

**Minutes
Monterey Park City Council
Financing Authority (MPFA)
Housing Authority (MPHA)
Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD)
Successor Agency (SA)
Special Meeting
June 2, 2026**

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 Monterey Park Bruggermeyer Library, Friends Room, located at 318 Ramona Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 4:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Yang called the meeting to order at 4:57 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho called the roll:

Council Members Present: Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo arrived at 5:07 p.m., Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong, Elizabeth Yang
Council Members Absent: None.

Also Present:

City Manager Inez Alvarez
Assistant City Manager Diana Garcia
City Librarian Kristin Olivarez

Virtually Present:

None.

3. Telecommunications Announcement, if requested

None.

4. Public Comments

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. New Business

5.A. Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees

The second term of Library Trustee Jennifer Tang and the first term of Library Trustee Ricky Choi will end on June 30, 2026. Trustee Choi is not seeking reappointment. The expirations of their terms will result in two vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees. The upcoming vacancies were advertised and the City Clerk's office has received eight applications from residents interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees: Alexander Arasawa, Veronica Ciafone, Jesse Damon, Shayda Jalali, Andy Moc, Florence Ng, Fabian Raygosa and Angela Shen. The City Council is asked to appoint two individuals to fill the vacancies for terms beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

1. Appointing two individuals to fill two vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees; and
2. Taking such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Discussion: The City Clerk's office provided the City Council with an unredacted copy of the applications of the candidates for the vacant Library Board seats.

The City Council engaged in discussion and interviewed Angela Shen, Fabian Raygosa, Jesse Damon, Alexander Arasawa and Shayda Jalali, who were physically present.

Recessed and Reconvened

The City Council recessed at 5:56 p.m. and reconvened with all Council Members present at 5:58 p.m.

Action Taken: The City Council appointed Fabian Raygosa and Shayda Jalali to the Library Board of Trustees.

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. Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on August 5, 2026 at the regular City Council meeting.