

CALL AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Arturo Flores
Mayor

Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez
Vice Mayor

Jonathan A. Sanabria
Council Member

Karina Macias
Council Member



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PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WHILE THE COUNCIL IS IN SESSION. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE--The numerical order of items on this agenda is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order upon request of the Mayor or Members of the City Council. Members of the City Council and the public are reminded that they must preserve order and decorum throughout the Meeting. In that regard, Members of the City Council and the public are advised that any delay or disruption in the proceedings or a refusal to obey the orders of the City Council or the presiding officer constitutes a violation of these rules.

- The conduct of City Council meetings is governed by the portion of the California Government Code commonly known as the "Brown Act" and by the Huntington Park City Council Meeting Rules of Procedure.
- The City Council meeting is for conducting the City's business, and members of the audience must obey the rules of decorum set forth by law. This means that each speaker will be permitted to speak for three minutes to address items that are listed on the City Council agenda or topics which are within the jurisdictional authority of the City.
- No profanity, personal attacks, booing, cheering, applauding or other conduct disruptive to the meeting will be permitted. Any person not adhering to the Rules of Procedure or conduct authorized by the Brown Act may be asked to leave the Council Chambers.
- All comments directed to the City Council or to any member of the City Council must be directed to the Mayor (or Chairperson if Mayor is absent).

We ask that you please respect the business nature of this meeting and the order required for the proceedings conducted in the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

For both open and closed session, each speaker will be limited to three minutes per Huntington Park Municipal Code Section 2-1.207. Time limits may not be shared with other speakers and may not accumulate from one period of public comment to another or from one meeting to another. **This is the only opportunity for public input except for scheduled public hearing items.**

All comments or queries shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any specific member thereof. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action or discussion by the City Council shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except to briefly provide information, ask for clarification, provide direction to staff, or schedule a matter for a future meeting.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Items of business may be added to the agenda upon a motion adopted by a minimum two-thirds vote finding that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the City or Agency subsequent to the agenda being posted. Items may be deleted from the agenda upon the request of staff or Council.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The City of Huntington Park shows replays of City Council Meetings on Local Access Channel 3 and over the Internet at www.hPCA.gov. NOTE: Your attendance at this public

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meeting may result in the recording and broadcast of your image and/or voice.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mayor Arturo Flores
Vice Mayor Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez
Council Member Jonathan A. Sanabria
Council Member Karina Macias

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION(S)

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(a) Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the City Council on items listed on this agenda. For items on this agenda each speaker will be limited to three minutes per Huntington Park Municipal Code Section 2-1.207. Time limits may not be shared with other speakers and may not accumulate from one period of public comment to another or from one meeting to another.

STAFF RESPONSE

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

NONE

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NONE

SPECIAL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

1. CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY – APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Receive presentations from applicants seeking appointment to the vacant City Council seat;
2. At the Council's discretion, discuss the applications and/or ask questions of the applicants; and
3. Consider making an appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat in accordance with Government Code § 36512 and Huntington Park Municipal Code § 2-9.02(a), pursuant to the recent stay issued by the California Court of Appeal.

END OF SPECIAL AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Karina Macias

Council Member Jonathan A. Sanabria

Vice Mayor Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez

Mayor Arturo Flores

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Huntington Park City Council will adjourn the meeting to a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

I, Eduardo Sarmiento, hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted at City of Huntington Park City Hall and made available at www.hpca.gov not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 21st day of April 2025.



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

SPECIAL AGENDA

ITEM 1



CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK

Office of the City Council
City Council Agenda Report

April 23, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Huntington Park
6550 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY – APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

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BACKGROUND

On April 4, 2025, the Los Angeles Superior Court issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) that barred the City Council from taking further action to fill the seat previously held by former Councilmember Esmeralda Castillo.

However, on April 21, 2025, the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division One, issued a temporary stay of enforcement of the April 4 TRO. The stay allows the City of Huntington Park to proceed with the appointment process while appellate proceedings are pending.

This action reaffirms the City's authority to fill the vacancy under the framework of state and municipal law, and it enables the Council to move forward with its commitment to ensure full representation for the residents of Huntington Park.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54956), the statutory minimum notice required for calling a special meeting of the City Council is 24 hours. The City is exceeding this requirement by providing 48 hours' notice, as this special meeting is being officially called and noticed on Monday, April 21, 2025, for a meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time. Proceeding with an appointment avoids the cost of a special election, which has been estimated to exceed \$1 million.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- A. Court of Appeal Temporary Stay Order
- B. City Council Appointment Applications

ATTACHMENT "A"

FILED

Apr 21, 2025

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FRANCIS CALINTOCK, Clerk

Angelica Lopez

Deputy Clerk

SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION ONE

ESMERALDA CASTILLO,

B345510

Plaintiff and Respondent,

(Super. Ct. L.A. County
No. 25STCV05179)

v.

CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, et
al.,

(BARBARA A. MEIERS, Judge)

Defendants and Appellants.

TEMPORARY STAY ORDER

Enforcement of the April 4, 2025 temporary restraining order enjoining appellants from taking further action to fill respondent's seat in Los Angeles Superior Court case No. 25STCV05179, entitled *Esmeralda Castillo v. City of Huntington Park, et al.*, is hereby stayed pending resolution of the above petition or further order of this Court.



ROTHSCHILD, Presiding Justice

ATTACHMENT “B”

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT APPLICATION LIST

1. Blake McCormack
2. Carlos Aragon
3. Carlos Bejarano
4. Carlos Cordova
5. Celia Beatriz Rivas
6. Christopher A. Garcia
7. Cynthia Constanza
8. David Sanchez
9. Diana Garcia
10. Ernie Cortez
11. Frank Angeles
12. Guillermo Flores
13. Horacio Sanchez
14. Jairo Avila
15. Jose Amed Padilla
16. Joshua Escobar
17. Karina Morales
18. Lorena Valenzuela
19. Manuel Martinez
20. Mario S. Rivas
21. Nancy Martiz
22. Raquel Roman
23. Raymond Sanchez
24. Rodolfo Cruz
25. Ruben Cardiel
26. Stephanie Robles

27. Steve Saldana

28. Valentin Palos Amezquita

29. Vincente Cadena

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