

Pomona City Council
League of Women Voters of the Claremont Area Observer Report
By Observer Elana Barach
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The city council meeting is for conducting the city's business. Meetings are held on first and third Mondays at 6:45.

City Council--2016

Mayor Elliot Rothman,
District 1 Council Member John Nolte,
District 2 Council Member Adriana M. Robledo,
District 3 Council Member Christina Carrizosa,
District 4 Council Member Paula Lantz,
District 5 Council Member Ginna E. Escobar,
District 6 Council Member Debra Martin

City Council--2017

Mayor Tim Sandoval,
District 1 Council Member Rubio Gonzalez,
District 2 Council Member Adriana M. Robledo,
District 3 Council Member Christina Carrizosa,
District 4 Council Member Elizabeth Ontivereros-Cole,
District 5 Council Member Ginna E. Escobar,
District 6 Council Member Robert S. Torres

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE YEAR ARE:

1. Waste and recycling facilities--after the setting of a moratorium on the number of facilities allowed, an inspection plan was developed to ensure that the facilities are not only operated cleanly but are not allowed to grow over boundaries. Inspection fees are being set.

2. Homeless care-- Year-round emergency shelter will be operational by the end of this year. A facility has been established for temporary storage of property for homeless people.

There is planning for a multi-family residential project for affordable housing for vets and their immediate families. Work is being done on a plan called A WAY HOME: COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FOR POMONA'S HOMELESS.

3. Work on the Corridor Specific Plan has begun with the Holt Avenue redevelopment project. Council members have been allocated redevelopment funds for projects that would tie in. Some are choosing to extend the work planned for Holt Ave. Some are thinking of fixing streets or alleys adjacent to the corridor plan.

4 Funds have been allocated for a downtown parking structure

5. Several new parks are being developed, including Philips Paw Park.

6. A youth employment plan agreement with the California Conservation Corp for work on capital improvement projects is being drawn up.

The new Council has held several study sessions since taking office. One of extreme importance is with the Fairplex Board. There has been much public comment regarding rethinking the types of events and the way large events may be conducted in the “F zone,” the fairgrounds zoning district.

The atmosphere is welcoming. Translation services are available. There is always a large turnout and if a hot button issue is on the agenda, the room will be overflowing. Hot button items are those concerning health hazards, either environmental or psychological, e.g., liquor sales near schools.