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City of Huntington Park Implements Key Governance Reform to Enhance Ethical Oversight and Operational Efficiency

Reforms That Reflect the Community's Call for Honest Leadership and Efficient Service

HUNTINGTON PARK, CA — As part of ongoing efforts to modernize City Hall and restore confidence in local government, the Huntington Park City Council has approved a vital reform to the City Manager's purchasing authority—raising the threshold for requiring Council approval from \$50,000 to \$100,000. For years, that limit had been restricted to \$5,000 before a revision brought it to \$50,000.

This long-overdue update corrects a structural inefficiency that, for too long, pulled the Council into matters better left to professional administration. It re-establishes the line between policy and operations—between the vision set by elected officials and the day-to-day work of those entrusted to carry it out. It is, at its core, a reaffirmation of sound public management.

With this change, the City Manager is empowered to make timely, operational decisions—free from unnecessary delays and undue political interference—while preserving the principles of oversight and transparency. All expenditures will remain fully visible to the Council and subject to review at any time.

“This reform strengthens the hand of good governance,” said Mayor Arturo Flores. “It provides the tools for effective administration while keeping the public’s trust firmly in view. Every dollar remains accountable. Every action remains reviewable.”

This measure is part of a broader commitment to ethical leadership and operational reform at City Hall. As a further demonstration of that commitment, a recent agenda item regarding broadband infrastructure was withdrawn from a Council agenda to allow for further administrative review a routine but necessary step to ensure that staff recommendations meet the highest standard before coming forward for public consideration.

These reforms reflect a renewed pledge to the residents of Huntington Park: that their government will be efficient, transparent, and steadfast in its duty to serve.

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