

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION &
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMISSION
OF MONTEREY PARK
AGENDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING
Monterey Park City Hall, Community Room
320 West Newmark Avenue**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025
6:00 PM**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent services to enhance the quality of life for our entire community.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the land we inhabit today was once known as Tovangaar, the home of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people. We show our respect to the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, as well as all Indigenous people, past, present, and future, and honor their labor as original caretakers of this land. We commit to uplifting the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, invite you to acknowledge the history, and join us in caring for this land.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

You may speak up to 5 minutes on an Agenda item. You may combine up to 2 minutes of time with another person's speaking. No person may speak more than a total of 10 minutes. The Chairperson and Commissioner members may change the amount of time allowed for speakers. Written Communication will be accepted up to 24 hours before the meeting via email to calatorre@montereypark.ca.gov or by completing an online form at www.montereypark.ca.gov/writtencomm.

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CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL – Recreation & Community Services Commissioners Paul Lee, Gary Lau
Community Participation Commissioners Carol Sullivan, Fabian Raygosa, Sandra Hidalgo

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Related to Items NOT on the Agenda). While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Commission to take action on any item not on the agenda. The Commission may briefly respond to comments after Public Communications is closed. Persons may, in addition to any other matter within the Commission's subject-matter jurisdiction, comment on Agenda Items at this time. If you provide public comment on a specific Agenda item at this time, however, you cannot later provide comments at the time the Agenda Item is considered.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

[1.] PRESENTATIONS

[2.] OLD BUSINESS – None.

[3.] NEW BUSINESS

3-A. TREE MEMORIAL NOMINATION

It is recommended that Commissioners

- (1) Review the program criteria and consider the nomination of Ernest Lee; Theresa Amador; and Yvonne Yiu and Dr. Albert Young; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. 10485

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA TO ESTABLISH A TREE MEMORIAL NOMINATION AND AWARD

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey Park would like to acknowledge important and distinguished members of the City, by recognizing them with the dedication of a tree in their honor; and,

WHEREAS, on August 18, 1999 the City Council of Monterey Park directed staff to form a Committee, consisting of 2 members of the Recreation and Parks Commission and 2 members from the Historical Heritage Commission, to establish guidelines regarding an individual being considered for a Tree Memorial; and,

WHEREAS, members of the above mentioned Commissions have met and have submitted their recommendations to the City; and,

WHEREAS, City has incorporated these recommendations into a nomination process and award to honor such individuals; and,

WHEREAS, each February a committee of 3 members of the Historical Heritage Commission and 2 members of the Recreation and Parks Commission will be assembled as a Nomination Committee to accept applications for nominations; and,

WHEREAS, the Nomination Committee, will review nominations for an honor based on the submission of proper documentation and requirements, and, follow guidelines as set forth by the Tree Memorial Committee, and subsequent alternatives as recommended by staff; and,

WHEREAS, the Nomination Committee will make their recommendations to the City Council in April, with a dedication ceremony to be held in May, close to the anniversary of the City's Incorporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Monterey Park hereby adopts the establishment of the Tree Memorial Nomination and Award, and designates staff to authorize a nomination committee as specified above to accept, review and nominate distinguished individuals as indicated in the following sections.

SECTION 1

MEMORIAL PLAQUE / TREE

Plaques to be consistent with plaques that are existing in front of City Hall. Trees that are to be purchased will be of similar type as existing. Cost for the plaques will be charged to the person or group who nominates the individual (\$500.00) City Council may waive fees at its discretion.

SECTION II

QUALIFICATIONS

The consideration for selection must include a substantial history of Community Service. For Example:

- A. Individual should have been a long term resident (10 years or more) in the City of Monterey Park, and should have provided a service benefit to the entire Community, in one or more of the following ways:
 - 1. Served on a City elected or appointed position for at least two terms or 5 years, whichever is greater;
 - 2. Voluntarily served the City as an officer, or board member of, one or more City recognized Service Clubs, volunteer community based organizations or other City service and charitable service organizations, which provide a direct service to Monterey Park residents;
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 - 4. An individual, resident or non resident, who has made a significant or cumulative and positive impact on the Community.
- B. The term "served" means that the individual must demonstrate an active role in providing a benefit to the Monterey Park Community, in addition to service to City service and charitable service organizations.
- C. Special consideration without regard to the above mentioned qualifications, should be given to an individual, resident or non resident, who has deceased while performing service to our community.

SECTION III

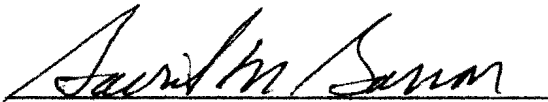
NOMINATION PROCESS

- A. Nominations to be submitted, accepted and considered only one time per year. No limit as to the number of years nominated. No limits imposed on the nomination committee as to how many individuals are recommended each year.
- B. Interested parties will be required to fill out an application which will require detailed justification for consideration, provide a picture and other suitable materials deemed necessary. In order to further determine merit, and to add significance to the prestige of the memorial, any individual whose name is put forth should be supported by at least three letters of reference by community members indicating the contribution made and significance, in their opinion.
- C. A nomination committee consisting of 5 members from the two Commissions, 3 Historical Heritage and 2 Recreation and Parks, shall be assigned to review the application and consider the qualifications.
- D. The time period for nominations are in February, with a selection and ceremony to be held in May, close to the anniversary of the City's incorporation.

PASSED AND APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of March, 2000.


Rita Valenzuela, Mayor
City of Monterey Park
California

ATTEST:

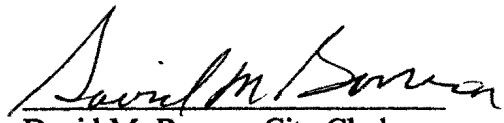

David M. Barron, City Clerk
City of Monterey Park,
California

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.
City of Monterey Park)

I, David Barron, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 10485 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park at a meeting held on the 15 day of March, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	CHU, BALDERRAMA, ALONSO, VENTI, VALENZUELA
NAES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE

Dated this 15th day of March, 2000.


David M. Barron, City Clerk
City of Monterey Park
California

RESOLUTION NO. 11484

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 10485 REGULATING THE PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATIONS AND ERECTING TREE MEMORIALS.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Monterey Park as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council finds as follows:

- A. In 2000, the Monterey Park City Council adopted a resolution to honor community members whose contributions have made a significant impact on the City of Monterey Park by establishing a Tree Memorial Program, and
- B. The City Council believes the display of the these trees and plaques enhances City facilities and inspires citizens to contribute to their community; and
- C. It is in the public interest for persons recognized with a Tree Memorial to be so honored without the need for paying a fee.

SECTION 2: *Amendments.* Resolution No. 10485 is amended as follows:

- A. Section 1 is amended in its entirety to read as follows: "Plaques to be consistent with plaques that are existing in front of City Hall. Similar existing trees at Garvey Ranch Park will be used."
- B. Subsection A of Section 3 is amended in its entirety to read as follows: "Nominations may be submitted, accepted, and considered only once per year. There is no limit to the number of years in which a person may be nominated. Only three nominations will be recommended to the City Council per year. A person may only receive this honor once."

SECTION 3: *City Manager Authorization.* The city manager is authorized to promulgate administrative policies and procedures to implement and facilitate the directives set forth in this Resolution.

SECTION 4: This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless superseded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May, 2012.



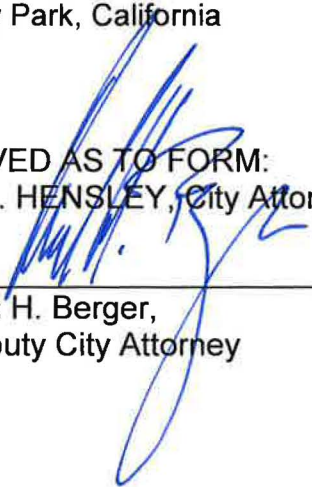
David Lau, Mayor
Monterey Park, California

ATTEST:



David Barron, CMC, City Clerk
Monterey Park, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MARK D. HENSLEY, City Attorney

By: 

Karl H. Berger,
Deputy City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF MONTEREY PARK)

I, DAVID M. BARRON, CMC, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 11484 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park at a meeting held on the 2nd day of May, 2012, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members: Chu, Wong, Real Sebastian, Ing, Lau
Naes:	Council Members: None
Absent:	Council Members: None
Abstain:	Council Members: None

Dated this 2nd day of May 2012.



David Barron, CMC, City Clerk
Monterey Park, California

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APPLICATION FOR TREE MEMORIAL 2024

NAME OF
INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED: Theresa G Amador LIVING? y (Y/N)

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

NAME OF NOMINATING
GROUP OR ORGANIZATION: Monterey Park City Council

CONTACT PERSON: Vinh Ngo

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] : [REDACTED] ZIP [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

Nomination Process:

Please attach all materials, photos, documentation and letters to this application. The City will make every effort to return materials to the nominating authority listed, however, the City will not guarantee this or the condition of which the materials are returned. Please do not send original documents. Copies of these materials will be sufficient.

Deadline for submission of application and all materials is Thursday, February 29, 2024 by 5:30pm. Submit to the Recreation and Community Services Department via mail or email: 320 W Newmark Ave. Monterey Park, CA 91754 or Recreation@montereypark.ca.gov. A committee of Commissioners will meet to review applications and make recommendations to City Council. Ceremony to be scheduled after City Council approval. All Committee review meetings are posted and open to the public. Nominating groups or individuals may speak and bring other pertinent materials to the meeting.

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QUALIFICATIONS

(Monterey Park Resolution No. 10485 & 11484)

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Yes Served on a City elected or appointed position for at least two terms or 5 years, whichever is greater;

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October 26, 2024

Re: Theresa Amador – [REDACTED]
Letter of Recommendation for Monterey Park Memorial Tree

To: City of Monterey Park – Tree Memorial Committee:

It is my honor to write this letter of recommendation in support of Theresa Amador for nomination of the Monterey Park Tree Memorial as recognition for her 50+ years of outstanding services to our City.

Theresa and her family moved into Monterey Park in 1966 and has demonstrated a commitment of over 58 years of voluntary services here. Theresa and her late husband, Richard Amador raised their now adult children in Monterey Park and were involved PTA parents. A devoted mom and spouse, she not only managed her home, but also contributed to the success of many Monterey Park non-profit groups such as the Alhambra Council PTAs, MPK City Commissions, Lion's Club, Women's Club, and even served on an official capacity having been elected as Monterey Park City Clerk (1978-1982).

Theresa's 58 years of dedication to Monterey Park is extraordinary. Below is just a sample of her wide range of voluntary work, all to the benefit and success of Monterey Park.

- These are the Commissions/Committees she has served on: a) Arts and Culture Committee, b) Planning, c) Community Budget Task Force, d) Economic Development Advisory, e) Centennial, and f) Planning.
- PTA President at Ynez School, then President of Alhambra Council of PTAs
- President of the Friends of the MP Library,
- Monterey Park Lion's Club member and officer
- Monterey Park Woman's Club, President and various Officer roles

Outside of the City of Monterey Park, Theresa also volunteered and served for the community at large: Appointed by Governor Deukmejian on the State Department of Education, California Superintendent's Advisory Council; Founding Member of the Hispanic Banker's Association; Pasadena League of Women's Voters; and Professional Business Women's Association. This list highlights her personal passions that contribute to the success of the various organizations she is involved with, excluding her numerous professional accomplishments following her retirement as an executive in the banking industry. Her extensive volunteerism has garnered many praises: National Hispanic Family of the Year in 1990, Woman of Achievement by Senator Ed Hernandez in 2017, Monterey Park Citizen of the Year for Civic Engagement in 2019, Monterey Park Woman's Club Kindness Award & Citizen of the Year in 2024, and MP Library Foundation Honoree in 2024.

It is only fitting to recognize Theresa Amador for her legacy of community services and dedication to our City. I recommend Theresa Amador to be recognized by a Monterey Park Tree Memorial for her legacy of leadership, strong civic engagement and outstanding citizenship.

Sincerely,



Vinh T. Ngo
Resident of Monterey Park
Monterey Park Mayor Protem



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NAME OF
INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED: Ernest Lee LIVING? Y (Y/N)

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

NAME OF NOMINATING
GROUP OR ORGANIZATION: Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

CONTACT PERSON: Ernest Lee

[REDACTED]

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Ernest Lee was born in China, grew up in Hong Kong and immigrated to the United States in 1971. His family moved to Monterey Park in 1992 and he is a Monterey Park resident for over 30 years. Since then, he has been a staunch supporter of the Monterey Park business, community affairs and politicians. After he retired from the Boeing Company as an aerospace engineer, he has been involved with Lee On Dong Benevolent Association and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) activities. He rises through the ranks from treasurer, supervisor, director, Vice-President; and currently is the President of CCBA. As one of the CCBA officers, Ernest has been instrumental in supporting various activities in Monterey Park, such as the Lunar New Year Street Festival, Marco Polo Bridge Memorial activities, ROC Double Ten National Day Flag Raising activities. CCBA is the overarching organization covering 27 affiliated organizations in Los Angeles Chinatown with over 130 years of history. A lot of Monterey Park City councilpersons such as Judy Chu, Mike Eng, Betty Hom Chu, Anthony Wong, Peter Chan, Stephen Lam, Michell Ing etc, have CCBA affiliated association memberships. Ernest has been leveraging this special relationship between CCBA and Monterey Park to ensure that CCBA can support Monterey Park activities. A good example is that after the 2023 Lunar New Year Shooting Massacre, Ernest was leading the effort in offering CCBA Cemetery Committee and Welfare Committee resources to help the shooting victims. Ernest has always promoted Asian Americans to enter politics so that the Asian Americans' voices are heard. Monterey Park Councilwoman Yvonne Yiu and Mayor Thomas Wong are some of the notable beneficiaries.

Ernest is an outstanding citizen of Monterey Park and is well-deserved of the honor to have a tree planted under his name in the City of Monterey Park.



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NAME OF
INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED: Yvonne Yiu and Dr. Albert Young LIVING? y (Y/N)

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

NAME OF NOMINATING
GROUP OR ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT PERSON: Jose Sanchez

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Yvonne Yiu – Provided by Jose Sanchez

Business Recovery & Development

- Developed the City Council Strategic Plan (FY2021-2022)
- Launched the MPK Rewards Program to boost local businesses
- Established a Business Recovery Zone (BRZ) to streamline operations
- Secured \$223,212.48 in federal and state grants
- Partnered with AUSD, Chinatown Service Center, and Herald Christian to provide testing and vaccination sites
- Approved new developments, including Celedon, Raising Cane's, Starbucks, Ono BBQ, Chase Bank, and an 8-unit residential project on Potrero Grande

Community & Recreation

- Replaced the Barnes Park Playground & Fitness Court
- Hosted the 1st Annual Pickleball Tournament with 54 teams
- Added six pickleball courts at Barnes Park
- Hosted a Major League Baseball Jr. Home Run Derby at Garvey Ranch Park
- Organized a citywide Halloween Monster Mash event
- Relocated the Holiday Snow Village to George Elder Park
- Initiated the rehabilitation of El Encanto
- Led Community Clean-Up Events

Public Works

- Secured \$8 million in funding for the Water Treatment Plant
- Completed \$4.3 million in street paving projects
- Replaced 3,200 streetlights with energy-efficient LED fixtures
- Approved PFAS Treatment at Delta Plant
- Allocated \$150K in grant funding for low-income water bill assistance
- Provided CDBG funding for rent, utilities, and business recovery
- Continued hillside stabilization efforts at Goodviews (1688 W. Garvey Ave)

Library Services

- Expanded virtual programming, including ESL classes, citizenship coaching, and educational programs
- Reopened the library for in-person services in May 2021
- Permanently eliminated overdue fines to increase accessibility
- Introduced outdoor programming and pop-up library services at Barnes Park
- Added workforce development and veteran resources
- Secured grant-funded WiFi hotspots for public checkout

Finance & Management

- Implemented Phase 1 of the Tyler Munis Financial System
- Enforced strict budget controls to manage revenue losses due to COVID-19

- Received GFOA and CSMFO awards for excellence in budget and financial reporting
- Conducted a Cybersecurity Audit
- Awarded rental assistance to 39 businesses and 18 residents
- Launched a Web Payment Portal to enhance accessibility for residents
- Upgraded the City's Budget Book

Police Department

- Integrated body-worn cameras and in-car camera systems
- Expanded the Homeless & Mental Health multidisciplinary team
- Developed a Homelessness Response Plan
- Upgraded to Next-Generation 911
- Expanded the Police Officer Wellness Program
- Cleared encampments along the 60 Freeway
- Enhanced crisis intervention and de-escalation training
- Launched a Police Drone Program
- Improved cybersecurity and radio system upgrades
- Implemented National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)
- Increased community engagement through Zoom meetings

Fire Department

- Opened the new Fire Station #62
- Implemented virtual programming across all departments
- Responded to California's largest wildfires, including the Caldor and Dixie Fires