

**Minutes
Monterey Park City Council
Financing Authority (MPFA)
Housing Authority (MPHA)
Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD)
Successor Agency (SA)
Special Meeting
September 16, 2025**

The City Council, the Financing Authority (MPFA), the Housing Authority (MPHA), the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD), and the Successor Agency (SA) 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, Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ngo called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Monterey Park Police Color Guard led the flag salute. Pledge of Allegiance presented by Civic Superstars Liliana Kazachka, Alexander Kazachki, Mayah Kazachka and Milenah Kazachka.

3. Roll Call

City Clerk Maychelle Yee called the roll:

Council Members Present: Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong, Elizabeth Yang

Council Members Absent: None.

Also Present:

City Treasurer Amy Lee

City Manager Inez Alvarez

City Attorney Karl Berger

Assistant City Manager Diana Garcia

Director of Finance Martha Garcia

Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa

Director of Community Development Timothy Hou

Director of Recreation and Community Services Robert Aguirre

Acting City Librarian LV Frazier

Director of Public Works Shawn Igoe

Police Chief Scott Weise

Fire Chief Jason Hing

Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang

Virtually present:

None.

4. Agenda Revisions and Additions

None.

Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent service, foster growth and opportunity, and create a joyous and collaborative environment.

5. Public Communications

Outgoing Mayor Ngo recognized special guests in attendance, which include Jeffrey Prang from the Los Angeles County Tax Assessors Office; State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez; Council Member Danny Hang from the City of West Hollywood; Jennifer Tang representing the office of Assembly Member Mike Fong's office; Gigi Lee representing the Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu; Edith Gonzalez from the Los Angeles County Office of Supervisors Hilda D. Solis; Mayor Kathleen Lee from the City of Alhambra; Council Member Noya Wang from the City of Alhambra; Council Member Samuel Kang from the City of Duarte; Honorable Mike Eng from the San Gabriel Valley Water District; former Mayors of the City of Monterey Park David Lau, Anthony Wong, Stephen Lam, Peter Chan and Yvonne Yiu; former Monterey Park City Clerk Theresa Amador; City Council Member William Go from the City of Irvine; Board Member Andrew Yam from the Garvey School District; former volunteers that have served the City of Monterey Park's Boards and Commissions and former Board Member Sophie Wong from the Alhambra Unified School District.

6. New Business

6.A. Outgoing Address by Mayor Vinh Ngo

Outgoing Mayor Ngo delivered his outgoing City Council address, conveying the accomplishments achieved during his term as Mayor. He elaborated on his appreciation to his fellow City Council members and City staff for their collaborative efforts in maintaining the City.

The City Council presented outgoing Mayor Ngo with a plaque honoring his role as Mayor for the City of Monterey Park.

6.B. Reorganization of Monterey Park City Council

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

1. Appointing the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem in accordance with City Council policy established by Resolution No. 11507; and
2. Taking such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the recommendation.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Sanchez and seconded by Council Member Wong, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Henry Lo , Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong, Elizabeth Yang

Noes: Council Members: None

Absent: Council Members: None

Abstain: Council Members: None

Recusal: Council Members: None

6.C. Mayor Pro Tem Installation of Henry Lo

Andrew Yam, Board Member of the Garvey Unified School District, administered the Oath of Affirmation to Mayor Pro Tem Lo and presented him with his badge and business cards.

Mayor Pro Tem Lo provided words of appreciation about his new role as Mayor Pro Tem and spoke about his dedication to the Monterey Park community.

6.D. Mayoral Installation of Elizabeth Yang

Mike Eng, Treasurer and Board Member of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District administered the Oath of Affirmation to Mayor Yang

Mayor Yang's husband Philip Cheng; mother Kelly Yang; daughter Liliana Kazachka and son Alexander Kazachki presented Mayor Yang with her badge and business cards.

6.E. Presentations

Presentations were heard after Agenda Item No. 6.F., Mayors Address.

Gigi Lee from the Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu, presented certificates to City Council Member Ngo, Mayor Pro Tem Lo and Mayor Yang.

California State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez expressed her gratitude towards the City Council and awarded certificates to City Council Member Ngo, Mayor Pro Tem Lo and Mayor Yang.

Jennifer Tang from the Office of Assemblymember Mike Fong shared her appreciation to the City Council and bestowed certificates to Mayor Pro Tem Lo and Mayor Yang.

Council Member Danny Hang of the City of West Hollywood and on behalf of the Los Angeles County Assessors Office of Jeffrey Prang granted certificates to Council Member Ngo, Mayor Pro Tem Lo and Mayor Yang.

Edith Gonzalez from the Office of Supervisors dedicated certificates to City Council Member Ngo, Mayor Pro Tem Lo and Mayor Yang.

Mayor Kathleen Lee and Council Member Noya Wang from the City of Alhambra presented certificates in appreciation to City Council Member Ngo, Mayor Pro Tem Lo and Mayor Yang.

Mike Eng from the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District expressed words of recognition to the City Council and granted certificates to Council Member Ngo, Mayor Pro Tem Lo and Mayor Yang.

Scott Kwong and Shirley Hwong of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, San Gabriel Lodge awarded a plaque to Mayor Yang.

Rick Eng and William Tham from the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), Greater Los Angeles bestowed certificates to Council Member Ngo, Mayor Pro Tem Lo and Mayor Yang.

Stephen Lam, former Mayor of Monterey Park, shared words of gratitude and delivered certificates to the City Council.

6.F. Mayor's Address

Mayor Yang presented her Mayor's Address after Agenda Item No. 6.D.

Mayor Yang spoke about her dedication to the City of Monterey and her goals as a public servant.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on October 15, 2025, at the Regular City Council Meeting