, with a small amount from the other states.

When it comes to consumption, Californians consumed 13.82 billion gallons of finished gasoline in 2021 or 38 million gallons per day. Finished gasoline is base gasoline with ethanol added, blended at 10 percent. The demand for base gasoline without the added ethanol was 12.4 billion gallons in 2021.

Since 2017, California's demand for gasoline has declined due to more people driving electric vehicles and more employees working from home, primarily during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following last year's significant increase in the price of gasoline at the pump, Governor Gavin Newsom, in October 2022, called for a special legislative session to consider a ["windfall profit" tax](#)⁷ on oil companies—profits on West Coast gas operations increased dramatically in April through June 2022 according to an [analysis by Consumer Watchdog](#).⁸

According to consumer advocates, a windfall tax isn't likely to raise or lower gas prices, but it would be difficult to establish a threshold for implementation, with policymakers forced to decide exactly how much profit constitutes a windfall.

The logic behind windfall profit taxes is to tax a company at a higher rate when they're making giant profits—a "windfall"—for some reason, not necessarily of their own making.

Gasoline prices have dropped since last year, along with the political momentum in the State Legislature to address windfall profits, causing Governor Newsom to drop his legislative proposal in favor of an alternative plan designed to pursue a similar aim through penalties and regulations.

Governor Newsom's revised plan put forward an amended bill that would create a watchdog division within the California Energy Commission to allow industry experts to investigate alleged price gouging by the oil industry and authorize the commission to set, through its rule-making process, a threshold above which profits would be penalized.

On Tuesday, March 28, 2023, after he championed fighting alleged price gouging by California oil companies, [Senate Bill X1-2](#)⁹ cleared both houses of the State Legislature in less than a week, and Governor Newsom signed the bill into law.

[Senate Bill X1-2](#)⁹ does not directly penalize the oil industry; instead, it requires new regulations and an inquiry by the [California Energy Commission](#)¹⁰ to investigate and potentially cap oil industry profits before any fines would be imposed and requires oil companies to regularly report information on factors that can contribute to massive price spikes such as maintenance schedules, inventory, and import and export levels. The new law also erects specific guardrails designed to prevent penalties from being passed to consumers through increases at the pump—effectively, the Energy Commission can impose a penalty through a public rule-making process only if it determines doing so wouldn't cause undue harm to consumers. Furthermore, the law requires the State Auditor to investigate any penalty by 2033. If the

⁷ <https://calmatters.org/politics/2022/10/newsom-gas-rebate-special-session/>

⁸ <https://consumerwatchdog.org/energy/cas-big-5-oil-refiner-profits-top-26-billion-1-gallon-watchdog-make-case-profits-disclosure/>

⁹ https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320241SB2

¹⁰ <https://www.energy.ca.gov/>

penalty is not meeting the goal of reducing price spikes, the Energy Commission would be required to terminate the penalty.

A watchdog division within the Energy Commission, managed by an independent director appointed by the governor, is granted subpoena power as it conducts investigations. Suspected price gouging would be reported to the attorney general's office for prosecution. It could, however, be years before any new regulations are adopted, if the Energy Commission pursues a rule at all.

The Western States Petroleum Association, representing the oil industry in California, has criticized the bill, arguing it would likely lead to less investment, less supply, and higher costs.

- **California Drought Status**

For the first time in nearly three years, approximately 70% of California is free of drought and "abnormally dry" conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor; every week hereafter, California is expected to move further away from drought-stricken conditions.

California's Department of Water Resources affirms that after several months of near-continuous rain and snow, many of California's drought-depleted reservoirs are now filled with water. The statewide improvement has allowed Governor Gavin Newsom to lift several emergency drought measures, signaling a near end to the three-year drought and allowing the Department of Water Resources to boost supplies for water agencies serving more than 27 million residents.

Of the Governor's 81 emergency drought provisions, 32 will remain, including measures to streamline groundwater recharge and help provide drinking water for communities that rely on over-drafted aquifers. Wasteful water practices will also remain banned, including using potable water to wash driveways, irrigating non-functional lawns, and using hoses without automatic shutoff nozzles.

Governor Newsom's lifting of drought measures revoked the state's call for voluntary conservation measures and also revoked requirements for local water agencies to enforce conservation measures. The Department of Water Resources also said it now expects to deliver 75% of requested water through the State Water Project, up from 35% announced last month. The last time state water allocations reached 75% was in 2017. Agencies with their own storage facilities can also expect extra water, primarily in Kern County and Southern California's Metropolitan Water District (MWD). The state and MWD are releasing water from Lake Oroville to make room for spring snowmelt and expect to fill the San Luis reservoir for farm irrigation in the San Joaquin Valley.

In stopping short of declaring the drought over, Governor Newsom stated that some parts of his emergency order would remain vital to replenishing underground aquifers and preparing for future dry periods. Therefore, the state will maintain provisions of the executive order to allow for the fast-tracking of groundwater replenishment projects and stormwater capture and recycling programs.

A series of 12 atmospheric river storms reversed California's drought conditions over three months. As a result, more than half of California's major reservoirs are at least 70% filled,

according to state water officials. In addition, soil moisture has recovered, Southern California lifted its water restrictions to nearly 7 million residents, and ecosystems are on track to full water recovery.

The dramatic turnaround has pulled California from a drought that covered most of the Western U.S. and northern Mexico—an area that endured the worst drought in centuries, according to a 2022 study published by Nature Climate Change. Scientists found the direst period in 1,200 years was between 2000 and 2020.

However, just because California's drought is, for the most part, over, the state still has water shortages. Groundwater remains a critical concern, preventing the Governor from officially declaring an end to the drought. During drier months, the state pumps more groundwater found in aquifers below the earth's surface—these underground basins provide up to 60% of the state's water supply during dry years, and today they remain far from full recovery. If water is pumped faster than systems are recharged with rain, water levels drop, and it can take decades to replenish groundwater sources. That means less agricultural water use as the state works to repay its groundwater overdraft during drought conditions. With warm rain in coming weeks projected to melt much of the state's near-record snowpack, California water officials state that the release of water from reservoirs onto already drenched land will allow for percolation into underground basins to help replenish those sources.

Despite improved conditions, State officials continue urging Californians to conserve water. Communities with dry wells from depleted groundwater basins are still experiencing drought impacts, and the Colorado River, a major water source for Southern California, remains in dire condition. Conservation will help the state's aquifers recover and prepare Californians for the hotter summer months that are a corollary of climate change.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• New Employees

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **Manuel Blackbucket**, Maintenance, Leadworker, Public Works
- **Dania Bojorquez Valdez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **William Garcia**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Desiree Mercado**, Police Cadet, Police Department
- **Andrea Monzon**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Amber Orozco**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Margarita Rodriguez**, Housing Specialist, Economic Development Agency
- **Kaitelyn Santillan**, Learning Leader, Human Services

- **Internal Appointments / Promotions**

Congratulations to the following current employees who have been internally promoted or appointed to new positions:

- **Julio Guzman**, Customer Services Representative/Office Specialist, Finance Department
- **Andrea Myrick**, City Clerk/Human Resources Manager, Administrative Services
- **Rayza Virgen-Estrada**, Police Dispatcher, Police Department

- **Employees Whose Service to the City Has Ended**

The City would like to thank the following individuals who have concluded their service with the City of Montclair:

- **Jacob Chapman**, Firefighter (Paramedic), Fire Department
- **Celeste Dunlap**, Senior Citizens Supervisor, Human Services
- **Anthony Flores**, Maintenance Worker, Public Works
- **Jaelynne Gomez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Omar Mendez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Tiffany Ramos**, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Billie Salazar**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Tamara Ward**, Learning Leader, Human Services

- **Montclair Job Opportunities**

The City is hiring qualified individuals to fill the following positions:

Continuous Recruitments

Applications are continuously accepted and reviewed for the following positions on an ongoing basis:

- Fire Engineer
- Firefighter (Paramedic) (Entry-Level/Lateral)
- Senior Police Dispatcher (Lateral)
- Police Dispatcher (Entry-Level)
- Police Officer (Entry-Level/Lateral)
- Reserve Police Officer Level II and I
- Police Cadet
- Recreation Leader
- Senior Recreation Leader

- Learning Leader
- Senior Learning Leader
- Substitute Learning Leader

Upcoming Recruitments

- Community Services Supervisor – Human Services

For an up-to-date listing of all job opportunities available at the City of Montclair or to apply for a job, please visit the Employment Opportunities page on the City's website at <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/employment-opportunities/>.

You can now apply for most City of Montclair positions online through **GovernmentJobs.com!** Please visit our careers page at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofmontclair> to view active openings.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- **2023 City of Ontario State of the City: *Premier Community of the Inland Empire***

Last Wednesday, Director of Economic Development Agency Mikey Fuentes and Economic Services and Housing Manager Thailin L. Martin attended the City of Ontario's 2023 *State of the City (Ontario) Business Address*. The City of Ontario Mayor Paul S. Leon and the City Council hosted nearly 700 business leaders from various business, development, real estate, education, and non-profit agencies. The event took place at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario.



From left to right: Economic Services and Housing Manager Thailin Martin, E-Home Real Estate Agent Robert Sanchez, and Director of Economic Development Agency Mikey Fuentes.

The event's theme was *Premier Community of the Inland Empire*. The address included Ontario's success in meeting their resident's needs, efforts engaging a strong economy with an emphasis on downtown mixed-use development projects, the City's collaboration with private partners for extensive downtown revitalizations, and building a robust community in underutilized commercial centers.

A video production highlighted the Ontario Mayor and City Council's approach to investment, safety, innovation, and opportunities for their community. The event's focus provided information on current and future developments in Downtown Ontario, Ontario Ranch, the Arena District, and Adept Development.

After the video presentation, attendees had the opportunity to partake in a networking forum. City staff attended the networking forum with the intent to engage with local developers and real estate representatives for new development or leasing opportunities.

A recording of the City of Ontario's State of the City 2023 *Premier Community of the Inland Empire* address is available via the following link: <https://youtu.be/59lzc7Vv7bU>.

- **Economic Development Monthly Business Newsletter**

The Economic Development Department is pleased to share its monthly business newsletter promoting current and future Montclair businesses and entrepreneurs with resources for growth and expansion. Montclair is at the core of Southern California's economic revival and boasts diverse business sectors, quality housing, and ample recreational amenities that offer residents and businesses a high quality of life.

The E-Newsletter shares business resources and free training offered through our resource partners.

To sign up for the newsletter, go to <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/newsletter/>, and view past editions at <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/economicdevelopmentnewsletter/>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **Blood Drive Hosted by MPD in Partnership with the American Red Cross was a Huge Success!**

On Tuesday, February 28th, the Police Department partnered with the American Red Cross and held a blood drive at the Montclair Senior Center. The blood drive occurred during a time of need for donations due to a blood shortage crisis. Montclair City employees, as well as community members, were invited to participate in the event. The blood drive was a success, resulting in the collection of 23 total units—just two units short of our goal. Special thanks go out to all those who donated from the City and the community, including the PD's Cadets, Public Works, and Human Services personnel who helped facilitate it!

- **Community Member Vincent Duarte Recognized for Heroism**

On May 18, 2022, a violent assault happened to a seventeen-year-old female student walking home from high school. The suspect, a male classmate of hers, had previously shown some interest in developing a relationship beyond general friendship; however, she did not share the same interest.

She was almost home when she reached the corner of Helena Avenue and San Bernardino Street. Unknowingly, the male classmate approached and charged at her from behind with a 13-inch kitchen knife, and she was stabbed several times. While this was occurring, Vincent Duarte was passing by in his vehicle at the stop sign of Helena Avenue and San Bernardino Street.

Without any second thought or regard for his safety, Mr. Duarte exited his vehicle and ran toward the violent assault that was occurring. Mr. Duarte tackled the suspect, kicked the knife out of his hand, and pinned him against a nearby fence, preventing further injury to the victim.

Vincent Duarte's heroic actions saved the victim's life. Therefore, we the Police Department wanted to recognize him for his extraordinary bravery by presenting him with a Citizen's Medal of Valor, and a Valor Award Certificate. The City Council and several local elected representatives also recognized Mr. Duarte for his heroism with Certificates of Recognition at the City Council meeting on February 21st.



From left to right: Field Representative for California State Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, Police Chief Robert Avels, Council Member Bill Ruh, Vincent Duarte, Mayor John Dutrey, Field Representative for U.S. Representative Norma Torres, Council Member Corysa Martinez, and Mayor Pro Tem Tenice Johnson.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Fire Incident Report – March 2, 2023**

On the morning of March 2, 2023, Montclair Fire units responded to a reported fire on 4751 West State Street, a commercial strip mall. Upon arrival, Montclair Medic Engine 152 found a single-story end unit with heavy smoke from two businesses. The fire was deep-seated in a storage area of the warehouse, making access and fire attack difficult. The fire intensity and a roof collapse forced crews into a defensive operation, utilizing large master streams from the exterior until the fire was controlled and crews could transition to an offensive operation. Several Engine Companies entered the fire building using hand lines to extinguish and overhaul the fire. In total, nine fire engines, two fire trucks, and five Battalion Chiefs worked to extinguish the blaze. The coordinated effort saved tens of millions of dollars from property and content loss.

We are grateful for the assistance from the Montclair Police Department, Chino Valley Fire District, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Ontario Fire Department, San Bernardino County Fire Department, Southern California Edison, and Pacific Gas and Electric.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- **Ramona Avenue and Howard Street Roundabout**

On March 26, 2021, the City was notified by the California Department of Transportation that the City's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant for Cycle 10 was successful. The City will receive \$771,100 for the Ramona Avenue and Howard Street Roundabout Project in HSIP funding. The HSIP funding includes \$115,500 for design services and \$655,500 for construction. The estimated construction cost, including a 10% contingency, is \$1,720,000. City staff has contacted Caltrans to obtain additional funding for this project.

On June 20, 2022, the City Council approved a contract with TKE Engineering, Inc. for Engineering Design Services, and the consulting firm has recently completed the design of this project. The roundabout will be approximately 80 feet in diameter and does not require acquiring any right-of-way. However, minor tie-in improvements at the southwest corner need a right of entry.

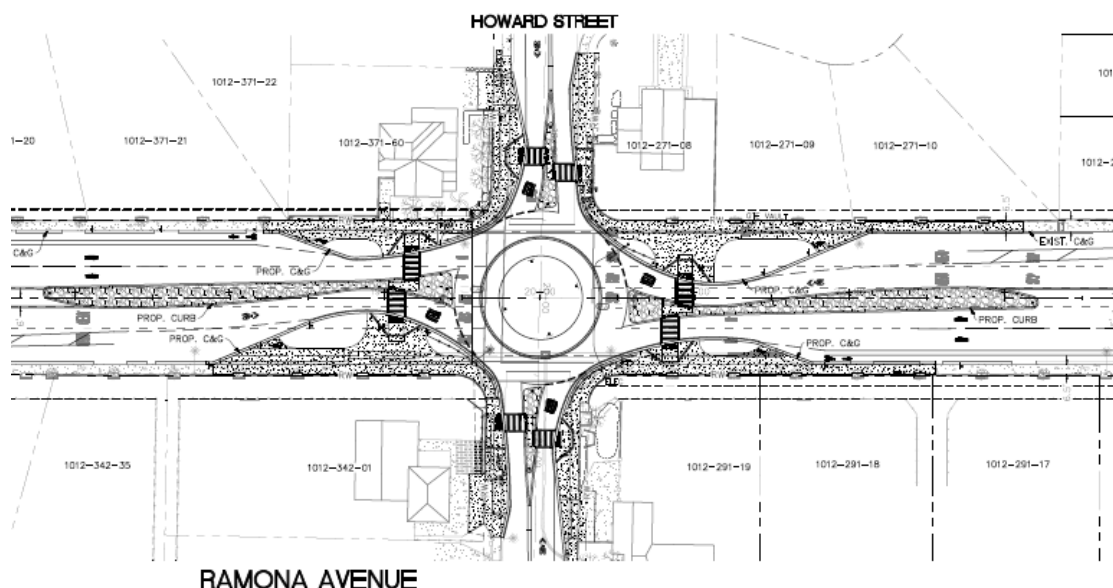
The new roundabout will include an island passageway with brick pavers, a monument sign, wrought iron fencing, grouted rock treatment to medians, drought-tolerant landscaping, an efficient irrigation system, LED street lighting, bi-directional rectangular rapid flashing beacons, new sidewalks, curb and gutter, signing and striping, and a storm drain system. The scope of work also includes the installation of a new sewer manhole and adjusting utility manholes, including sewer, gas, water, and communication systems.

The Ramona and Howard roundabout will contribute to Montclair's continuing emphasis on public safety. Roundabouts are a safer alternative to traffic signals and stop signs, promoting lower speeds and calming traffic. The tight circle of a roundabout forces drivers to slow down and reduces the most severe types of intersection crashes. Additionally, roundabouts improve traffic flow and are better for the environment.

Roundabouts are also more effective during power outages. Unlike traditional signalized intersections, which must be treated as a four-way stop or require police to direct traffic, roundabouts continue to work like normal. And, as the Caltrans Local Roadway Safety Manual (LRSM) states, Roundabouts can "moderate traffic volumes with less delay than all-way stop-controlled intersections and provide fewer conflict points. Additionally, roundabout crashes tend to be less severe because of the speed constraints and elimination of left-turn and right-angle movements."

Furthermore, according to a study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), roundabouts are safer than traditional stop signs or signal-controlled intersections. For example, roundabouts reduced injury crashes by 75 percent at intersections where stop signs or signals were previously used for traffic control. In addition, studies by the IIHS and Federal Highway Administration have shown that roundabouts typically achieve the following:

- a 37% reduction in overall collisions
- a 75% reduction in injury collisions
- a 90% reduction in fatality collisions
- a 40% reduction in pedestrian collisions



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **Save the Date for the Following Upcoming Events!**

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The City of Montclair Parks & Recreation Master Plan is in the final stages of the plan development. The final community park workshop occurred on Tuesday, March 14th, and 28 community members attended. Participants learned about the draft project recommendations and progress and have provided feedback on what amenities they would like to see in Montclair's parks.

Project recommendations will be presented to City Council at a special workshop on Monday, April 3rd, at 5:45 p.m. in the Montclair City Council Chambers.

Easter Eggstravaganza

The City's Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 8th, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Alma Hofman Park.

The Easter Eggstravaganza will have games, activities, inflatables, free candy-filled Easter eggs and treats (while supplies last), and a limited number of prize eggs for children 12 and under. Children are asked to bring their own bags or basket to collect eggs at the event. There will also be an opportunity drawing to win a large Easter basket for children 12 and under sponsored by the Montclair Police Officer's Association and the Montclair Fire Fighter's Association.

Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available at a nominal charge; \$3 per photo or \$1 for participants to take a photo with their own camera. The Women's Club of Montclair will sponsor this, and the picture proceeds will benefit youth and community programs.

A pancake breakfast will include two pancakes, two sausages, and juice for \$5 while supplies last. The Ontario-Montclair Kiwanis Club will sponsor this, and the proceeds from the breakfast will benefit youth programs.

The event is sponsored by the City of Montclair, Ontario-Montclair Kiwanis Club, Women's Club of Montclair, Montclair Police Officers Association, and Montclair Firefighters Association.

For additional information, call (909) 625-9479.

A flyer is included on page 24.

San Bernardino County Tax Filing Assistance

The City of Montclair is partnering with the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department for tax preparation. As a result, tax preparation services will be available by APPOINTMENT ONLY at the Montclair Senior Center (5111 Benito Street, Montclair) from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28th, and Thursday, April 6th.

To schedule an appointment, please call (909) 421-4091 or (909) 421-4093.

Montclair Youth Center Reopening!

We are excited to announce that the Montclair Youth Center will reopen on Monday, April 17, 2023. The Youth Center will be open for those in 7th to 12th grade, and the hours of operation will be 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Join us on Monday, May 29th, at 6:00 p.m. for the Community Activities Commission's 23rd Annual Memorial Day Program. The Program will be held in the Memorial Garden, adjacent to City Hall. More event details will be announced soon.

Country Fair Jamboree

The 9th Annual Country Fair Jamboree will be held on Saturday, June 3, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at Alma Hofman Park. More details will be announced soon.

Any employees interested in volunteering at the Jamboree should contact Recreation Coordinator Emily Gomez-Medina at ext. 482.

- **Masters of Montclair Art Show**

On Thursday, March 2nd, the Montclair After-School Program hosted its third annual Masters of Montclair Art Show and Second Trimester Awards! The theme for this year's show was "Meet the Masters." Mayor John Dutrey and I, along with approximately 400 students and families from 10 schools, attended the event, which included student art displays, instructional art classes for the family, interactive exhibits, opportunity drawings, and more. The event was extraordinary, and the displayed artwork was phenomenal. It was one of the best after-school programs I've attended. For event highlights, please scan the QR code below.



Pictures are included on page 25.

- **Youth and Adult Sports Leagues**

Youth Basketball League – Summer 2023

The Youth Basketball League is back this summer! Registrations will be taken at the Montclair Recreation Center, Monday-Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. beginning Monday, March 27th, through Friday, April 21st.

The league is open to boys and girls born in 2009–2016 or 1st–8th grades.

- Division A – Children born 2009–2010
- Division B – Children born 2011–2012
- Division C – Children born 2013–2014
- Division D – Children born 2015–2016

The league fee is \$40, which includes a jersey and medal. Register as soon as possible, and space is limited!

Games will be played at the Montclair Community Center Gymnasium on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for six weeks ending on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Volunteer coaches are needed for all Divisions.

For more information, please contact (909) 625-9479.

Women's Volleyball League

Congratulations to the Winter 2023 Women's Volleyball League Champions, Volley Heist!



The 2023 Spring Women's Volleyball League registration is ongoing through Friday, March 31st. Registration is taken at the Recreation Center Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- League starts Tuesday, April 4, 2023
- Registration Fees:
 - \$150 for returning teams
 - \$175 for new teams
 - \$50 off when you refer a new team to register
 - \$48 forfeit fee due at the time of registration (refundable at the end of the season)
 - \$17 official fees per term per game

For more information, please call (909) 625-9479.

Men's Basketball League

League registration for Men's Basketball - Spring 2023 is ongoing through Friday, March 31. Register at the Recreation Center Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- League starts Thursday, April 6, 2023
- Registration Fees:
 - \$250 for returning teams
 - \$275 for new teams
 - \$50 off when you refer a new team to register
 - \$100 forfeit fee due at the time of registration (refundable at the end of the season)
 - \$30 official fees per term per game

For more information, please call (909) 625-9479.

• Senior Center Activities

Several events took place this month at the Montclair Senior Center, including the startup of Montclair Walkers, informative presentations, and birthday celebrations.

The Montclair Walkers are back at **Montclair Place**! After being on hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 83 seniors returned to **Montclair Place** on Monday, March 6th, to participate in the Montclair Walkers Program. Montclair Walkers is a FREE exercise program for all ages, sponsored by the City of Montclair and **Montclair Place**. It's a great way to take steps toward staying healthy and making new friends. Join us! Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the upper level near **The Canyon** (5060 E Montclair Plaza Ln). Complete a program application and receive exclusive membership perks! Applications are available on-site with the program attendant or at the Montclair Senior Center. For more information, contact Recreation Coordinator Deondra Gutierrez at (909) 625-9456 or via email at dgutierrez@cityofmontclair.org

The Montclair Senior Center hosted several informative medical presentations during March. On Tuesday, March 21st, Western University of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy students presented tips for medication adherence to 25 seniors. During the presentation, seniors were able to ask questions and were provided with information on how to ask their doctor to promote medication adherence. On Tuesday, March 28th, the City of Hope presented on Colorectal Cancer awareness.

On Wednesday, March 22nd, over 95 seniors celebrated March Birthdays during the Senior Lunch Program. Field Representatives from California Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and County Supervisor Curt Hagman's offices presented Certificates of Recognition to the Senior Birthday Honorees. We had a fun-filled afternoon with delicious food and our first-ever Karaoke experience!

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APRIL 2023		
Day	Event & Location	Time
Mon. 3	Council Workshop — Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update City Council Chambers	5:45 p.m.
	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Weds. 5	Community Activities Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 8	Easter Eggstravaganza Alfa Hofman Park & Community Center	9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Mon. 10	Planning Commission Meeting — CANCELLED	
Mon. 17	Real Estate/Public Safety Committee Theater Conference Room	5:30 p.m.
	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Theater Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
	City Council Meeting — CANCELLED	
Thurs. 20	Public Works Committee Meeting — CANCELLED	
Mon. 24	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

Agendas for meetings include instructions for all participation options and can be viewed on the City's website at least 72 hours before each (regular) meeting at: www.cityofmontclair.org/agendas/.

More event details can be found on the City's website at: <http://www.cityofmontclair.org/events.../community-programs/>, and [.../news/](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/news/).

Easter Eggstravaganza & Pancake Breakfast

Picture with the
EASTER BUNNY!

\$3 photo
\$1 using own camera

**2 PANCAKES,
2 SAUSAGES,
AND 1 JUICE**

\$5 while
supplies
last

FREE

**Candy-Filled Easter
Eggs and Treats**

for children ages 12
and under, while
supplies last.

PRIZE EGGS
and an opportunity
drawing for a
**LARGE EASTER
BASKET**
for children ages
12 and under

**Saturday,
April 8, 2023**

9:00 - 11:00 am

*Weather
permitting*

Alma Hofman Park

5201 Benito St., Montclair

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: (909) 625-9479

IMPORTANT:

Please bring your
own bag or basket to
collect eggs and
treats at the event.

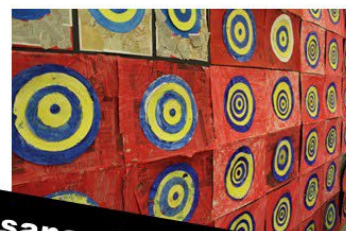
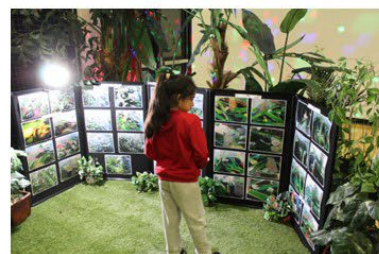
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Student Art Displays



Renaissance Scholar Awards

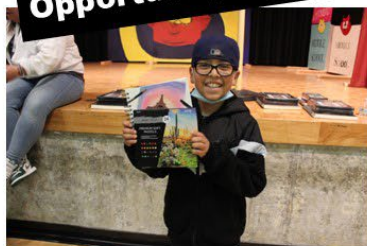


Interactive Exhibits



Family Fun

Opportunity Drawings



Family Art Classes

