



CITY OF LA PUENTE

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CITY OF LA PUENTE

PARTICIPACIÓN PÚBLICA EN LAS REUNIONES DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL

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**NOTICE AND CALL OF MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
15900 EAST MAIN STREET, LA PUENTE
AUGUST 19, 2024, 9:00 A.M.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Puente is hereby called to be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in City Council Chambers, 15900 E. Main Street, La Puente, CA 91744. The public will be provided an opportunity to provide public comment on the items listed on the agenda. The business to be discussed is as follows:

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL/AGENCY MEMBERS: Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Munoz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(a), you may only address the City Council/ Successor Agency concerning any item that has been described in the notice for the special meeting. Please complete the Request for Oral Presentation form and submit it to the City Clerk no later than prior to the conclusion of the first speaker's remarks. All speakers are requested to observe the City's Rules of Decorum when addressing the City Council. (LPMC section 2.04.120.)

SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SM-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICES THAT WERE TO BE ELECTED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AND CANCELLING THE CITY'S NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-5894 providing for appointments to the offices that were to be elected on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and cancelling the City's November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election.

SM-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-5872 REQUIRING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR ANY DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS DURING A CAMPAIGN PERIOD AND SUSPENDING THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT, CONSIDER, OR APPROVE INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS OF \$4,000 OR LESS DURING A CAMPAIGN PERIOD (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO/MAYOR QUINONES)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council discuss this item and provide any necessary direction to Staff.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

AVAILABILITY

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the City Council/Successor Agency regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the City Clerk Department at City Hall located at 15900 E. Main Street and the Reference Desk at the Library located at 15920 E. Central during normal business hours. In addition, such writings and documents will be posted on the City's website at <http://www.lapuente.org>.

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MEETING TIMES

Meetings of the City Council shall be adjourned no later than 10:30 p.m., unless a motion to supersede the 10:30 time limit to consider some or all of the remaining items listed on the Agenda, or to consider items which have been added to the Agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950, et seq., is approved by a majority of the members of the City Council. (Ordinance No. 95-727.)

Dated: August 15, 2024

_____/s/_____
Gabriel Quinones, Mayor

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF LA PUENTE)

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Martha Torres, City Clerk for the City of La Puente, hereby certify that a copy of the Notice and Call of a Special Meeting of the La Puente City Council, to be held on August 19, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m., was posted in accordance with all applicable laws and provided not less than twenty-four hours before the time of the meeting to the following:

Mayor/Chair Gabriel Quinones
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Charlie Klinakis
Council/Board Member David E. Argudo

Council/Board Member Nadia Mendoza
Council/Board Member Valerie Munoz

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 15th day of August, 2024.

_____/s/_____
Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



City of La Puente AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor and City Council For meeting of: August 19, 2024

From: Bob Lindsey, City Manager

By: Martha Torres, MPA, City Clerk

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICES THAT WERE TO BE ELECTED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AND CANCELLING THE CITY'S NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on June 11, 2024, the City Council adopted resolutions pertaining to the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election, including calling for the holding of a general municipal election and requesting that the County consolidate the election with the Statewide general election.

The nomination period began on July 15, 2024, and ended on August 9, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. for the offices of three (3) members of the City Council for full terms of four (4) years. As of the close of the nomination period on August 9, 2024, there were not more candidates than offices to be elected. The persons so nominated for City Council are:

David E. Argudo
Nadia Mendoza
Gabriel Quiñones

Pursuant to § 10229 of the California Elections Code, if in the case of any offices or offices to be elected at large, the number of persons who have been nominated for those offices does not exceed the number to be filled at that election, the City Elections Official shall submit a certificate of these facts to the governing body of the City and inform the governing body of the City that it may, at a regular or special meeting, may make appointments or direct an election to be held.

The required Certificate that there are not more candidates than offices to be elected was presented to the City Council at the August 13, 2024, City Council meeting, and the notice was published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune on August 13, 2024. After the fifth day following the date of publication, the City Council may make the appointments or direct an election to be held.

DISCUSSION

The City Council may now adopt one of the following courses of action:

- (1) Appoint to the offices the person(s) who have been nominated.
- (2) Hold the election.

The person(s) appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office. Appointments must be made no later than the 75th day before the election, or August 22, 2024.

If, by the 75th day before the municipal election no person has been appointed to the office(s) pursuant to (1) or (2) above, the election shall be held.

If the City Council makes an appointment pursuant to § 10229, Elections Code, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy which is submitted after the appointment is made.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election, is currently budgeted within the City's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Cancellation of the November 5, 2024, election would result in savings of approximately \$75,000.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-5894 providing for appointments to the offices that were to be elected on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and cancelling the City's November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment "A": Resolution No. 24-5894

RESOLUTION NO. 24-5894

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICES THAT WERE TO BE ELECTED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AND CANCELLING THE CITY'S NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, as of the close of the nomination period on November 5, 2024, there are not more candidates than offices to be elected and that § 10229 of the Elections Code allows one of the following courses of action to be taken by the City Council:

1. Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated.
2. Appoint to the office any eligible elector if no one has been nominated.
3. Hold the election if either no one or only one person has been nominated.

WHEREAS, only three candidates were nominated for the three City Council seats to be filled at the November 5, 2024 election; therefore, the City Council may take action pursuant to No. 1 or No. 3 above; and

WHEREAS, a notice of the foregoing facts was published on August 13, 2024 in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to law; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2024, the City Clerk submitted a written certification to the City Council providing that there were not more candidates than offices to be elected for City Council at the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to § 10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the following action is being taken:

The following person(s) is/are being appointed to the office(s) to which he/she/they were nominated, and is/are considered to be the same as being elected, pursuant to § 10229(a)(3) of the Elections Code:

Name	Office	Term
David E. Argudo	Council Member	4 years
Nadia Mendoza	Council Member	4 years
Gabriel Quiñones	Council Member	4 years

SECTION 3. The City of La Puente’s General Municipal Election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, is now canceled.

SECTION 4. The person(s) appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy for the office of City Council which may be submitted after the appointment is made.

SECTION 6. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, sections, words or parts thereof of the Resolution or their applicability to other persons or circumstances.

SECTION 7. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBER:
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBER:
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBER:
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBER:

Gabriel Quiñones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Martha Torres, MPA, City Clerk



City of La Puente AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor and City Council

For meeting of: August 19, 2024

From: Bob Lindsey, City Manager

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-5872 REQUIRING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR ANY DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS DURING A CAMPAIGN PERIOD AND SUSPENDING THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT, CONSIDER, OR APPROVE INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS OF \$4,000 OR LESS DURING A CAMPAIGN PERIOD (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO/MAYOR QUINONES)

BACKGROUND

On May 10, 2022, the City Council adopted a policy to allow for the expenditures of funds allocated to the City Council for community needs up to \$4,000 by individual Council Members, with the understanding that all expenditures are communicated to the City Manager, adhere to state and federal guidelines, and are reported in the warrant register. In addition, any requests for funds allocated to the City Council for community needs above \$4,000 shall be added to the City Council agenda with the request presented to the City Council for consideration and approval, adhered to state and federal guidelines, and are reported in the warrant register. These funds have been utilized for public use and/or programs that benefit the public and the community.

At the June 11, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-5872 requiring City Council approval for any disbursement of funds allocated to the City Council for Community needs during a campaign period and suspending the City Manager's authority to accept, consider, or approve individual Council Members requests for the disbursement of funds allocated to the City Council for Community needs of \$4,000 or less during a campaign period.

DISCUSSION

The 2024 campaign period commenced on July 15, 2024, and would end on November 6, 2024. As of the close of the 2024 nomination period on August 9, 2024, there were not more candidates than offices to be elected. At the August 19, 2024, Special City Council meeting, the City Council will consider Resolution No. 24-5894 providing for appointments to the offices that were to be elected on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and cancelling the City's November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election.

Due to the potential adoption of Resolution No. 24-5894, Council Member Argudo and Mayor Quinones have requested discussion regarding individual Council Members requests for the disbursement of funds allocated to the City Council for Community needs of \$4,000 or less.

AGENDA ITEM NO. SM-2

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council discuss this item and provide any necessary direction to Staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment "A": Resolution No. 24-5872

RESOLUTION NO. 24-5872

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, REQUIRING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR ANY DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS DURING A CAMPAIGN PERIOD AND SUSPENDING THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT, CONSIDER OR APPROVE INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS OF \$4,000 OR LESS DURING A CAMPAIGN PERIOD

WHEREAS, the City Council is a steward of public funds, seeks to remain impartial and avoid the appearance of impropriety in its use of funds allocated to the City Council for community needs and safeguard the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, the City Council adopted a policy to allow for the expenditure of funds allocated to the City Council for community needs, up to \$4,000, by individual Council Members, with all expenditures communicated to the City Manager, adhered to state and federal guidelines, and reported in the warrant register; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, the City Council also adopted a policy where any requests above \$4,000 shall be an agenda item at a duly noticed City Council meeting, with the request presented to the City Council for consideration and potential approval, adhered to state and federal guidelines, and are reported in the warrant register; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now seeks to impose reasonable restrictions on the current use of funds allocated to the City Council for community needs by individual Council Members that fall below the \$4,000 threshold during a Campaign Period as defined under Section 2 of this Resolution, below; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Campaign Period commences on July 15, 2024, and ends on November 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to not limit the complete use of funds allocated to the City Council for community needs recognizing the benefit of these funds provide to the community and instead direct any request for these funds, in any amount, during the Campaign Period, be presented to the City Council for consideration and potential approval during a Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. For purposes of this Resolution the capitalized term "Campaign Period" means a period of time commencing from the date candidate(s) for City Council office are permitted to pull papers for a specific municipal election at which one or more City Council seats will be up for election and ending immediately after the date of the election. The City Council hereby resolves that during any Campaign Period the City Manager's authority to accept, consider or approve individual Council Member requests for the disbursement of funds allocated to the City Council for community needs of \$4,000 or less shall be suspended. During any Campaign Period, all requests for the disbursement of funds allocated to the City Council for community needs of \$4,000 or less must be presented to the City Council for consideration and potential approval as an agenda item at a duly noticed City Council meeting. It is also affirmed that for disbursement requests in excess of \$4,000, only the City Council shall be authorized to approve such request irrespective of whether the request is made during or outside of a Campaign Period.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby directs City staff to take all necessary steps to institute this policy and enforcement of its requirements and restrictions.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, sections, words or parts thereof of the Resolution or their applicability to other persons or circumstances.

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS: Quinones, Klinakis, Mendoza, Munoz
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS: Argudo
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None



Gabriel Quiñones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Martha Torres, MPA, City Clerk