MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2013

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Special Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, December 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Real Sebastian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:
The Monterey Park Police Explorers held the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:
City Clerk Chang called the roll:
Council Members Present: Ing, Chan, Wong, Real Sebastian
Council Members Absent: Liang
Also Present: City Manager Talbot, City Attorney Hensley, City Treasurer Leon, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Bow, Police Chief Smith, Human Resources Director Cody, Community and Economic Development Director Huntley, Recreation and Community Services Director Costley, Battalion Chief Khail, Controller Yaung

The City Council recessed at 7:00p.m. and reconvened at 8:36 p.m. with all council members present except Council Member Liang.

ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DISTRICT VOTING

Earlier this year, the City Council asked that the City Attorney's office research the question of how the City might implement district voting to elect persons to the City Council. The City currently utilizes "at large" voting to elect City Council Members.

Public Speakers:

- Nancy Arcuri spoke against staff's recommendations to divide the City of Monterey Park into voting districts stating her concerns of the current low voter turnout in the city's precincts during elections. She encouraged the City Council and staff to outreach and educate the residents on the importance of voting.

- Pauline Lemire spoke as a former City Clerk and long-time resident against voting districts in the city stating her concerns of the low voter turn-out while voter registration has increased. She spoke of the financial costs and recommended that the City Council address the further importance of increasing the city's low

voter turn-out.

- Paul Perez spoke as a concerned resident stating his opposition to implementing district voting. He stated his concerns that as a small community, the city's current regulations provide adequate council representation and that the proposed district voting will divide and conquer. He encouraged the council to reconsider the proposed recommendation to maintain the city's goal to harmony and unity.

Action Taken: The City Council held a discussion and no action was taken.

The City Council recessed at 9:05 p.m. to hear the Regular Council Meeting agenda items and reconvened at 10:03 p.m. with all council members present except Council Member Liang.

CLOSED SESSION
None.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m. in memory of Jerry Lemire, volunteer and long-time resident of the city.

Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk