



CITY OF MONTEBELLO CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1600 WEST BEVERLY BOULEVARD
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA**

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Members present were Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Melendez, and Councilmember Peralta. Treasurer Rafael Gutierrez and City Clerk Christopher Jimenez were also present.

STAFF PRESENT – City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Manager René Bobadilla, Assistant City Manager Arlene Salazar, Deputy City Clerk Alicia Fernandez, Assistant to Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comments for Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. to consider the following closed session items:

1. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Government Code Section 54957

Consultation with City Manager, Police Chief, City Attorney and other related City officials.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Three matters – facts and circumstances need not be disclosed or will be announced pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1) or (e)(2)

Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne reconvened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. During Closed Session the City Council (Council) received a briefing on Items 1 and 2, and there was no direction or action taken.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION – City Clerk Jimenez

FLAG SALUTE – Nicholas Razo, Director of Human Resources

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA – CITY MANAGER – None

PRESENTATIONS

3. **PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN OF THE MONTH – ALICE CHENG** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne
4. **RECOGNITION OF HEARTS OF COMPASSION AND PARTICIPANTS** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne
5. **RECOGNITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne
6. **RECOGNITION OF MENTAL HEALTH MONTH** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne
7. **RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PET MONTH** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne
8. **RECOGNITION OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH** – Presented by Cobos-Cawthorne

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (30 MINUTES)

The City Clerk's office called five (5) members of the public wishing to address the City Council. Speakers were provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker cards are on file at the City Clerk's office.

The City Clerk's office acknowledged fifty-six (56) public comments submitted to the City's public comment email address. Said comments are on file at the City Clerk's office.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Director of Recreation & Community Services provided Council an update on the drive-through Easter.

PUBLIC HEARING

9. **PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-28 NAMING A SOFTBALL FIELD AT GRANT REA PARK AFTER MARGE VILLA**

No public comments were submitted for this item.

David Sosnowski, Director of Recreation & Community Services, presented the Staff Report and provided a briefing of Marge Villa to the City Council.

It was motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Torres, seconded by Councilmember Peralta to approve to:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-28 naming a softball field at Grant Rea Park after Marge Villa; and
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

It was motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Torres that the softball field be named “Marge Villa Softball Field”, seconded by Peralta to approve to:

MOVED: Torres

SECONDED: Peralta

APPROVED: 5-0-0-0

AYES: Cobos- Cawthorne; Torres, Peralta, Jimenez, Melendez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

10. PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-36 APPROVING THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City Clerk’s addressed one (1) member of the public wishing to address the City Council. Speaker was provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker card is on file at the City Clerk’s office.

Joseph Palombi, Director of Planning & Community Development, presented the Staff Report to City Council

It was motioned by Councilmember Melendez, seconded by Councilmember Peralta to approve to:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-36 approving the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Annual Action Plan; and
- 2) Approve previously undisbursed HUD funds to be allocated to current FY 2020-21 Street Improvements Project; and
- 3) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

11. APPROVE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE MONTEBELLO POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE MONTEBELLO FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE MONTEBELLO

MID-MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE MONTEBELLO SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION, AND THE MONTEBELLO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

The City Clerk's office called three (3) members of the public wishing to address the City Council. Thirteen (13) written comments were submitted to the City's public comment email address and acknowledged. Speakers were provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker cards/written comments are on file at the City Clerk's office.

Nicholas Razo, Director of Human Resources, presented the Staff Report and provided updates on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreements to City Council.

Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne and Mayor Pro Tem were not in support of adopting the MOU's.

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to acknowledge the MOU documents as having value as a result of discussions with various employee groups and that they serve as unofficial draft reference documents for purposes of negotiations and table the item for a future meeting and did not receive a second.

Councilmember Melendez made a motion that the item be approved per Staff's recommendation; seconded by Councilmember Jimenez.

Mayor Pro Tem Torres made a substitute motion that Council move forward in acknowledging the MOU documents have value as a result of discussions with various employee groups and that they serve as unofficial draft reference documents for purposes of negotiations. Councilmember Melendez and Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne asked clarifying questions. The substitute motion did not receive a second and a roll call vote was taken on Councilmember Melendez' main motion; motion did not pass.

MOVED: Melendez	SECONDED: Jimenez	FAILED: 2-2-1-0
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AYES: Jimenez, Melendez

NOES: Cobos-Cawthorne, Torres

ABSTAIN: Peralta

ABSENT: None

With no other motions on the table, Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne made a motion that the item be tabled to a future meeting until all bargaining groups MOU's are ready to be presented at once for approval, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres and roll call vote was taken; motion passed.

MOVED: Cobos-Cawthorne	SECONDED: Torres	APPROVED: 3-2-0-0
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AYES: Cobos-Cawthorne, Torres, Peralta

NOES: Jimenez, Melendez

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

REGULAR BUSINESS – NONE**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 12, 15, 16 17, and 23 were pulled for public comment. Item 13 and 14 were pulled by Councilmember Melendez.

It was motioned by Councilmember Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres, that Items No. 18-22 and 24-25 be approved; motion was approved unanimously.

12. **INTRODUCE AND WAIVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2435 ADDING CHAPTER 2.90 TO TITLE 2 OF THE MONTEBELLO MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO**

The City Clerk's office called one (1) member of the public wishing to address the City Council. Speaker was provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker card is on file at the City Clerk's office.

It was motioned by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres that the City Council:

- 1) Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2435 Adding Chapter 2.90 to Title 2 of the Montebello Municipal Code to Impose Term Limits on Elected Officials of the City of Montebello; and
- 2) Schedule the second reading and adoption of said Ordinance, as described above, at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council.

Motion approved unanimously.

13. **APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO AGREEMENT NO. 3066 WITH INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Councilmember Melendez pulled this item to ask clarifying questions.

It was motioned by Councilmember Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres, that the City Council:

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 7 to Professional Services Agreement No. 3066 with Infrastructure Engineers for additional engineering and construction management/inspection services for various capital improvement projects in the aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$250,121; and
- 2) Amend the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget by increasing appropriations by \$125,880 in the Gas Tax Fund, Account No. 200-99-7116.

MOVED: Melendez	SECONDED: Torres	APPROVED: 3-1-1-0
AYES: Cobos-Cawthorne, Peralta, Torres		
NOES: Jimenez		
ABSTAIN: Melendez		
ABSENT: None		

14. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO AGREEMENT NO. 3066 WITH INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Councilmember Melendez pulled this item to ask clarifying questions.

It was motioned by Councilmember Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres, that the City Council:

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 8 to Professional Services Agreement No. 3066 with Infrastructure Engineers for storm drain and sewer inspection services for the Montebello Hills Project in the aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$323,010.

MOVED: Melendez	SECONDED: Torres	APPROVED: 3-1-1-0
AYES: Cobos-Cawthorne, Peralta, Torres		
NOES: Jimenez		
ABSTAIN: Melendez		
ABSENT: None		

15. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-34 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NATASHA LANE SEWER AND STORM DRAIN PUMP STATION ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The City Clerk's office acknowledged one (1) public comment submitted to the City's public comment email address. Said comment is on file at the City Clerk's office.

It was motioned by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres, that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-34 (Attachment A) establishing the City's intention for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Levy of Annual Assessments for the Natasha Lane Sewer and Storm Drain Pump Station Assessment District; and
- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to prepare and file a Preliminary Engineer's Report; and
- 3) Take such additional, related actions that may be desirable.

Motion approved unanimously.

16. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-35 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NATASHA LANE LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The City Clerk's office acknowledged one (1) public comment submitted to the City's public comment email address. Said comment is on file at the City Clerk's office.

It was motioned by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres, that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-35 (Attachment A) establishing the City's intention for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Levy of Annual Assessments for the Natasha Lane Landscape Assessment; and
- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to prepare and file a Preliminary Engineer's Report; and
- 3) Take such additional, related actions that may be desirable.

Motion approved unanimously.

17. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO AGREEMENT NO. 3756 – GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT WITH S&S LABARGE GOLF, INC.

The City Clerk's office called one (1) members of the public wishing to address the City Council. Speaker was provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker card is on file at the City Clerk's office.

The City Clerk's office acknowledged one (1) public comment submitted to the City's public comment email address. Said comment is on file at the City Clerk's office.

It was motioned by Councilmember Melendez seconded by Councilmember Jimenez that the City Council:

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 3756 for Golf Course Management and Golf Course Professional Services at the Montebello Golf Course with S&S LaBarge Golf, Inc.; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment No. 3 on behalf of the City; and
- 3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Motion approved unanimously.

18. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ) FOR THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize staff to issue a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP); and
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

19. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-27 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, ASSOCIATED CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND TIRE LEASE PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-27 authorizing the submission of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to receive funding for Preventative Maintenance, Associated Capital Maintenance and Tire Lease Projects ("Grant No. 1657-2020-2") in the amount of \$4,576,622 (49 U.S.C. Section 5307 funding) and \$915,324 in Transportation Development Credits (TDC) in lieu of a local match; and
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

20. REQUEST TO REJECT ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR TRANSIT BUS LIFT REPLACEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 21-25 AND APPROVE ISSUING A NEW TRANSIT BUS LIFT REPLACEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, NO. 21-30

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Reject all proposals submitted for the Transit Bus Lift Replacement Request for Proposal No. 21-25 and approve issuing a new Transit Bus Lift Replacement, Request For Proposal No. 21-30; and
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

21. AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 3885 TO NELSON/NYGAARD CONSULTING ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR MONTEBELLO BUS LINES COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 21-21

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Award Professional Services Agreement No. 3885 to Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc., for Montebello Bus Lines Comprehensive Operational Analysis, Request for Proposal No. 21-21 in an amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000); and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to take action necessary to execute and finalize a contract on behalf of the city of Montebello; and
- 3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

22. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER TO GALLS, LLC FOR BALLISTIC VESTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the purchase of ballistic vests and related items for Fire Department personnel from Galls LLC in an amount not-to-exceed \$77,222; and

- 2) Amend the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget by increasing appropriations by \$77,222 in Account No. 100-85-860-6010.10, Fire Department, Suppression, Machinery and Equipment.
23. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-38 RELATING TO THE FINDINGS AND DECISION ON THE APPEAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION OF DENIAL GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, DENSITY OVERLAY ZONE, HEIGHT OVERLAY ZONE, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND SITE PLAN REVIEW (CASE NO. "PC-2020-0018-GPA-ZC-PDD-PMP"); VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP ("VTTM") NO. 83239; DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ("DA NO. 02-20"); AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ("MND") AND MITIGATION MONITORING REPORTING PROGRAM ("ENV NO. 113-20-MND") TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOTAL OF 31 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS AND RELATED AMENITIES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 301 JACMAR DRIVE**

The City Clerk's office acknowledged twelve (12) public comment submitted to the City's public comment email address. Said comments are on file at the City Clerk's office.

It was motioned by Councilmember Melendez seconded by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne that the City Council:

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt the Resolution attached with this report which will uphold the decision of the Montebello Planning Commission and finalize the findings and decision of the City Council denying the Applicant's, Brandywine Acquisition Group, LLC, request seeking approval of General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Density Overlay Zone, Height Overlay Zone, Planned Development District, Parking Management Plan, and Site Plan Review (Case No. "PC-2020-0018-GPA-ZC-PDD-PMP"); Vesting Tentative Tract Map ("VTTM") No. 83239; Development Agreement ("DA No. 02-20"); and Mitigated Negative Declaration ("MND") and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program ("ENV No. 113-20-MND") to allow the construction of a total of 31 residential dwelling units and related amenities for the property located at 301 Jacmar Drive (the "Project").
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Motion passed unanimously.

24. **PAYMENT OF BILLS: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-37 APPROVING THE CITY WARRANT REGISTER OF DEMANDS DATED MAY 12, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed Resolution approving the Warrant Register dated May 12, 2021.

25. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve said minutes as written.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED IF NECESSARY**COUNCIL ORALS**

Council member announcements; requests for future agenda items; conference/meetings reports.

1. Councilmember Melendez

- a. Council Oral 1 – asked for information regarding a previous Resolution or action that was voted on in regards to reading written comments.
- b. Council Oral 2 – recognized Municipal Clerk's Week and extended appreciation to City Clerk Jimenez and Deputy City Clerk Alicia Fernandez and team.

2. Councilmember Jimenez

- a. Commissions: Roles and Responsibilities – wanted to make sure that since new Commissioners are being appointed that they understand the rules and responsibilities and suggested a handbook be created.
- b. Mental Health Awareness Month: Remembering Jerry Griffin.

3. Councilmember Peralta

- a. SGVCOG Montebello Grade Separation Project and At-Grade Safety Improvements – asked for consensus to agendize a presentation for the June 9, 2021 City Council Meeting.
- b. Farmers Market Ad Hoc Committee meeting update – provided an update.
- c. Willow & Sage grand opening – recognition and welcome. 424 W. Whittier Blvd., Montebello, CA 90640.
- d. Schurr High School AVID Talent Show Sponsorship opportunity Mayor Pro Tem Torres – read a letter from the AVID coordinator.

4. Mayor Pro Tem

- a. Gateway Cities Council of Governments Report – provided an update.
- b. American Legion Post 272 invitation for volunteers, request for donations (industrial appliances, Honor Guard transportation).

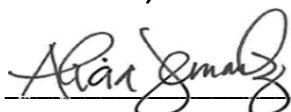
5. Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne

- a. Yellow tier update.
- b. Rosenberg's Rules vs. Robert's Rules – asked for City Council consensus to direct Staff to draft and item for Council consideration to consider adopting Rosenberg's Rules as the City of Montebello's Rules of Order.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne asked for a moment of silence in the memory of Jerry Griffin. Mayor Pro Tem Torres motioned to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2021 ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.



Alicia Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk

GENERAL COMMENTS

GENERAL COMMENTS - TOP GOLF RELATED

Comment #	Name	In Support	In Opposition
2	Art San Miguel		X
3	David Hornback	X	
4	Les Fujimoto	X	
5	Keith Kenyon		X
6	Reynaldo Rios		X
7	John Jasso		X
10-41	Breona Selayaartiga	X	
	James Edwards		
	Zack Jensen		
	Bea Montanez		
	Alex Lee		
	Ryan Duval		
	Noah Melendez		
	Jay Garcia		
	Mayra Orozco		
	Marc Burton		
	Amber Bock		
	Eric Chan		
	Kalani Uini		
	Hannah Pesce		
	Frank Roach		
	Alejandro Reyes		
	Josiah Woods		
	Denis Ayala		
	Jared Scarbourough		
	Kristine Alfaro		
	Jacob Becker		
	Chance Meeks		
	Abiel Aguilar		
	Jose Hernandez		
	Anthony Luna		
	Rosemary Vasquez		
	Gloria Gill		
	Maria S.		
	Vivian Dang		
	Jesus Romero		
	Kevin Alfaro		
	Stephanie Maldonado		
	Natalie Romero		
42-47	List of names listed on comment cards (WILL READ CARDS)	X	
48	Andrew Landero		X
50	Gabriel Garza		X

Fernandez, Alicia

From: Elisa Vasquez <Elisa.Vasquez@lacda.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:08 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program
Attachments: Encouraging Residents to Apply for CA COVID-19 Rent Relief.Montebello.pdf

Hello Mayor Cobos Cawthorne,

On behalf of Emilio Salas, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Development Authority, attached please find correspondence regarding the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Elisa E. Vásquez, Director

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April 14, 2021

Mayor Kimberly Cobos Cawthorne
City of Montebello
1600 W. Beverly Boulevard
Montebello, CA 90640-3932

Dear Mayor Cawthorne:

ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO APPLY FOR CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF

I am reaching out to you to make you aware that the County is targeting your City as a community of focus for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program. On January 29, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 91, which established the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program, allocating \$2.6 billion in Federal rent assistance to provide financial help to income-qualified tenants experiencing housing instability. The Program provides rent reimbursement to property owners for unpaid rent accrued between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.

As a vested partner, Los Angeles County worked very closely with the State to design an equitable Program. To that end, the Program will sort applications seeking to help those who make less than 50% of the Area Median Income first, then quickly target specific groups and communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

While the State has already begun processing applications submitted to date, we have requested that they shift their focus to applicants that reside in cities that have experienced a disproportionate impact of COVID-19. Your City has been identified as one of those communities. We are requesting your assistance to help spread the word about this very important Program as we want to make sure that your residents apply immediately. **With your help, we can encourage all eligible residents to apply for assistance.** When the Los Angeles County Development Authority launched its LA County COVID-19 Rent Relief Program in August 2020, we saw there was a great need



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for rental assistance. Renters had been deferring bill payments, borrowed money from payday lenders and family, and even charged rental payments on their credit cards. Your help in promoting the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program will help reduce such difficult decisions for County residents.

Please help us spread the word about the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program and share this information with your residents. Your office can access a media toolkit with shareable graphics, talking points, and flyer by [clicking here](#).

Tenants and property owners can determine eligibility and apply for funds at HousingIsKey.com or by calling the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Call Center at 1-833-430-2122.

We would also like to know if you have specific suggestions or ideas as to how the State can best promote this Program in your City. We really want to partner with you, so please reach out to us to let us know how we can best reach your residents. Feel free to contact Elisa Vásquez, Communications and Public Affairs Director, at Elisa.Vasquez@lacda.org or at (626) 586-1762.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emilio Salas".

EMILIO SALAS
Executive Director

Fernandez, Alicia

From: Art San Miguel <artsanmiguel24@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 5:03 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Closure of Montebello Golf course

First off I have a few questions to the City Counsel on their decision to bring in top golf.

1. I would like to know how much money top golf and Callaway golf is giving you all, and how much perks are you getting from The Perrin brothers.

2. Do the Residents of Montebello know that they have to come up with a 50 million dollar Bond.

3. Do you realize that local High school's will No Longer be able to have golf events at Montebello.

I don't think you realize what you are doing by destroying a Traditional Golf course, it seems to me that you are a bunch of greedy little spoiled brats. I have already contacted the FBI about your greed, they will investigate you and the Perrin brothers. GOOD LUCK I hope they imprisoned ALL of YOU.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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Fernandez, Alicia

From: David Hornback <dhornback@patrisk.com>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 10:48 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Public Comments for City Council Meeting 5/12/21

From: Montebello Resident David Hornback

Honorable Mayor, and City Counsel members, I urge you all to continue your process of reviewing and pursuing economic development opportunities. Specifically, with respect to the Top Golf project. While there have been vocal and focused objections, they seem to me to be efforts by a minority; of those whom have enjoyed subsidy to their golfing that the current system has afforded them. These objections should not distract from the greater vision that our City and its leaders need to maintain if Montebello is going to be a successful municipality, serving it's community, well into the 21st Century.

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Fujimoto, Lester <LFujimoto@beverly.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 12:32 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Public Comment regarding Top Golf

Tradition and Nostalgia are wonderful things but not at the expense of the entire city and community.

Montebello Golf Course has been a wonderful public benefit over the years however it is now financially unsustainable and it costs the city, businesses, and the residences a reported over \$1 million a year.

Top Golf will bring in revenue to Montebello and the money can be used to improve streets, parks, businesses, and other community needs.

With a Top Golf facility here, other businesses maybe encouraged to come here to setup their business and even help develop the unused portions of the old course.

Lets keep Montebello moving in the right direction to help make Montebello an even finer place to live, work, **and PLAY!**

Now is the time for Montebello to bring in Top Golf for community's benefit and not just for a few golfers who don't want their privilege to end.

Les Fujimoto

Les J. Fujimoto, MA, CFRE
Executive Director, Beverly Foundation
VP Development & Community Relations



(323) 837-3404 Direct

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Sk55gang <sk55gang@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 9:10 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Montebello

I have been playing at Montebello golf course for 40 years; I am physician whose office was a mile away. I have learn to appreciate it's beauty and history. Whatever you replace this historical course will not be wort your effort. Please consider your actions carefully

Keith Kenyon MD

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: REYNALDO RIOS <mandorios@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:47 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Bad decision to city!

Hello city employees? Just raise the golf fees & help keep course in great condition? Cheapest Rates in LA county? I will not support your city with Top golf! I heard the family that donated the land to built golf course can take it back if sold? Be careful? Thank You mando golfer

Sent from my iPhone

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: John Jasso <jasman29@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:13 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: I am Not in Support of Top Golf, to be read May 12th general meeting

Dear City Council Members,

I would like to have my statement read at the next city council meeting on May 12th

Hi, My name is John Jasso and I grew up in Montebello attending Eastmont Elementary. Eastmont Intermediate and Schurr High School and have been a long time Board Member and member of the Montebello Golf Club for 30 years, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my disappointment in the new Montebello city council voting to tear down one the best public 18 Championship Golf Courses in the Los Angeles Area only to put in a Top Golf. First off there are some facts that I think the public needs to be made aware of and the city should itemize and show full transparency on, If the Golf Course itself has losses over 2 million dollars.

It is a fact that when the city currently calculates the cost of running the golf course, they include all the banquet property, cafe and event center that sits on the same property of the golf course. They do not separate what that facility costs to run separate from what the Golf course cost to run vs what the golf course brings in revenue. As a long time member we have come to know the in's and outs of running the course. I was also on the board for 14 years here at Montebello as well as at Alhambra golf course and there is no way, if the accounting is shown for everyone to review, that the golf course itself is the cause of this deficit, so I ask that the city provide accurate accounting records on just the golf course cost for maintenance vs revenue. If they show transparency on only the golf course you will see that the Golf Course is not the cause of this deficit that they are using to sway everyone to support this sellout. Another thing I want to point out is the drastically under used driving range at Montebello. When we were in high school and in the 90's and 2000's the driving range was always packed. They over the years the let the place go with old mats, old range balls, no update to the shed or putting greens that sits next to the range. They have spent little to no money upgrading the driving range with any type of technology, updated mats or golf balls. Some vending machines or anything that you could grab a snack and drink while you work on your game or teach your kids the game. If you look at driving ranges like Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rancho Duarte and even Glenoaks in Glendora, the ranges are always packed with patrons and in discussions with the various courses this is big source of revenue for them. Why is Montebello's range such a desolate place? Why has the city never taken the opportunity to make small investment where you could see the rewards like so many others in neighboring cities? Negligence? Did you want it to fail and not bring revenue? Why when the city would allocate money over the years to update the course with sand or on maintenance, it never made it to the golf course? Why was it always used for the banquet halls and event center above the course?

Finally you have a reputable management company who knows how to run a golf course and turn a profit doing a great job and you have contracted Billy Casper golf to manage the course, which has vastly improved with them and now you want to tear it down to build a Top Golf. Why don't you do some analysis over the last year on show the citizens how much the revenue "Golf Course" has brought in even during the pandemic. Show the financials of the course only and not include the Banquet halls and event center. Show it itemized out for full transparency for the citizens to review. I heard some residents use their children to support Top Golf as a place they could learn to play and become someone like Lissette Salas. She learned to play golf at local driving ranges where it was affordable not a Top Golf where the cost can be quadruple what it would be for a bucket of range balls. I ask every citizen to demand full transparency on the accounting and actuals related to the Golf Course itself as a single item entity without the money pit event center and

banquet facilities that sit on the same property which have drained allocated funds over the years and have never seen the return on investment. Why don't you take the next year to look only at the golf course and its cost vs revenue with this new management company, invest a little money into the current driving range to make it more vibrant and inviting to those who live in the surrounding area who want to practice or teach their kids how to play the game so many of us love.

Be honest with the residents of Montebello, Show them exactly the financial statements of profit and loss for ONLY the Golf course! Do not dilute the numbers with mismanagement or losses for the event center and hotel property. Residents deserve to know the actuals for the Golf course and show how the Golf course is doing over the last year once the course opened up during the pandemic.

Thank you for your time.

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: mde4peace <mde4peace@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:08 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Public Comments to be read at Montebello City Council meeting May 12, 2021

To: City Council, Staff and Departments

From: Margot Eiser, resident, taxpayer, voter

Re: Comments to be read at Montebello City Council meeting May 12, 2021 and entered into the public record and responded to when requested.
 Note to Reader, Please add "Thank you" at end of each.

Public Orals- I recommend that you arrange all the technicalities needed to have City Council and other public meetings be done as Zoom meetings. This can be used successfully and effectively. I recently participated in an elaborate event with numerous other people which provided for interaction in various ways. I recommend continuing to use Zoom even when in person meetings are resumed because that would encourage and give many more people the opportunity to participate in the running of our city!

~~Item 15 & 16-I am probably not the only one who is curious about this. Please have someone send me an explanation of what Natasha Lane is, how much has been spent over the years on various matters relating to it and most importantly,how much if any money it earns for the city or is it just an ongoing expense? My edress is on the record.~~

~~Item17-First, you must immediately change all signs and start to use the proper term to describe and advertise what is and always has been **OUR** municipal **GOLF COURSE**. Next, it is vitally important that you , who are supposed to be our representatives, must insist that the new management company is always working for the benefit of the **City**. I suggest that you consult with other cities which run very successful public golf courses with additional facilities. Third, **WE**, the residents, residents, taxpayers, voters must be notified and involved and oversee the entire process before making any changes proposed by the company.~~

Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: kjlindberg@charter.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:14 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: FW: Public Comment Letter for City Council Meeting Scheduled on 5/12/21
Attachments: jpeg157.pdf

To Whom It May Concern,

Please ensure my letter (copy attached) is read publicly at the City Council Meeting tonight.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.

Kelly Lindberg

From: kjlindberg@charter.net
To: "Kcobos@CityofMontebello.com", "Dtorres@CityofMontebello.com",
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"Nrzo@CityofMontebello.com", "Cjiminez@CityofMontebello.com"
Cc:
Sent: Wednesday May 12 2021 7:26:27AM
Subject: Public Comment Letter for City Council Meeting Scheduled on 5/12/21

Dear Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne,

I would like to request that this letter be read publicly at the City Council Meeting scheduled on May 12, 2021.
Please see attached.

Thank you.

Kelly Lindberg

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Kelly Lindberg

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May 11, 2021

Honorable Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, Mayor
City of Montebello
Office of the Mayor and City Council
1600 W. Beverly Boulevard
Montebello, CA 90640

Subject: **DISCRIMINATION/RACISM IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Dear Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne:

On January 28, 2021, my letter expressing concerns regarding the discrimination/racist culture that exists in the City of Montebello Fire Department was read publicly during the City Council Meeting held on February 24, 2021.

Thank you for honoring my request. I viewed the virtual meeting from home and felt the interaction and collaboration between Montebello's elected officials and the majority of the staff was positive; however, something has been bothering me since that time and I've been contemplating whether to remain silent or speak up and share my thoughts. After some consideration, I've decided to speak my mind and inquire about the City of Montebello's virtual meeting process as it pertains to Montebello Fire Chief Fernando Pelaez, Human Resources Director Nicholas Razo and City Manager Rene Bobadilla.

Although my letter was read publicly during City Council Meeting held on February 24, 2021, it appeared that Fire Chief Pelaez and Human Resources Director Razo did not participate in the virtual meeting. Their names and titles were listed on the virtual meeting platform but their faces did not appear on the platform so it's lead to some confusion. Were they there or not? Are they not required to participate in virtual meetings held by the City Council? If so, why are their names and titles listed on the platform? Were they absent that night? If they were listening in on the meeting, but chose not to show their faces, why is this practice allowed and who are they hiding from?

With regard to City Manager Bobadilla, he did participate in the virtual meeting; however, he sat so far away from the video camera that I couldn't see his face. Why, during a virtual City Council Meeting, would he sit on the opposite side the room from where the video camera is installed? What is the purpose of this and who is he hiding from?

My letter which involves racism and discrimination in the Montebello Fire Department directly involves all three of these staff members and their behavior is evasive and unprofessional.

Honorable Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, Mayor
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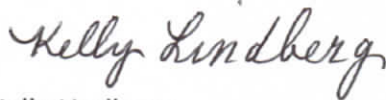
Moving forward, on December 28, 2020, Los Cerritos News published an article entitled "Montebello Slammed With Lawsuit for Retaliation Against Firefighter". It includes a statement from former Fire Captain Vernon Creswell highlighted in yellow.

Los Cerritos Community Newspaper is a local newspaper that is not distributed to the residents in the City of Montebello. Accordingly, I would like his statement read publicly at the next City Council Meeting so the residents and businesses in the City of Montebello are apprised of what is going on in their community.

Please feel free to share my comments regarding your three evasive staff members publicly as well.

Thank you in advance for your continued support to end systemic racism in the Montebello Fire Department.

Yours truly,



Kelly Lindberg

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cc: David N. Torres, Mayor Pro-Tem
Angie M. Jiminez, Council Member
Scarlet Peralta, Council Member
Salvador Melendez, Council Member
Christopher Jiminez, City Clerk
Rene Bobadilla, City Manager
Arnold Glasman, City Attorney
Nicholas Razo, Director of Human Resources

Montebello Slammed With Lawsuit for Retaliation Against Firefighter Captain



Montebello Fire Captain Vernon Creswell filed a suit today in Los Angeles Superior Court for retaliation for his whistleblower complaints of race discrimination, and related issues. Mr. Creswell also seeks injunctive relief for violations of his rights under the Firefighter's Bill of Rights and disability discrimination law.

The suit is against the city of Montebello and 100 "DOES." DOES are placeholders for individuals and/or businesses who may be included in a lawsuit but have not yet been identified.

Mr. Creswell previously was found to have been subject to racial harassment and retaliation by a jury in 2015, and remains employed by the City.

The Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief alleges that the City has retaliated against him for his whistleblower complaint in September 2020.

In a statement Creswell wrote:

"IT'S TIME TO END SYSTEMIC RACISM AND RETALIATION IN THE MONTEBELLO FIRE DEPARTMENT"

"As people across the State of California have their lives upended by fires that are encroaching on residential areas, this is a good time to ask what it's like to actually work as a firefighter. Too often, the 'old boys network' inside fire departments hinders newcomers' ability to not only put out fires, but also to help the public in many other ways. I have proudly been a Firefighter/Paramedic for 26 years, including 12 of those years with the City of Montebello. I love my chosen profession serving the public. I love the fact that I have been able to cherish a career helping hundreds if not thousands of people over the years.

"As an African-American Firefighter, I have always sought to improve the Montebello Fire Department and make it more welcoming to minorities including women, while at the same time respecting my coworkers of different backgrounds. I am not someone whose first instinct is to sue. I have let many problematic remarks by fire department employees slide, so as to try to get along with my coworkers and supervisors.

"I finally sued the City of Montebello for the first time in 2013 after a series of incidents, the worst of which included being called the 'N-word', 'Compton Gang Banger', and 'Mush Mouth' from the television show Fat Albert. A jury agreed that I had been subject to racial harassment and retaliation.

"I sued the City of Montebello again for retaliation in 2017, after I applied for promotion to Battalion Chief and was unfairly denied. Some of the department leadership made remarks such as, 'If promoted to Battalion Chief, I would destroy the organization' and 'minorities always cheat on exams,' indicating that they would never give me a fair chance at the promotion because of my prior complaints of race discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

"The 2017 case has not yet been heard by a jury. In settlement conferences, the City has insisted that I leave the fire department and retire (15 years early) as a condition of settlement. I feel the City wants to push me out for having the courage to assert my legal rights. I have made it very clear on several occasions that I do not want to leave the department and give up my career. I want to be treated fairly, included in the decision making that helps with the growth and a more racially diverse department, and continue to do my job helping the public. Recently I was notified of an 'investigation' into my on-the-job actions, which I feel are unwarranted and is completely retaliatory. I won't go into details since the so-called 'investigation' is ongoing and I'm prohibited from discussing the details.

"If someone wants to do a true investigation into real misconduct, they should start at the top. It's time for the Montebello City Council or the California Attorney General to look into a pattern of discrimination and retaliation, and other misconduct within the Montebello Fire Department that is perpetuated by the department leadership. If the City of Montebello or the Fire Department wants to truly clean up its act and change the culture, it will need to take a new approach with independent oversight. The leadership current team is not up to the job and has enabled or perpetuated the culture of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation against those who stand up for what is right.

"Recently I was told by one of the Fire Department leaders that the City Manager Mr. Bobadilla wanted to have lunch with me and really get to know me as a person, and had given him my cell number. This turned out to be a bait and switch. Instead of a friendly phone call that I expected, the only communication from the City has been settlement offers contingent on me leaving the department, 15 years before I had planned to.

"On several occasions I reached out to the Fire department leadership with the hope to collaboratively work towards expanding the candidate pool in an effort to hire qualified African-American Chief Officers in some key leadership roles within the fire department. My efforts have gone unreciprocated, and none of the current leadership seems to be interested in building a department which reflects the community we serve. Further, current Montebello Fire Department leadership has engaged in dubious behaviors such as ordering an employee to take a city vehicle out of the city to pick up expensive watches (for leaders' personal use) while on duty.

"On another occasion current Montebello Fire Department leadership ordered a fire engine while on duty to go out of the city limits and into East Los Angeles to attend a birthday parade. One of the members of the Montebello Fire Department leadership boasted to me (back when we were friendly) that he could slow down the workers' compensation processing for firefighters who he did not like. Indeed, it is suspicious that lately I have not been able to obtain workers' comp treatment that I need and am entitled to.

"If Montebello City Council or the California Attorney General wants to investigate this misconduct and pattern of systemic racial bias and retaliation, they should interview myself and other firefighters under the auspices of a 'truth commission' and a guarantee of absolutely no retaliation. This is essential to bringing about transparency and equality that is severely needed. All I want is to be able to do my job, serve the public, and have a fair shot at promotions, without being subjected to systemic race-based harassment, retaliation and discrimination. The Fire Department and City Staff seem to view me as a problem for speaking up, rather than seeing me as a part of the solution. It's time that whistleblowers

like me be thanked for bringing forward important issues to see the light of day, rather than repeatedly and unfairly punished."

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City Councilmembers,

I think you have made a great decision with this TopGolf move. When I tell other Angelenos that I live in Montebello, they usually ask, Where's that? These people have never even heard of us! I usually laugh but the truth is that I am proud of my hometown and I wish other people knew how great a place Montebello is. My hope is that a TopGolf will be the first of many exciting changes that will make people from all over want to come visit our part of town. It will likely be a big help to our economy too. I wonder if maybe the TopGolf will be hiring and there will be some job opportunities for local people. I just don't see a downside to this decision. Only good things could come! Thank you for doing this.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Breana Selayaartiga', written in a cursive style.

Breana Selayaartiga

Council,

I write to you with a tone of appreciation and gratitude. My grandchildren, children and their families will all enjoy experiencing the golf course in its new iterations and the Topgolf experience that Council has approved.

Any opposition that I have heard has been entirely limited to men's club members who simply are afraid of change and losing what has really been exclusively theirs for so many years. Council, I write to let you know the broad community is supportive and excited to see such positive change for the future. Don't let the naysayers detract you from building the future!

Thank you,



James Edwards

Dear Council,

As I am writing this letter, there is one word that comes across with utmost importance, which was used by Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz to close all of his letters and emails to Starbucks investors and employees - and that word is onward. Onward was the mentality that built one of the world's great companies - a commitment to progressive and continued improvement, seeing the future and building it continuously.

Council's commitment and approval of the golf course improvements are an example of moving onward for the future and the spirit of progressive improvement.

Thank you Council for your smart, longterm mentality!

Zack Jonzen 

To the Montebello Council:

I have heard of your plan for the TopGolf and I am writing to say I think it is a very good plan for our community. It would be great to have a place for the whole family to go and enjoy themselves. I am a bit older so I don't think I will be playing golf but I can sit and eat a meal while my daughter and her kids play! How nice that would be. I looked at pictures of the TopGolf and it looks very fancy and modern. A very nice place to go on a Friday or Saturday night. I hope you build it and soon! Anything you can do to bring our community together with good safe fun is very welcome.

Ben Montanez
Ben Montanez

Dear Councilmembers,

I want to applaud and congratulate you for a job well done with the Montebello Golf Course decision from weeks prior which has unfortunately brought out a number of the men's club golfers in opposition. These same members would prefer to keep the golf course losing money for the City in order to subsidize their own inexpensive and prime-time play. I fully understand and sympathize with what has been for them a real advantageous situation for so many years.

Many of these same members will enjoy the new benefits upon their completion. It reminds me of the Dad who says "No puppy" to the family, but then somehow enjoys the new puppy the most out of any of the family members!

Thank you,

Alex Lee


City Councilmembers,

Thank you City Council for your decision to bring new exciting benefits into the City of Montebello and for taking a longterm approach to solving not only a financial burden but also an accessibility problem. Public space should be for the highest and best use, benefiting as many residents as possible, not a small subset of the population who has the time, money and skillset to golf a full 18 hole golf course.

These changes will emphasize accessibility for all residents and provide a higher and better use for the community - and I fully support its passage and implementation immediately.

Best,

Ryan Duval


Dear Council of Montebello,

I had never heard of TopGolf but wow. I looked at the website and it looks like such a fun place to bring the family. They have so many games so there must be something fun there for everyone. I'm sort of a foodie so I looked at the food menu and it looks delicious. They even have vegetarian options. It's like they have thought of everything. It just seems like it would make all sorts of different people happy to go there.

I am very excited to go and I hope you will keep making decisions like this to build other family friendly places.

Thank you.



Noah Melendez

Council of Montebello,

Your plans for the TopGolf in Montebello are really wonderful news. A new place for everyone to go play and eat a meal will make everyone in the community happy. My kids are asking me about it. They want to know if it will be ready soon. So they are excited! I think the sooner its here for the people to enjoy the better.

I am greatful for you making this plan for us. Thank you.

Jay Garcia

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jay Garcia", with a stylized, cursive-like flourish.

Dear councilmembers,

I am so excited for the new Topgolf to open! It sounds like it will be a great place to go with friends, family, or even on a date. Honestly it sounds like the sort of date a couple would go on in a movie so it's really cool to think I could do that too. It looks like there's food there too so that's perfect. Can't wait to go!

Thank you for building it!

Mayra Orozco


Dear Montebello Council,

I want to personally thank Council for having the courage and foresight to make an important change to the golf course land in order to ensure a more stable financial future for the future, as well as a future that includes greater accessibility to the golf course for more residents.

It is apparent to everyone that the financial condition of the golf course has been a drag on the City's financial performance over the last decade, and I praise your efforts to solve this financial problem with not only a high quality tenant providing substantial rent, but also a winning plan with great new golfing amenities.

Great work.

Marc Burton


Dear Council,

It is very impressive to see Council taking decisive action to improve our City's future both in terms of finances and amenities with regards to the golf course.

I know how difficult it can be to make a longterm play when the current environment only seems focused on short term benefits - but remember that a City flourishes when longterm mindsets prevail.

Thank you for your foresight in tackling what has been and would continue to be a financial albatross for the City.

Amber Bock

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber Bock". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "A" and a cursive "Bock".

Dear Councilmembers,

When the Beatles stole the show in the early 1960s with drums and slightly (for the time) risqué lyrics - people complained. They wanted to go back to the old days - with familiar music and tunes. What is the lesson in this? People are inherently comfortable with what they know - not with what could be.

The same principle applies to the golf course at current. Some 60 years after the Beatles arrived on the scene, the propensity for human nature to remain the same has stood the test of time - people still complain and are fearful of change and what they don't know.

Council, it is your job in part to counteract this mentality and fight for the future and moving the City forward. Sometimes it will be fraught with concern - but I ask you simply: is it better to move into the future with a known commodity of a golf course that loses millions over the last decade - or a brand new exciting concept with guaranteed profits?

You chose wisely.

Sincerely,

Eric Chan


Dear Councilmembers,

I have heard about the plans for a TopGolf here in Montebello and I think it is a wonderful idea. My friends and I looked at the TopGolf website together and got excited thinking about a new place to go out together for food, drinks, and some active fun. It looks very impressive. I imagine it will be a nice plan to meet other people from the community who also like goodnatured fun.

I hope you will move forward with the plans and put the TopGolf up soon!

Thank you for thinking about the members of this community.

Kalani Uini

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Dear Montebello Council,

I read the article in the Whittier Daily News that says you approved a plan for a new golf course. I think it is a brilliant idea and will be a huge boost to our community. I can only imagine the people who are objecting are not really citizens of Montebello. They are probably wealthy people who come in from other parts of town. They probably don't eat in our restaurants or shop in our stores or put any money back into our economy. By building the TopGolf you will be providing a great service for Montebello citizens of all ages.

I hope you will not let the old crowd persuade you to change your mind. I would very much like to go to the TopGolf with my family when it is built!

Thank you

Hannah Pesce

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Hannah Pesce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dear Council,

As a father of young children I write to Council with hearty congratulations for not only passing but also beginning to implement long needed improvements and radical changes on the golf course. Upon its passage I did research and found that many other Cities and communities across the country have made similar decisions, but none as carefully thought out as what Council did here.

Where else in Southern California will a community have access to the following benefits: a Topgolf, a 9 hole golf course with par 4's and a par 5, a night-lit par 3 practice course, a putting course, and a miniature golf course all in one area. This is going to be a hot spot and a destination point and the City is wise to make it happen now!

Frank Roach

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Roach", with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Hi Councilmembers,

Wanted to reach out and share briefly my thoughts on the golf course changes that will be taking place since it has become a topic of great discussion due to the golfers.

I for one believe that the golf course amenities will be significantly improved due to the mini golf course, the putting course, the practice course that is lit at night, and the 9 hole course. This allows golfers and non-golfers of all ages to participate in a brand new environment that is not only safer, but allows greater accessibility due to the diversity of play and the expansion into evening hours.

Look forward to its opening and seeing the community enjoy the new benefits.

Thank you!

Alejandro Reyes 

Dear Montebello Council,

My parents told me you voted to build a TopGolf here. I have never played golf but I've seen it on TV and I've always been curious. TopGolf seems like a really good way to learn. I actually saw that they have classes for people under 18 so I think I would do that. It's not even expensive if you do it with a group of friends and I already know some of my friends want to do it too. It's going to be a really fun thing to do on the weekend. And maybe I'll get good enough to play as an adult too!

Thank you for voting to build it.

Josiah Woods

J. W.

Dear Council,

It is very exciting to hear that you have decided to make changes that will help Montebello for many years to come. A TopGolf will bring excitement and fun to Montebello. It could help change us from being an old industrial town into being a place full of fun opportunities. Maybe the TopGolf will just be the beginning and it could lead to new restaurants and parks and other places that our community could enjoy.

Thank you for voting to make these changes!

Denise Ayala


Dear Council,

It seems only right to me that Montebello's city funds go toward helping enrich the lives of the people who live here. There is nothing we would love more than to see more recreational opportunities, more places we can bring our kids, and more places we can enjoy together as a community. The Men's Club has had what seems like unlimited access to our golf courses for many years and the fact that they are complaining about allowing more of us access to those courses is very frustrating. Why shouldn't our kids have a chance to play? It just seems like the fair decision to make changes that will be good for the people of Montebello and not just the Men's Club.

I hope you will not let their negative complaints change your mind. Please think of our community and the good that this recreational facility could bring all of us.

Jared Scarborough

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature of Jared Scarborough, written in black ink. The signature is fluid and elongated, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that ends in a small, sharp hook.

Dear Council,

Thank you for voting to build a TopGolf in Montebello. I have looked up TopGolf and it is in major cities all over the country. Putting a TopGolf in Montebello can only help to build us up as a destination that people want to visit. This will help our local economy and hopefully lead to other exciting new plans here in the future. I truly think Montebello can become the next cool place in Los Angeles that people from all over want to come check out.

I look forward to a new and improved Montebello!

Kristine Alfaro

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristine Alfaro", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Hi Montebello City Council,

My friends and I are very excited to see Topgolf and the new golf course changes coming to the City of Montebello and we look forward to enjoying it upon its opening. To the older golfers who predominantly use the course, coming from a young person, I can say that nothing lasts forever and they will learn to adapt to the new and improved set of benefits that Council has approved. In fact, I believe that those same older golfers will change their tune real fast once their kids, wives, and family members want to go to the golf course now instead of just wondering where Dad is all day.

Forward progress

Jacob Becker

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Hello Councilmembers,

I am a young person continually looking for opportunities spend time with my friends in fun environments that my parents feel is safe. Unfortunately, as we all know as residents, Montebello does not have a lot of options for this type of recreation as it is mainly residential and industrial - and let's face it the mall is from another era. The golf course has been utilized by a very specific subset of the population, one my generation would call "boomers". I think speaking specifically from my generation we have seen what the boomers have done to this country and City in particular and it's VERY clear why they are the ones complaining so loudly about making generational change to what has been their little kingdom in this City on the golf course.

Council, your youth and vitality is a threat to them. Thank you for thinking longterm and not advocating the very successful boomer (can you hear the sarcasm) mentality.

CHANCE MEERS



To the city councilmembers:

This TopGolf looks amazing. I'm not even a golfer! But I do like bowling and it sounds like TopGolf turns golf into something that is almost like a fancy bowling alley. I think it will be a hotspot for people of all ages to come learn a new game and enjoy themselves with friends. I know I've gotten a little bored with the things there is to do in Montebello so the thought of a brand new place like this gets me very excited.

Can't wait to check it out!

Abiel Aguilar

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abiel Aguilar'.

Dear Council,

I find it very encouraging that you voted to build a TopGolf here. It will be such a positive change for our community. I almost can't believe our luck, that such a fun looking place could be built right in our backyards. I have always enjoyed playing games but golf made me nervous for some reason. Maybe because I thought I would be bad at it! But it sounds like TopGolf makes it easy for newbies to join in on the fun. And getting to eat a burger while I play doesn't sound so bad either!

Thank you for doing this. I am excited to see it in person when it is built.

Jose Hernandez

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Jose Hernandez, featuring a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal flourish.

Dear Council,

I think this TopGolf is one of the best things you can do for Montebello. I sometimes feel like I look around Montebello and wonder what year it is. Can't be 2021. It's like we've been stuck in the past for years, in serious need of something that would help revitalize us and move us forward into the 21st century. I know the TopGolf can't solve all our problems but it is definitely a good start. It's such a modern looking establishment and it seems to use some futuristic technology what with measuring how fast you hit a golf ball and whatnot. I just think people from all over Montebello will line up to come here and it will help build up our community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Noah Melendez', with a stylized, cursive script.

Noah Melendez

Hello Council of Montebello,

Thank you for this TopGolf plan you have for our community. I know the Men's Golf Club has played golf here for many years but I have lived here my whole life and I have never played golf. I am a grandmother now so I do not think I will start playing but I would like to take my grandchildren to the TopGolf. I think they would like it very much and it makes me happy to see them playing and enjoying themselves. My friends also have grandchildren and we agree it would be nice to all go together so that we can sit and watch over the kids as they play.

Thank you for this plan.

Anthony Luna
5/7/2021

Dear Montebello Councilmembers,

My children and grandchildren are looking forward to a new Topgolf location that is safe, close by, fun, and entertaining for their families and as a longtime resident I completely agree and am excited to see such positive change within the City. My neighbors over the years have told me they want family friendly activities in the City and I believe this is the start of great things to come.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rosemarie Vazquez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the main body of text.

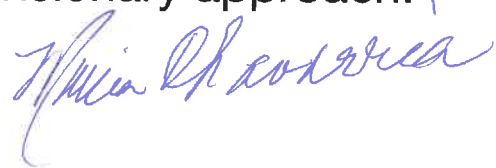
Montebello City Council,

I want to briefly take a moment to thank you for making a bold decision to help transform public land from being a one-dimensional golf course only used by serious golfers (of which there are very few in this City lets be real) to a family friendly inclusive destination point not only for residents but also visiting families across the LA marketplace. Really glad to see Council is taking the initiative to make this happen!

Gloria Gill
805 N. 21ST

Hi Montebello City Council,

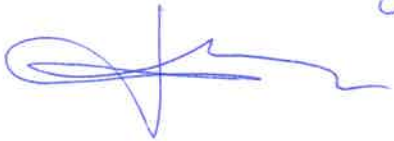
My friends and I are very excited to see the newly approved Topgolf and the new golf course changes coming to the City of Montebello and we look forward to being able to enjoy its opening. We collectively believe Council has made a wise decision to continue making forward progress within the City and thank Council for their visionary approach.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William R. Rodriguez", is written below the typed text.

Dear Council,

The TopGolf looks awesome. Everybody likes to spend time in cool places and TopGolf definitely looks cool. It's so high-tech! I'm super curious to find out how fast I can hit a golf ball and how far I can hit it. My friends are already guessing at which of us will be the best. I also know our country is all about trying to get young people to be healthy and active and TopGolf will do that. Going there will definitely beat sitting around the house watching tv or texting.

It's going to be great!

Vivian Dang


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Jesús Romero


Dear Council,

I have lived in Montebello all my life. I am not a golfer but my son is a golfer and I know he is very excited at the idea of a new golf course right here in his hometown. My grandkids like mini golf so if there is a mini golf then I can take my grandkids for a fun night all together. This idea makes me very happy so I hope for the sake of my son and my family that you will build this golf course for the community of Montebello.

Thank you.

KEVIN ALFARO
K. Alfaro

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Thank you.

STEPHANIE MALDONADO
Stephanie Maldonado

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Natalie Romero and thank you for your time in reviewing the text of the petition I started on the website [change.org](https://www.change.org). It currently has ~~627~~ signatures.

If you haven't had the opportunity to read it it is as follows:

For decades, the 18-hole golf course has been run like a private country club benefitting a very small percentage of Montebello residents - over 120 acres of public space purely for golfers with the skill, time and money to compete in an elite sport. To make matters worse, the City has lost MILLIONS of dollars of taxpayer funds over the last decade - money that could have gone to public safety or City improvements for residents.

This is about what is GAINED: a NEW Topgolf for family friendly recreation, 2 NEW golf courses and NEW golfing amenities like evening play - all while the City stops LOSING money and instead begins MAKING money.

TO BE CLEAR: Topgolf is paying the City the ENTIRE bond amount being issued on behalf of the City, in addition to Topgolf paying the City over \$27 million profit in the form of rent.

The State Audit challenged Montebello to make changes to the golf course, as losing over \$1 million annually was no longer acceptable. Council listened to the State's guidance and is making a change:

Bring Topgolf to Montebello which will provide safe, family-friendly golfing recreation and technology, along with food & beverage. Create a dynamic championship 9-hole golf course with Par 4's and a Par 5 that can be played with dual pins for an 18-hole experience. Create a 6-hole Par 3 course LED night-lit for evening play after work. Create a putting course LED night-lit for both practice and play into the evenings. Build a new modern and beautiful clubhouse facility — and finally - a mini golf course for youth and families.

JUST A FEW OF THE BENEFITS FOR RESIDENTS

1. For the vast majority of residents who do not play 18-hole golf courses, these changes will create an entirely more inclusive and family-friendly environment - where everyone from ages 2 to 99 can participate and enjoy the public land through golf amenities at a variety of skill levels.
2. Topgolf is paying the City over 27 million dollars in rent over the first 20 years, as opposed to the current golf course which has lost the City many

millions of dollars over the last decade (over \$1 million per year in losses many years).

Residents are no longer subsidizing a golf course that the vast majority never play and never visit for a small subset of mostly out-of-town men's club members who enjoy their private course experience.

3. Topgolf offers entertainment, recreation, and a fun location for family gatherings, coworker gatherings, friends gatherings, birthday parties, dates, and so many more occasions. Residents have clamored for MORE THINGS TO DO in the City and this is it!

4. Golfers get a new golf course that is playable in an 18-hole configuration, along with the night-lit Par 3 course and one acre putting course, and even a mini golf course. All new and all for residents of a variety of skill levels.

LET'S DISPEL THE RUMORS

1. You as the resident ARE NOT paying a \$100 million bond or even a \$50 million bond. Topgolf is. Topgolf is paying every dime of the bond being issued by the City and it is guaranteed by their parent company, Callaway Golf. This is ON TOP of the over 27 million dollars in rent guaranteed by Topgolf over the next 20 years.

2. The golf course is not being destroyed and it is very unwise to "save" an asset that has continuously lost money for over a decade. Let the men's club cover the \$1 million annual losses during the last decade if they are so passionate. It is being remade by the Council into a new experience with many more amenities for both golfers and non-golfers to future-proof it for your children and their children.

THE REAL QUESTIONS

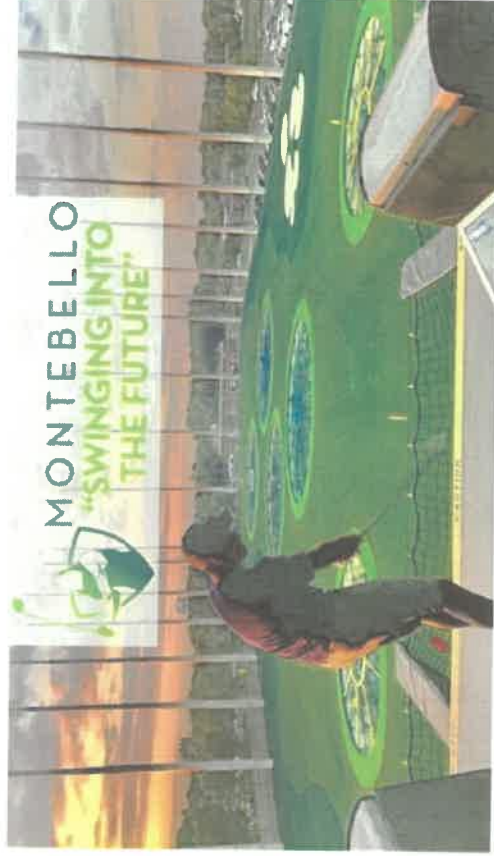
1. Why has the golf course even been allowed to lose MILLIONS of dollars every year for so many years all while being in a state of disrepair?

2. Why does the City have virtually NO recreation options for families, youth, etc?

3. Why are the golfers in public Council meetings threatening City Council members in order to keep their old-school golfing mentality at the detriment of the general public?

4. Isn't it time to consider the benefits of the many and stop losing millions of dollars keeping the status quo with the current golf course? This is a progressive, forward thinking City, right?

Bring Topgolf & 2 New Golf Courses To Montebello: Inclusive & Profitable for Residents

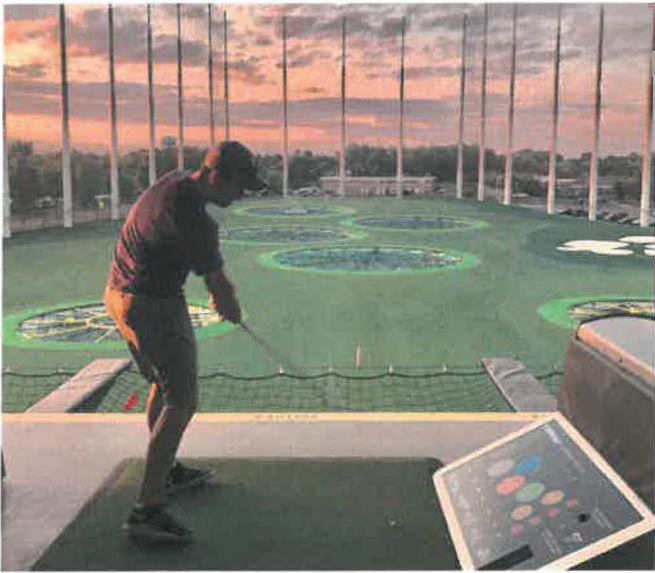


Natalia Romero started this petition to Montebello City Council

670 have signed. Let's get to 1,000!

Thanks to your support this petition has a chance at winning! We only need 330 more signatures to reach the next goal - can you help?

Take the next step!



LOOKING FORWARD TO...

#42

The City bringing new entertainment & recreational options for all City residents regardless of age and golfing status. I am very excited to visit one of the first Topgolf's in Southern California and look forward to seeing Montebello benefit longterm from an exciting development.

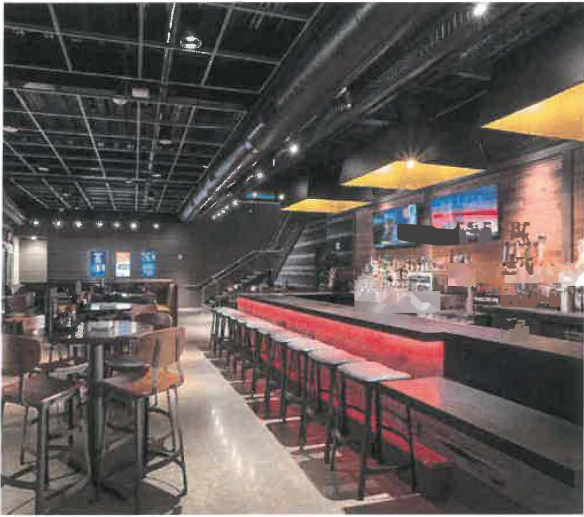
Best,

[Handwritten signature]
YOUNG PARK

The same comment cards were received from the following:

Young Park
Anderine Kinney
Jada Snider





I Support...

The Topgolf entertainment and golfing project in Montebello with all new golfing amenities. I look forward to visiting, staying at one of your hotels, and sharing memories with my friends and family upon its opening.

Very truly yours,

Print: Douglas Molbu

Sign: *Douglas*



Same comment card received from:

Douglas Molbu

Ricard Lee

I Support...

The Topgolf and New Montebello Golf Course project which brings much needed improvements to the City, providing recreational and hospitality options for both City residents and visiting guests alike. Can't wait!

All The Best,

Same comment received by the following:

Isidro Santilla
Elizabeth Gomez
Brian Ellis
Victor Lopez
George Aruiza
Greg Barret
Tom Fair
Trino Saldibar
Travon Brown
Adam Sam
Kena Blancas
Jae Bin Lee
Edward Shyu
Leon Chan
Priscilla Quiroga

Print: Isidro Santilla
Sign: [Signature]





I support and look forward to...

#45

The City bringing new entertainment & recreational options for all City residents and travelers regardless of age and golfing status. I can't wait to visit one of the first Topgolf's in Southern California and look forward to seeing Montebello benefit longterm from an exciting recreation and hospitality development.

Best,

Print: JAMES LUSBY

Sign: James

The same speaker card was received from the following:

James Lusby
Adrian Mendoza
Daniela Semegome
Mark Smith
Miguel Diaz
Michelle Hoaglin
Dawayne Lindsey





Dear City of Montebello,

#46

As a frequent guest staying in the City of Montebello I look forward to being able to keep my recreation and entertainment business within the City by frequenting your new Topgolf and golf course improvement project with work colleagues, friends and family. It will be a great new attraction for all!

Sincerely,

Print: Pamela Barnes
Sign: Pamela Barnes



The following speaker cards were received by:

Pamela Barnes
Jesse Ortega
Joseph DeBom
Joey Vargas
Leslie Tostado
Blanca Mejia
Alexis Dapermont
Brandon Rojas
Juan Martinez
athena Aceves
Tiffany Telles
Jmes Hernandez
Lillian Falcon





WE SUPPORT...

#47

A new exciting development in Montebello with the Topgolf golf entertainment complex. Staying as guests within the City, we have long desired having improved recreational options for both myself and my family. We are excited to continue staying in a location that is improving our guest experience and will keep us coming back!

Sincerely,

Pascual Hernandez

The same card was received by the following:

Pascual
Liza Guillermo
William
Arianna Ortega
Alicia Caldera
Amanda H.
Aleyia Rivas
Kellie Quam
Ruby M.
Hyon Stiffler

Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Andrew Landeros <golfbrain323@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:37 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Public Comment on TopGolf project
Attachments: petition_signatures_Save Montebello Golf Course.pdf

Thank You City Council Members and staff for your time.

I am Andrew Landeros, Member of the Board of the Montebello Golf Players Club.

We have collected more than 600 signatures of folks that do not want TopGolf at the sacrifice of the 18-hole course. Many live here or have family ties to the community. Others bring their money from other cities to Montebello to enjoy a day, then support our stores after a round. This bolsters the local economy and adds to the sales tax collected.

I ask the city to revisit the planned changes to the golf course property. The land was entrusted to the city for recreation, not for any commercial development. It is not for the council members to hand off to any developer. There cannot be any additional development of the land, according to the agreement with the Bicknell family.

The City took liberties to install the two hotels on the golf course property and the citizens are having to pay for the city's mistakes. The hotels have only been an anchor tied to the sinking city's finances.

According to the 2018 State Audit, Montebello's general fund would be responsible for up to \$1.1 million for the first hotel and \$2.6 million for the second hotel annually in hotel bond payments in order to avoid default. That is a \$3.7 Million hole in the city's pocket.

On the other hand, the course is now profitable, now that you have a very capable management team in charge of the pro shop.

We continue to say, the city should find a way to have the TopGolf project co-exist with the current course. Work with Callaway and TopGolf to invest in the improvements to the current golf course. This would allow more revenue to come to the city and preserve the historic golf course for generations to come.

Think of the possibilities of having charity golf tournaments (like many of the council folks enjoy having), then a banquet in the Quiet Cannon and then an evening at TopGolf. If folks are too tired to go home, they can stay at the hotels following the day. Everyone benefits! 18 holes allows for tournaments of 144 players. 9 holes would be 72 maximum.

What is better, the course could probably remain open while the construction went on. This would allow the city to collect greens fees during the process. The fees help pay for all the other parks in the city.

It would minimize the environmental impact to the community. There would not be a need to disrupt the entire property as the current design would entail.

It would also reduce the amount of money needed to be borrowed by the city.

The current plan requires a \$50 Million bond that will cost taxpayers more than \$100 Million over 30 years. Over 40 years, the cost would come closer to \$140 Million.

There are more ways to enhance income at the course, but the city has yet to reach out to the community most impacted. The golfers of the Montebello Golf Course. We continue to invite you to come and chat with us.

Generations of players, now and in the future, depend on your actions now. Thank you!

Attached are the signatures, in case you didn't get them.

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Michael W. Popoff <madrussian90640@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:26 PM
To: comment, ccpublic; Michael W. Popoff
Subject: 3rd Revised Public Comment for 5-12-2021 CC Meeting

(Sorry for the confusion, but I just noticed one name I forgot to add)

Good evening Honorable Mayor, Councilmembers
and staff,

I would ask that this letter be read aloud entirely into the record.

Eric Ortiz
Garrett Martin
Julian Lao
Paul Luna
Brandon Clark
Chris Romo
Brian McHugh
Michael Ray
Zachary Martin
Sam Sabella
Jeff Salinas
Kevin Tinajero
Travon Zenon
Battalion Chief Alan Wilkes
Battalion Chief Ryan Webb
Kurt Johnson
Marc Valentine
Dan France
Richard Volkoff

Celia Quezada
Verne Creswell

These are the names of many qualified Fire Personnel that have served our community faithfully, honorably and competently for many years. Some have over 20 years of service and all were reportedly either fired or pushed out.

It needs to be investigated as to why the city lost so many competent and honorable fire personnel under the current Fire Chief.

Another question I would like answered why are Chief Pelaez, City Manager Bobadilla, and HR Director Rizzo reportedly under investigation by the State of California? Is this investigation because of the forcing out of the above people, or is it because of the reported promotion of unqualified and incompetent fire personnel into positions of authority, reportedly leading to at least one event that almost took the life of a rookie firefighter?

Many in the Community have lost all confidence in Chief Pelaez' leadership. His reported closing of South Montebello Fire Stations for a number days is unacceptable, especially since it appears to be his fault the City lost the Fire personnel needed to maintain those stations in the first place.

For these reasons, and others that you have probably been made aware of, I would ask this Council to consider requesting Chief Pelaez to resign or retire. In any case, you should consider terminating his command for the good of the city and the safety of the remaining firefighters.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Samarin-Popoff, 57+ year resident of Montebello

Fernandez, Alicia

From: Gabriel Garza <gabegarzafmc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:54 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Montebello Golf Course - Top Golf Proposal

Good Evening Mayor and Council Members,

I would like to express my views and opposition to the proposal to convert our beloved Montebello Championship Golf course to a TopGolf Facility and a 9 Hole Golf Course.

As a long time resident, (40 Years as a home-owner) and previous Business Owner (18 Years here in Montebello) I believe the City has other major concerns to deal with than to propose a Bond initiative to the tune of \$50 Million that could ultimately cause our Property Taxes to be increased if this debt goes unpaid.

The following are points of concern,

Montebello already has one of the highest tax rates in the County of Los Angeles - Please don't allow our Property Taxes to go higher

Of the proposed remodeling of the course, what are the plans for holes #6, #7, #8, #9 that are directly behind the current Driving Range? More Hotels?

I play the course on a regular bases (member of the Mens Club) and I can tell you first hand that there are many players always waiting to play - The course is a popular Course where many folks have played a few celebrities as well - It's hard to believe that this place has lost so much money.

Better management, which, I believe the City now has in place and more tournaments is a way to drive in some revenue to at least maintain the Course.

I don't believe the intent was for the Course to be a money maker for the City. None of our other recreational facilities in town drive a profit for the City, or do they?

So why Is the course expected to drive in revenue for the City....This is a recreational facility - For the citizens and surrounding neighbors to enjoy.

You will be destroying a 100 year landmark with your decision...I beg you to reconsider.

Thank you

Gabriel "Gabe" Garza
(323) 819-3660 Cell
(562) 695-6000 Work
gabegarzafmc@gmail.com

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Joey Marquez <joeywmarquez10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:29 PM
To: comment, ccpublic; Bobadilla, Rene
Subject: Public Comment for the Record

I am a proud graduate of Montebello High School. I wanted to ask Mayor Pro Tem Torres a quick question, when did you graduate from Montebello High School? I was under the impression that you attended Schurr High School but I must have been mistaken after seeing your letterman jacket from Montebello High. I noticed on the "M" there are a number of patches, what clubs and sports did you participate in at Montebello High? We'd love to invite you to our next class reunion after the pandemic. Also, our alumni association would be honored to have such a distinguished alumni join.

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Caltitla, Zoraida
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)
Subject: FW: Please Read on the Record

FYI

Zoraida Caltitla
Office Manager
City Manager's Office
1600 W. Beverly Blvd.
Montebello, CA 90640
323-887-1397

From: Joe Cervera [mailto:cerverajoe175@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Salazar, Arlene; Bobadilla, Rene; Caltitla, Zoraida
Subject: Please Read on the Record

Mayor Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne, can you please explain the role and duties of a Mayor and council member? I have reviewed the job description and I have not been able to identify a specific section where it states that the Mayor is to serve as a private investigator. Does the Mayor or any council member have the authority to investigate an employee of the city? Is the Mayor serving as the judge for who is morally qualified to work and represent our city? You have overstepped your role as a council member and if this legal complaint regarding a city employee leads to litigation, the Montebello taxpayers should not be responsible for covering the legal expenses. I encourage our four other council members to not support the Mayor's irresponsible and reckless actions. She should be required to cover the expense of legal representation.

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Caltitla, Zoraida
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)
Subject: FW: Public Comment-Read On The Record

FYI

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From: Alexandria Hernandez [mailto:alexjhernandez1972@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Salazar, Arlene; Bobadilla, Rene; Caltitla, Zoraida
Subject: Public Comment-Read On The Record

The Mayor's violation of the Brown Act is appalling and shows her inability to lead our community. She is vindictive, a teller of untruths, and abusive. Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne is adopting the same methods of attack that she and her mother employed during their reign of terror and the conspiracies they promoted under the guise of Match 90640. The Mayor's mother is on social media attacking a city employee who has filed a legal complaint against her daughter on the "You know you're from Montebello" Facebook page. The page's Facebook administrators and close friends of the Mayor (David John Sanchez and Maribel Briseno) should be held accountable for allowing the city employee's name to be slandered and subject to vicious attacks by the Mayor's friends.

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Caltitla, Zoraida
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)
Subject: FW: Council Meeting Public Comment

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From: Bobby Escamilla [mailto:escamillarobm@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Salazar, Arlene; Bobadilla, Rene; Caltitla, Zoraida
Subject: Council Meeting Public Comment

Mayor Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne's mother is leading an attack on the city attorney and Brad Perrin under the guise of Montebello Anonymous. She is spreading blatant lies about the golf course and the city attorney's role in the recent deal and vote, and has been allowed to do so freely without consequence. This is not right. If Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne was not on the city council, the city attorney would have taken legal action against the Mayor's mother. Instead, he allows such attacks to go unchecked for the purpose of job preservation. The Mayor's mother is apparently running our city through intimidation and no one is willing to stand up against her.

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Caltitla, Zoraida
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)
Subject: FW: Public comment for council meeting

FYI

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From: Jonathon Chan [mailto:johnny82chan@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Salazar, Arlene; Bobadilla, Rene; Caltitla, Zoraida
Subject: Public comment for council meeting

Honorable council members,

As a resident of North Montebello, I am requesting that the city council does not provide legal representation to Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne, the Mayor of Montebello. She has behaved outside of the scope of her duties as a councilwoman and Montebello residents should not be required to cover her legal expenses. Cobos-Cawthorne's alleged behaviors and actions must be questioned and if found to be done with malicious intent, any legal costs should be directed to her.

Thank you.

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Caltitla, Zoraida
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:23 PM
To: Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)
Subject: FW: Comment for the city council meeting

FYI

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Office Manager
City Manager's Office
1600 W. Beverly Blvd.
Montebello, CA 90640
323-887-1397

From: Anonymous Name [mailto:kb1refghter@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Salazar, Arlene; Bobadilla, Rene; Caltitla, Zoraida
Subject: Comment for the city council meeting

Madam Mayor Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne is a blessing to our little city on the hill. She has worked tirelessly to be transparent and to make sure city employees are behaving correctly. She shows compassion for our residents and isn't afraid to take the lead and influence departments that need improvement. She believes in holding people accountable and she has only done what has been in the best interest of the city. Recently, she expressed how it is unfair that she is the mayor during a pandemic and how she hasn't been able to do everything she wants to do for our city. She expressed some interest in serving a consecutive second term as Mayor and Kimmy deserves it. Montebello should be honored to have such a great leader who is first on the scene with the Fire Department and Police Department. Thank you Mayor, you have earned the praise.

L. Fuentes

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City of Montebello

5/6/2021

3:23
S.N.

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Name Patrick Roove called @ 6:57 p.m.

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 240 - 1670

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic Re-opening of public facilities at park locations.
(Please be specific)

(The instructions on the back will assist you in expressing your views)

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City of Montebello

Received 5/11
@ 2:45pm
KG

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Name Rosa Tamayo *Spanish called @ 7:02

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 724-6099

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic Fire Department - complaint for long response time.
(Please be specific)

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City of Montebello

Rec'd 5/12
@ 8:55 p.m.
K.G.

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Name Yvette Fimbres called @ 7:07 p.m.

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 697-2710

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic In regards to Kimberly Cobos-Cauthorne
(Please be specific)

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Name Raul Hurtado called @ 7:11 p.m.

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 721-5622

Organization represented (if any) Fire Union & Police Union, also spoke on Closed Session Item - potential litigation chief vs. MTB

Topic General comment - speaking on a story he saw on the news.
(Please be specific)

(Did not want to state what story, stated that they didn't think it was necessary to state.)
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Name William Cervera called @ 7:14 p.m.

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 353-2626

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic General Comment - City Attorney should not be leading

CCM. Attorney should not be stopping the speakers. Top golf. Internet.
(Please be specific)

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**ITEM NO. 10 -
CDBG**

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Name John Velasco zoom - spoke @ 7:30 p.m.

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (714) 325-5828

Organization represented (if any) Heart of Compassion

Topic In support of CDBG Funding Item #10

(Please be specific)

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**ITEM NO. 11 -
(ADOPT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING
COMPREHENSIVE MEMORANDUMS
OF UNDERSTANDING)**

Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Chris Tyni <religaranch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 12:38 PM
To: comment, ccpublic

Honorable Members of the Montebello City Council,

My name Chris Tyni and I have had the pleasure of serving the Montebello Community for the last 15 years as a member of the Montebello Police Department. I am speaking today with the hopes of gaining your support for approval of the Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding which will be presented to you this evening. The Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding is something that the members of the Montebello Police Department have been seeking for many years. The Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding which will be presented to you is the culmination of years of work, including the assistance of an outside consultant. This Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding is essential not only for the members of the Montebello Police Association, but for the City of Montebello as well. The Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding before you will lay the foundation between the Montebello Police Officers Association and the City of Montebello for years to come. This Memorandum of Understanding is something that we (The Members of the Montebello Police Officers Association and the City of Montebello) have been lacking for some time. The Memorandum of Understanding is an industry standard and will bring forth the professionalism that the community of Montebello seeks from its City Employees. I thank you for your time and consideration in approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Montebello Police Officers Association and the City of Montebello.

Sincerely,

Chris Tyni; Vice President of the Montebello Police Officers Association.

Sent from my iPhone

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Phillip Viebrock <viebrock.phil@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:51 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: City Council Comment Card

To Madam Mayor, City Council and City Staff

I want to voice my support for the current purposed MOU between the City and the MPOA. Having an MOU is a standard for agencies because of its importance of outlining the agreed benefits between the City and the employees. The MPOA has been promised an MOU for some time now and while the current purposed MOU is not as comprehensive as most would expect it to be, it is a great starting point. The MPOA has been working diligently with the City to create the current purposed MOU. The MOU contains terms already agreed upon between the City and the MPOA. The MPOA will happily continue to work with the City to add to the purposed MOU. Thank you for your continued support, as well as, your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
MPOA Member Phillip Viebrock

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: park1776 <park1776@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:55 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: MPOA

Dear Members of the Montebello City Council,

Thank you for your review and consideration of our Memorandum of Understanding. I have found the MOU to be accurate and fair in all aspects of our prior and new agreements to our dedicated men and women of the Montebello Police Department. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the City of Montebello.

Best regards,

David Park, board member of the Montebello POA

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Madam Mayor, City Council, City Manager and Assistant City Manager;

On behalf of the Montebello Police Officer's Association, I would like to thank you for the opportunity you have provided for us to speak about the important matter of the comprehensive memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MPOA has been attempting to obtain a comprehensive MOU from the City dating back to early 2000's. These attempts have never progressed from the level of conversation and on April 10, 2013 in a signed MOU with then City Administrator Francesca Tucker-Schuyler, the City agreed to the following:

"The City shall provide MPOA with a draft comprehensive MOU's summarizing the wages, hours, and working conditions of the MPOA employees within 90 days of approval of this Agreement. Thereafter, the parties shall work jointly to ensure the MOU's accuracy and completeness. The final comprehensive MOU shall be presented to the City Council for approval."

Over the following years the MPOA repeatedly continued to request a comprehensive MOU with the City and the City refused to meet the terms they had agreed to in 2013.

In March of 2020 the MPOA opened dialogue with then recently hired Human Resources Director Nicholas Razo regarding this issue. Mr. Razo recognized the importance and the need of having a comprehensive MOU. Since, Mr. Razo has been in constant communication with the MPOA and has kept us apprised of the City's progress on this matter. The MPOA recognizes that the task of comprising an accurate MOU is not as simple as it may sound and in early 2021 the MPOA was presented with the initial draft of the proposed MOU. The MPOA Board and City Staff then met several times to ensure the accuracy of the MOU. The MPOA Board has reviewed the proposed comprehensive MOU and have agreed that it is an accurate reflection of the previously agreed to provisions. With subsequent MOU's the goal would be to add agreed upon provisions to ensure we have thorough MOU's and further strengthen City and MPOA guidelines. The MPOA strongly believes that this is a great baseline, and has full confidence in the current City Staff in that they will continue to work with the MPOA in adding needed provisions that would improve the MOU until it meets that of the industry standard.

The MPOA greatly appreciates the tremendous support that City Manager Rene Bobadilla and Assistant City Manager Arlene Salazar, have displayed from day one and have worked with the Human Resources Team to accomplish this task. The MPOA would like to thank all that have worked on getting us to the point that we have reached on this specific matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the approval of this MOU.

Respectfully MPOA President

Omar Rodriguez

Fernandez, Alicia

From: Craig Adams <cadams1356@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:06 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: MPOA Comprehensive MOU

Dear City Council,

I am respectfully requesting approval of the comprehensive MOU presented by the Montebello Police Officer's Association. The MOU is an important document for a number of reasons-the least of which provides a framework for the employment of police officers within the city of Montebello. This not only allows potential employees to research all the city has to offer but provides direction to current employees on benefits, rules and regulations and incentives obtained during contract negotiations. The timing for the request is ideal due to the fact City Hall employees appear not only willing to work with the MPOA but actually have the capacity to-unlike in years past. Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

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Fernandez, Alicia

From: Camuy, Juan
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:10 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: MOU support

Greetings,

I am a MPOA member and respectfully submit my support for a Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding.
Thank you.

Fernandez, Alicia

From: Katie Ferrari <forever_ferrari@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:46 PM
To: comment, ccpublic

Greetings honorable mayor and council,

As a board member of the Montebello Police Officers Association, I would like to show my support for a comprehensive MOU. Being a lateral who has come from an agency with a concrete MOU I can tell you how important it is to have one in place.

Regards,

Katie Ferrari

Sent from my iPhone

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Fernandez, Alicia

From: Padilla, Vanessa
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:26 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Comment for Item #11

Honorable Mayor, City Council Members, and Staff:

On behalf of the Montebello Supervisors Association, I would like to show our support for the comprehensive memorandum of understanding (MOU). Through our combined efforts, we are presenting what we believe is a document encompassing all of our historical negotiations.

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I would like to extend our gratitude to the Human Resources team in putting together this document. We recognize all of the effort they put forth in working with each and every group. It was no easy task; and yet there was no question or concern left unanswered.

As our City continues to modernize its processes and procedures we hope that an established comprehensive MOU will continue to not only attract but keep our top quality employees that continue to propel the City forward.

As a newer association, we recognize how crucial it is for our group to have a physical record of previous negotiated terms. It is our hope moving forward that this MOU will give both parties an equal platform to negotiate fair and competitive compensation and benefits. Please allow me to emphasize again how important this document is to our association and to the future of our City. We have worked countless hours to prepare and now present this document for your approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Nava
Montebello Supervisors Association
President
323-494-7878

**Vanessa Padilla Nava**

Grant and Project Administrator

Police Department, City of Montebello

1600 W Beverly Blvd. Montebello, CA 90640

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w: www.cityofmontebello.com e: vpadilla@cityofmontebello.com

Fernandez, Alicia

From: Smith, Stacey
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:38 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Item #11

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Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Smith
Montebello Supervisors Association



Stacey Smith
Communications Supervisor
Police Department, City of Montebello
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p: 323-887-1209
w: www.cityofmontebello.com e: ssmith@cityofmontebello.com

Fernandez, Alicia

From: Navarro, Monique
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:38 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Item 11

Honorable Mayor, City council Member and Staff,

I am on the MSA board and have been assisting with drafting up a revised comprehensive MOU for our organization. This is something we are looking forward to getting completed and having something that we can refer to. I have worked for the city for over 30 years and I am extremely excited to see the city moving forward with updating our MOU, it is long overdue. I am very grateful to the Human Resources unit for all of their time, effort and hard work they have put into this project and kept all of the organizations involved and updated as well as asking for any input is assisting with the MOU's. This document is imperative to our future and the future of new employees, having documentation to refer to and compare to other cities is a must. As an employee who has been here for over 30 years and seeing the turn the city is taking to update the MOU as well as work on other projects makes me feel like they are finally taking into consideration their employees and making us feel important.

Respectfully



Monique DelliBovi

Records Supervisor

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w: www.cityofmontebello.com e: mdellibovi@cityofmontebello.com

Fernandez, Alicia

From: Michael Lyon <mikerlyon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:21 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: MPD memorandum of understanding

Mayor, City Council and Staff,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to review and allowing the MPOA the opportunity to address the comprehensive memorandum of understanding (MOU). I am glad the the current version of the MOU has been brought back to the attention of the council. Being a newer member of the MPOA board, I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with a lot of great people on making future improvements to the Montebello Police Departments MOU.

Thank you again for all that the council members along with city staff do to provide the best service to the citizens of Montebello. Looking forward to a bright future here in Montebello!

Best,

Michael Lyon
MPOA board member

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Fernandez, Alicia

From: Marc Marty <marc.mpoa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:35 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: MPOA Comprehensive MOU

Good evening Montebello City Council!

My name is Marc Marty and I am a member of the Montebello Police Officers' Association. I am writing you this evening to express my support for a comprehensive MOU with our city.

I have been a city employee for approximately 20 years and in those 20 years, I have been involved in our police association in some form or another as a board member, treasurer and president for about 15 years. In those 15 years we have attempted to put together a comprehensive MOU and have yet to succeed.

This is the first time we have had excellent dialogue with city staff working together to accomplish this time consuming task. The time is now! Let's continue with the process and complete our MOU.

In my time as an employee with the city of Montebello I have never seen it flourishing as it is now. We have become a progressive city and I'd love to see the momentum continue to move forward.

I am absolutely in favor of a comprehensive MOU and I believe you should be too!

Thank you for your support!

Marc Marty
MPOA Member

Sent from my iPhone

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Caltitla, Zoraida
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)
Subject: FW: Public comment
Attachments: Comprehensive MOU Public Comment.docx

FYI

Zoraida Caltitla
Office Manager
City Manager's Office
1600 W. Beverly Blvd.
Montebello, CA 90640
323-887-1397

From: Kim, David
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Caltitla, Zoraida
Cc: Razo, Nicholas; Mooshagian, Nicole; Camacho, Kathleen
Subject: Public comment

Good afternoon,

Please see attached public comment. Do I need to send it to ccpubliccomment@cityofmontebello.com? Thank you.

Lieutenant David Kim #1298
Montebello Police Department
Investigations Bureau
1600 W. Beverly Boulevard
Montebello CA 90640
(323)887-1200 Ext. 293
Dkim@cityofmontebello.com

To: Madam Mayor, City Council, City Manager and Assistant City Manager,

On behalf of the Montebello Police Management Association, I would like to thank our City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Human Resources and all city staff who played a role in revising the comprehensive MOU for the Montebello Police Management Association. I've been proudly serving our community since 1996 and was recently appointed to serve as the president of the MPMA. During our recent negotiation, the city and the MPMA agreed to a comprehensive MOU. The City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Human Resources team has since worked hard in putting together a draft comprehensive MOU. The HR director, Nicolas Razo and I met numerous times to finalize the comprehensive MOU to make sure that all the past agreements, addendums and side notes were included into one document. The city staff went further and adopted some of the agreements into a city policy. This comprehensive MOU has been long overdue and it will set the precedent into future agreements to follow. Once again, I would like to thank the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Human Resources team for taking the time to revise the comprehensive MOU. I also would like to thank Madam Mayor and City Council members in advance for consideration of approving the comprehensive MOU.

President of the MPMA,
David Kim

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Name David Kim called @ 7:42 p.m.

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 816-6024

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic #11 Moul - submitted comment # 13 &

(Please be specific)

would like to call instead

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Name Vanessa Padilla called @ 7:44 p.m.

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 494-7878

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic #11 MOU - submitted comment # 8 &

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Name Omar Rodriguez *called @ 7:46 p.m. left a vm.*

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) ~~818-600-490~~ 490-0478

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic #11 MOW *will also read comment on*

(Please be specific)
behalf of Marc Marty (comments # 4 & #12)

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**ITEM NO. 12 -
CITY COUNCIL TERMS**

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Name William Cervera called @ 8:35 p.m.

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 353-2626

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic #12 - City Council Term Limits - (Did not want to state if he
(Please be specific) was opposing or supporting item.)

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ITEM NO. 15 & 16 - Natasha Lane

Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: mde4peace <mde4peace@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:08 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Public Comments to be read at Montebello City Council meeting May 12, 2021

To: City Council, Staff and Departments

From: Margot Eiser, resident, taxpayer, voter

Re: Comments to be read at Montebello City Council meeting May 12, 2021 and entered into the public record and responded to when requested.
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Item 15 & 16-I am probably not the only one who is curious about this. Please have someone send me an explanation of what Natasha Lane is, how much has been spent over the years on various matters relating to it and most importantly, how much if any money it earns for the city or is it just an ongoing expense? My address is on the record.

Item 17-~~First, you must immediately change all signs and start to use the proper term to describe and advertise what is and always has been **OUR** municipal **GOLF COURSE**. Next, it is vitally important that you, who are supposed to be our representatives, must insist that the new management company is always working for the benefit of the **City**. I suggest that you consult with other cities which run very successful public golf courses with additional facilities. Third, **WE**, the residents, residents, taxpayers, voters must be notified and involved and oversee the entire process before making any changes proposed by the company.~~

ITEM NO. 17 - GOLF COURSE

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We must have input and impact on all decisions. This could be accomplished by having an active **Golf Course** Commission made up of only concerned residents.

~~Item 23-Relieved that you heeded the will of us the people, residents, tax payers, voters and are upholding the denial of the proposed General Plan zone change . You have our support to continue to maintain the integrity of a such a special neighborhood despite pressures. This matter demonstrates how important it is for all of us to be actively involved in formulating the New General Plan so that it can include and protect what is unique and important and include what we want and need in the various areas of the city. It would be wise to add provisions that make it harder for outside entities to try to change it.~~

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Name William Cervera called @ 8:49 p.m.

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 353-2626

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic #17-StS La Barge - (Did not want to state if he was opposing or
(Please be specific) supporting Hem.)

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**ITEM NO. 23 -
(IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION TO
DENY BRANDYWINE PROJECT)**

ITEM NO. 23 - BRANDYWINE DENIAL OF APPLICANT

Comment #	Name	In Support	In Opposition
1	Giovanni Sergi	X	
2	De Anne Heacock	X	
3	Ernesto Casas	X	
4	Tom and Alexandria Uch	X	
5	Cesar Vega	X	
6	Mario Martinez	X	
7	Anthony Brand	X	
8	Anakuh Pena	X	
9	Stephen Patino	X	
10	Chris Andrews	X	
11	Veasna Eng	X	
12	Margo Eiser	X	

Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Giovanni Sergi <giovannisergiusiciliano@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:10 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: 301 Jacmar Dr

Montebello City council,

My name is Giovanni Sergi. I live at 844 South 3rd St in Montebello and I'm opposed on the construction of the 31 units at 301 Jacmar. Please consider the following below.

1. Traffic and parking will impact our neighborhood
2. Parking will be an issue look at the other townhomes on Washington/Bluff and Olympic/Greenwood and how many cars surround those properties. Look at streets and how congested they are.
3. The residents have spoken and presented you with 551 signatures opposing this project.
4. The re-zoning his only considered for a former city official.
5. At the January 5, 2021 hearing, the Planning Commission ultimately voted to recommend to the City Council denial of the proposed project due to off-site parking concerns by a 3-2 vote.
6. The residents of South Montebello do not deserve this.

Respectfully

Giovanni Sergi

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: De Anne Susino <deannesusino@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:20 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Jacmar / District based elections

The development of 31 units on Jacmar would take a longstanding neighborhood of single family residences with strong property values and create a high-density neighborhood where neighbors fight over street parking, and people, traffic, and noise pollution expand rapidly. It's a terrible idea.

Instead, the council should consider providing incentives to developers to partner with the City and create affordable housing in areas that help uplift the neighborhoods. Some of the industrial properties and dilapidated homes on larger lots are ideal for this kind of development. If the Council focused on these types of properties to encourage development, it would benefit the entire city, not just a developer and a few people in town.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE READ FOR CLOSED SESSION

~~The other issue I'd like to address is District based elections. I've lived in south Montebello all my life, and I know I speak for many "southsiders" when I say we feel unrepresented. Most all of the council members present and past (with a few exceptions) do not live in south Montebello. We have unique needs in the south; for example, the riverbed and water company activity in our neighborhoods, grow houses opening up in the industrial areas, etc. I feel it's time we grow into a system that guarantees representation of each unique section of Montebello. Something needs to change. Our city has been stuck in time for decades. I'm asking you to take a chance and take us in a different direction that is working in our neighboring cities.~~

Thank you!
De Anne Heacock-Susino
Lifelong Resident

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Ernesto Casas <casasernesto5@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:44 PM
To: comment, ccpublic

I am a resident of Montebello, I deny the proposal .
301 Jacamar Dr. 31 units Townhome project.

I live on 732 S Spruce St, Montebello, CA 90640
Ernesto Casas
Cell phone 323-810-3859

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: utandihappi@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:22 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Cc: tandihappi@gmail.com
Subject: 301 Jacmar Propoesd Project

April 14, 2021

City Council of Montebello

Dear Council Members,

We are the resident home owners and enjoyed living in the affected community for more than 35 years.

I. We oppose the 31 3-Story proposed condo project because of:

- a) More additional traffics and crowded parking
- b) Potential crimes and drug activities
- c) Drop in property values

II. If the City needs more additional housing, the Planning Dept. and the Housing Authority can and should solicit available locations such as:

- a) The south east corner of Whittier Blvd and Bluff Rd.
- b) The south west corner of Olympic Blvd and Montebello Blvd
- c) The south east corner of Olympic Blvd and S. Park Ave.
- d) The south west corner of Garfield Ave and Via Campo
- f) The north east side of E Lincoln Ave and E Azalea Dr.

(about 40% owed by Montebello, 60% by Pico Rivera)

III. Not a single person living on 3rd street and Jacmar supports the Condo project except those people who do NOT live in the affected community.

Your crucial decision tonight will affect this peaceful community for the next 75 to 100 years to come.

Thank you

Sincerely.

Thom T. Uch
 Alexandria I. Uch
 841 S 3rd Street
 Montebello, CA 90640

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Cesar Vega <cvega@morrow-meadows.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:36 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Agenda item #12

To whom it may concern,

My name is Cesar Vega and I live at 848 s 3rd St. in the city of Montebello just 4 houses away from the proposed construction site.

I have lived at this address since late 2000 and have always had a good relationship with all my neighbor's past and present, including my neighbor Mr. William (Bill) Molinari.

I personally have had the pleasure of calling him my friend for all the years that Ive known him. Ive looked out for him when a strange car was parked in front of his home or when he needed my help I volunteered my time on his campaigns. I made signs and walked the streets of north and south Montebello asking for peoples votes for Bill as Mayor and as City Councilman.

However, it has come to my attention that Bill wants to level his home and have a company by the name of Brandywine come into our neighborhood and build 31 units as well as Re-Zone our street.

I personally am appalled and completely against this project.

I write today to ask that you please consider not Re-zoning our street and to put a halt to this project. our street has already seen an increase in vehicle traffic, as well as crime in the last few years.

I believe that building 31 units would increase both crime and traffic. vehicles coming in and out of our street as well as parking would become a big problem.

I understand that the parking for the tenants would be tandem garages. I ask you today, do we really need to be so ignorant as to think that somebody wants to be blocked in by another car in their own home? that these Tenants as well as friends and family of such will not just park out on Jacmar, s.3rd and 4th St.?

When the units that are on the corner of Washington and Bluff Rd. were being constructed Bill spoke to me about how upset he was with the contractor because he felt that they lied to him about how far the project would be from his home, his words were

" well they said they wouldn't be so close and look! they built that darn thing right up to my back yard".

If you go to google maps and look at 201 - 213 Juniper way. you can clearly see that from the 1st floor of the complex one can see clearly into Mr. Molinari's back yard and into his house with minimum to no privacy when seen from a higher floor.

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I read the article that was sent to me by Brandywine where Bill states "I have lived here for over 30 years why would I propose something that would be bad for the neighborhood?"

well, the answer is simple and we would be blind to not see it.

Money... that's why and if you lined my pockets with a bunch of money, I too would be inclined to sell my house and be all in for building 25 Units on my property.

I wish not to create bad blood between Bill and myself, But I would rather like to make him see that this is not what our neighborhood needs.

-Cesar.



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From: Mario Martinez <mariojrmtz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:45 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Cc: norezoning2021@gmail.com
Subject: Jacmar house planning project

To whom it may concern,

Many members of the neighborhood (including myself) strongly oppose the Jacmar project. The neighborhood has been inundated with housing projects within the last 10-15 years. Finding parking it's a mission in itself that can be stressful. I often see people parking their vehicles blocks away in our current living conditions. Vehicular influx will also affect the quality of life in the neighborhood. Beach street between Greenwood Ave. and Bluff Rd. has needed some major uplifting within the last 7 years, why hasn't this not been done? Now imagine adding 31 homes, what would that do to our neighborhood streets? Why not give our neighborhood a break and focus on building more housing on the north side of Montebello. Those beautiful hills have a lot of space that will give new tenants a beautiful view of Montebello or the San Gabriel valley.

Thank you,
-Mario

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Anthony Brand <dodger1_la@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 6:51 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: NO TO 31 unit townhouses

Montebello city council,

Please STOP the zone change to allow 31 unit townhouses at 301 jacmar Dr., Montebello. In the middle of residential neighborhood. PLEASE call or email your opposition! We residents to vote NO and opposed this housing project. Thank you!!

Sent from EL iphone

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Anakuh Pena <anakuh.just.anakuh@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:01 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: 301 jacmar

As a long time resident, living in here in Montebello has given me a sense of community and space that is hard to come by now a days. People being crammed into the smallest space possible is not healthy. Thinking of all the people that will come to the community should this go thru will have more people stacked on top of each other straining already tight resources. I chose a home here in Montebello because I didn't want to live tightly packed. No one's gonna wanna live next this.

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Fernandez, Alicia

From: Stephen Patino <patino1684@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:03 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Subject : item #12 31 units

Subject: Item #12 31 Units

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern over the proposed 31 Units on Jacmar. As a resident of the Southside of Montebello just a couple blocks from Jacmar I want to tell you about my experience of living here.

I've been a resident of the southside since Sept and prior to moving here I was looking for a place to call home that provided the quality of life I was seeking and deserve. Thus far most neighbors have been nice, but the one thing I have noticed is the horrible parking situation. Given my proximity to the proposed project this concerns me highly because I've now even heard I may have to go into a permit parking section which I find bad. If we already have issues with parking now without the project why don't you consider building a parking structure. You can still make money that way and maybe make even more than the \$200k you will gain from this.

In addition the streets here haven't been paved and all my visitors complain about having to drive through these streets. I thought I had moved away from that but the lack of attention and now this project is not the quality of life I had the vision of.

I really hope you think about that and think about where you live and how you would like 31 structures moving in next door to you tomorrow and how your neighbors will react when you tell them you are considering to do this next door to you and them. Think about these structures on your current block now not Jacmar and see if you would say yes right now.

I want to continue to live here and raise my family here but you must consider the impacts you will have on me and my decisions to stay here with your vote. I kindly ask that you not support this project.

Stephen Patino
(323) 335-0705

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Fernandez, Alicia

From: Chris Andrews <chris.andrews78@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:09 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: 301 Jacmar

Hello,

My name is Chris Andrews and I am sending this email to voice my dissent for the condominium project at 301 Jacmar. My family has lived on the south side of Montebello for 71 years. We have continually been witness to the abandonment of the concerns of south side residents by the city for years. There are members of the city government that specifically call upon residents of the south side when they need our votes (David Torres, Scarlet Peralta, Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, etc.). Now the south side is calling on them. We need improved infrastructure. We need improved schools. We need to build up and nurture commercial opportunities along the Washington Blvd corridor. What we do not need is even worse parking, more congestion, taller building, and less green space. The residents of the south side community are good people that just want their voices heard. Apparently, we have to shout louder because we aren't on top of a hill. I am asking for your help in voting against this building project and calling on you to give back to the residents of the south side that continually give to you.

Thank you for reading this,
Chris Andrews

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Fernandez, Alicia

From: Veasna Eng <calpolyeng2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:43 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Oppose to zone change on Jacket Dr.

Hello,

I live on s 4th st in Montebello and I would like to put in my vote to oppose the zone change.

Thanks,
Veasna Eng

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: mde4peace <mde4peace@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:08 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Public Comments to be read at Montebello City Council meeting May 12, 2021

To: City Council, Staff and Departments

From: Margot Eiser, resident, taxpayer, voter

Re: Comments to be read at Montebello City Council meeting May 12, 2021 and entered into the public record and responded to when requested.
 Note to Reader, Please add "Thank you" at end of each.

Public Orals- ~~I recommend that you arrange all the technicalities needed to have City Council and other public meetings be done as Zoom meetings. This can be used successfully and effectively. I recently participated in an elaborate event with numerous other people which provided for interaction in various ways. I recommend continuing to use Zoom even when in person meetings are resumed because that would encourage and give many more people the opportunity to participate in the running of our city!~~

Item 15 & 16-~~I am probably not the only one who is curious about this. Please have someone send me an explanation of what Natasha Lane is, how much has been spent over the years on various matters relating to it and most importantly, how much if any money it earns for the city or is it just an ongoing expense? My address is on the record.~~

Item 17-~~First, you must immediately change all signs and start to use the proper term to describe and advertise what is and always has been **OUR** municipal **GOLF COURSE**. Next, it is vitally important that you, who are supposed to be our representatives, must insist that the new management company is always working for the benefit of the **City**. I suggest that you consult with other cities which run very successful public golf courses with additional facilities. Third, **WE**, the residents, residents, taxpayers, voters must be notified and involved and oversee the entire process before making any changes proposed by the company.~~

~~We must have input and impact on all decisions. This could be accomplished by having an active **Golf Course** Commission made up of only concerned residents.~~

Item 23-Relieved that you heeded the will of us the people, residents, tax payers, voters and are upholding the denial of the proposed General Plan zone change . You have our support to continue to maintain the integrity of a such a special neighborhood despite pressures. This matter demonstrates how important it is for all of us to be actively involved in formulating the New General Plan so that it can include and protect what is unique and important and include what we want and need in the various areas of the city. It would be wise to add provisions that make it harder for outside entities to try to change it.

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