



CITY OF MONTEBELLO
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1600 WEST BEVERLY BOULEVARD
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA

CITY COUNCIL

Salvador Melendez, Mayor
Georgina Tamayo, Mayor Pro Tem
David N. Torres, Councilmember
Scarlet Peralta, Councilmember
Vacant, Councilmember

CITY CLERK

Christopher Jimenez

CITY MANAGER

Raul Alvarez

CITY TREASURER

David Matanga

CITY ATTORNEY

Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Fire Chief
Police Chief
Director of Finance
Director of Planning/Community Development
Acting Director of Public Works
Director of Recreation and Community Services
Director of Transportation

Fernando Pelaez
Paul Espinosa
Michael Solorza
Joseph Palombi
Cesar Roldan
David Sosnowski
John Soria

NOTICES

This City Council Meeting ("Council") will be held in person and will meet at **City Hall – City Council Chambers, 1600 West Beverly Boulevard, Montebello, California.** The meeting will be live streamed and can be watched on the City's website and YouTube Channel via the following link: <https://www.montebelloca.gov>, and may also be viewed on Spectrum Public Access Channel 3 for all Spectrum cable subscribers.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) any person with a disability who requires special accommodations in order to participate in a meeting should contact the Administration Office at (323) 887-1437 Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Please call 48 hours prior to the meeting to ensure that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II 1203). If you require translation services, please contact the City Clerk's office 72 hours before this meeting. **Si necesita servicios de traducción, comuníquese con la Oficina del Secretario Municipal 72 horas antes de esta reunión.** 如果您需要翻译服务，请在会议前 72 小时联系市书记员办公室

RULES OF DECORUM:

Pursuant to Section 54957.95 of the Government Code, the presiding member of the legislative body conducting a meeting, or their designee, is authorized to remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting. Any such removal will be preceded by a warning to the disruptive individual by the presiding member of the legislative body or their designee that the individual's behavior is disrupting the meeting and that the individual's failure to promptly cease their disruptive behavior may result in their removal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

In-Person: For those interested in participating during the Public Comment period(s) or public testimony period for Public Hearings of the City Council meetings, you may address the City Council ***in person only the day of the meeting.*** Speakers will be required to fill out a speaker card provided at the door and submit it to City Clerk staff prior to each Public Comment announcement period. Staff will number and call each speaker card in the order received. ***Closed Session begins at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Session begins immediately thereafter; if there is no Closed Session, Regular Session will begin at 6:00 p.m.***

AGENDA MATERIALS: The agenda and/or agenda packet are available for public inspection at City's website at: [Agendas, Minutes, and Videos](#),

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION - NONE

REGULAR SESSION - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

The Public Comments were received at the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2025; no additional comments will be accepted.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. APPOINTMENT TO FILL DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consideration of interviewed applicants and make an appointment to fill the existing vacant City Council Seat for the term ending in December 2026; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

CONSENT CALENDAR - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello will adjourn to the next **Regular Meeting on February 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** , which can be live-streamed at <https://www.montebellocal.gov> (Click on Live Stream).

I, Kimberly Guillen, Senior Deputy City Clerk for the City of Montebello hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted at City Hall and the City's website and delivered to each member of the City of Montebello City Council no less than 24-hours before the start of the Adjourned Meeting.



Kimberly Guillen, Senior Deputy City Clerk



ITEM # 1

**CITY OF MONTEBELLO
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Raul Alvarez, City Manager

BY: Kimberly Guillen, Senior Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO FILL DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

DATE: January 29, 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consideration of interviewed applicants and make an appointment to fill the existing vacant City Council Seat for the term ending in December 2026; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended actions.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The 2024 General Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for two (2) City Council seats, the City Clerk seat and the recall of Councilmember Angie Jimenez. During a Special City Council Meeting on December 5, 2024, the election results were certified, causing the removal of Councilmember Angie Jimenez.

On January 8, 2025, the City Council decided to fill this vacancy through an appointment process. Registered voters residing within City Council District 5 of Montebello were invited to apply. Interested community members were directed to complete an application available on the City's website and submit it to the City Clerk's Office by 5:30 p.m. on January 15, 2025. Applicants were also invited to attend the Regular City Council Meeting on January 22, 2025, to provide an oral statement.

On January 22, 2025, the City Council decided to extend the appointment process to a

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Special Meeting on January 29th, to allow additional time for deliberation.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

N/A

ANALYSIS:

In total, the City received ten (10) applications. Of those, six (6) applications qualified after they met all the application requirements by the prescribed deadline. Four (4) applications were disqualified because they did not fully meet the requirements. Attachment A includes the names of the applicants along with their respective applications with personal information redacted. The applicants who submitted applications are as follows:

Qualified Applications (6 total)

1. Rafael Santoya
2. Rocio Y. Berru
3. Ricardo Alonzo
4. Joseph Sanchez
5. William E. Paolisso III
6. James J. Santana

Disqualified Applications (4 total)

7. Maribel Hernandez (Does not live in District 5)
8. Claudia Castro (Does not live in District 5 and the candidate statement does not meet the word count requirement)
9. Brissa Sotelo (Declaration missing signature)
10. Richard Saldana (Application submitted after deadline, missing signature on declaration, and missing candidate statement)

The City Council has flexibility in determining the process for selecting an appointee to the vacant City Council seat. A motion, second, and majority vote are required to finalize the appointment. The proposed appointment process is outlined below:

1. Applicant names will be drawn to determine the order of interviews.
2. Staff will provide copies of the applications and supporting documents for each candidate.
3. Each applicant will deliver a three-minute oral statement in the determined order.
4. The City Council will have an opportunity to ask follow-up questions after each presentation.
5. Following the interviews, the City Council will deliberate and select an appointee by majority vote.

The selected appointee must take the oath of office on or before February 5, 2025, and will assume their seat at the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for February 12, 2025.

SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct interviews of applicants and make an appointment to fill an existing vacant City Council Seat for the term ending in December 2026; and take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Attachment A - List of Applicants for District 5 Councilmembers



APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

	<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Voter Registration Verification</u>	<u>Felony Conviction Declaration</u>	<u>Candidate Statement</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1	Rafael Santoya	1/13/2025	☒	☒	☒	Meets all quaifications
2	Rocio Y. Berru	1/13/2025	☒	☒	☒	Meets all quaifications
3	Ricardo Alonzo Ugalde	1/14/2025	☒	☒	☒	Meets all quaifications
4	Joseph Sanchez	1/15/2025	☒	☒	☒	Meets all quaifications
5	Willam E. Paolisso III	1/15/2025	☒	☒	☒	Meets all quaifications
6	James J. Santana	1/15/2025	☒	☒	☒	Meets all qualifications
7	Maribel Hernandez	1/15/2025	☐	☒	☒	Active Voter but resides in District 4
8	Claudia Castro	1/15/2025	☐	☒	☐	Active Voter but resides in District 4. Candidate Statement does not meet the word count requirement.
9	Brissa Sotelo	1/15/2025	☒	☐	☒	The declaration is missing a signature. Brissa called on 1/16 to inform us she meant to sign .
10	Richard Saldana	1/15/2025	☒	☐	☐	Submitted after deadline, missing signature on declaration, & missing candidate statement.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) Santoya , Rafael	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (NOTE: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box) [REDACTED]	
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]	

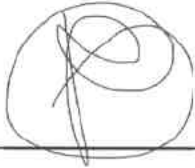
ARE YOU A MONTEBELLO REGISTERED VOTER?	☒ YES	☐ NO
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO?	☒ YES	☐ NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	6 years	
ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?	☒ YES	☐ NO
NOTE: THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO USE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION TO VERIFY YOUR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS.		

Have you ever been convicted of a crime that would prohibit you from holding elective office pursuant to California Elections Code Section 20?	☐ YES	☒ NO
Are you aware of the time commitment necessary to serve on the city council, and will you have such time? Regular meeting dates are the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of each month, with additional special meetings from time to time.	☒ YES	☐ NO
State law and the city conflict of interest code requires city council members to file a statement of economic interests (form 700) annually as well as related forms when assuming. And leaving office (e.g., sources of income, loans, gifts, investments, interest in real property as required by state law)	☒ YES	☐ NO
Do you agree to file all required forms in a timely manner as required by the city's filing official?		

AN APPLICANT MAY ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY BELIEVES IS PERTINENT TO BEING CONSIDERED TO BE APPOINTED TO THIS POSITION. THIS COULD INCLUDE A RESUME, CURRICULUM VITAE, STATEMENT OF BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE, AND/OR STATEMENT OF QUALITIES THAT THE APPLICANT BELIEVES MAKES THEM SUITED TO SERVE IN THE POSITION OF COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 5.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS APPLICATION BECOMES PUBLIC INFORMATION

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application and any accompanying documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Signature of Applicant

1:8/2025

Date

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

TO: All candidates applying for the City Council Vacancies

SUBJECT: Compliance with Montebello Municipal Code §2.08.040

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In order to complete your application for City Council, you must complete and file the declaration set forth below and return the same to the Office of the City Clerk no later than **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025**. Your failure to file this statement will result in your candidacy being deemed incomplete, and you will not be eligible for the Council Vacancy.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Guillen at 323-887-1359. Thank you.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION

I, Rafael Santoya, do hereby declare that I have applied for the City Council Vacancy for the City of Montebello. Pursuant to Montebello Municipal Code §2.08.040, I am required to execute a statement, under penalty of perjury, that I have not been convicted of a felony. I do hereby state and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have (check one):

☒	NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY
☐	BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY

Dated: January 8, 2025

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rafael Santoya", is written over a circular stamp.

Print Name: Rafael Santoya

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District 5

Candidate Statement

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

My name is Rafael Santoya, and I have been a proud Montebello resident for over six years. I am running for City Council to strengthen our community by prioritizing public health, economic growth, and civic engagement. I earned my bachelor's degree in Psychology from San Diego State University and my Master's degree from the University of Southern California. I currently serve as the Director of Auditing and Monitoring for All for Kids, where I lead a team of Quality Improvement Specialists and ensure compliance with state and federal regulations while promoting culturally competent, trauma-informed care.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles at USC General Hospital. As a first-generation college graduate from a low-income background, I understand the challenges that many families in our community face. During my childhood, I lived in Mexico throughout my elementary school years and was placed in ESL classes upon my return to the United States. Summers were spent working as a plumber's assistant to help make ends meet at home. These formative experiences taught me the value of hard work, perseverance, education, and the importance of having access to opportunities that foster success.

As a board member and parishioner at St. Benedict Church in Montebello, I am deeply committed to serving our community and fostering connections that build trust and unity. My involvement with St. Benedict Church has also given me the opportunity to work directly with the Montebello Fire Department and Police Department on zoning applications, strengthening my understanding of local governance and public safety needs.

My work with multiple organizations and agencies has given me a unique understanding of how collaboration can drive meaningful change. On a personal level, I have adopted three children from the Department of Children and Family Services. Montebello is the only home they have ever known, and I want to contribute to making their experience here as meaningful as possible. I hope that one day, they will choose to be lifelong residents of this wonderful city.

I am a communicator and collaborator who values transparency and open dialogue. I am ready to embrace the challenges that come with this role if granted the opportunity to serve. I also firmly believe in the principle of "En la unión está la fuerza"—in unity, there is strength. I am committed to supporting City Council initiatives that strengthen our community, including public safety grant funding, securing the lease for the Holifield Library, and advancing the major infrastructure project on Montebello Boulevard to improve the District 5 commute into downtown Montebello.

Montebello deserves leaders who listen and act with integrity. I will bring a collaborative, solutions-oriented approach to the City Council, ensuring transparency and accountability. Together, we can build a brighter future. I would be honored to earn your support and serve this incredible community.

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**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) Rocio Yvette Berru (Registered voter under maiden name: Rocio Yvette Ramos)	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (NOTE: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box) [REDACTED]	
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE N/A
EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]	

ARE YOU A MONTEBELLO REGISTERED VOTER?	☒ YES	☐ NO
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO?	☒ YES	☐ NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	Since approximately 1987; 38 years	
ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?	☒ YES	☐ NO
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Rocio G. Berru

Signature of Applicant

January 13, 2025

Date

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

ROCIO Y BERRU

Position where my business knowledge, communication, and office skills will be beneficial while performing exceptional clerical tasks and providing superior personnel and public service using tact, patience, and efficiency.

EXPERIENCE

12/2024 - TO CURRENT**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

Support the Charter School Office by providing a wide variety of administrative and technical clerical duties. Assist with maintaining budget, preparing reports, memos, and communicating the information to involved stakeholders verbally, electronically, and by mail. Perform special projects and proofread documents to ensure accuracy. Gather the necessary documents from internal and external parties for new contracts and process contracts via internal software to align with changing deadlines. Monitor contracted services and expenditures for contractual compliance. Advise and instruct as an agent for the director. Plan and coordinate complex meetings and events. Collects and analyzes data. Maintain and organize a variety of files, records, and logs.

01/2023 - TO 11/2024**DIVISION SECRETARY, BILINGUAL SPANISH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

Provide support to the Mental Health and School Counseling (MHSC) Unit as moderator during trainings/meetings with various stakeholders, districts, staff and agencies. Create event flyers registration and Zoom links for participants. Compile attendance data of meetings or trainings done. Create travel pre-approvals and expense reports, mileage claims, reimbursements as well as order supplies and equipment as needed.

07/2021 TO 12/2022**INTERIM DIVISION SECRETARY, BILINGUAL SPANISH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

Support the Community and Safe Schools (CHSS) unit in all matters. Create travel pre-approvals and expense reports, mileage claims, reimbursements as well as order supplies and equipment as needed. Gather all necessary documents and submit Contract or Amendment Requests (CARs) and Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs). Process payment requests for existing contracts/purchase orders as well as invoice entities for work performed by the unit. Create event flyers along with registration Zoom links for participants. Moderate during meetings and maintain event attendance records for data collection purposes.

09/2020 TO 7/2021**SECRETARY, BILINGUAL SPANISH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

Provide administrative support in the Community Health & Safe Schools (CHSS). Send mass emails out on behalf of administrators and keep listserv up to date. Create registration links in OMS including moving participants from pending to confirmed depending on payment status and requirements. Send zoom links to participants, track attendance as well as create, lock, and send CEUs earned.

02/2019 TO 09/2020**SR. TYPIST CLERK BILINGUAL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

Solicit and provide information to employees, public agencies, and the public regarding Head Start. Schedule meetings, reserve conference rooms for multiple and changing meetings while maintaining balance of meeting room capabilities. Answer telephone, take messages and direct callers to appropriate personnel. Organize, distribute, duplicate, and maintain accurate counts of outreach material.

02/2018 TO 04/2019

POLICE SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dispatched police patrol cars in response to service calls received. Received and analyzed 911 calls using a voice radio and digital computer terminal for any given section of LA County. Learned and correctly used extensive vocabulary of police and law enforcement jargon. Communicated and worked in conjunction with fire and medical service staff for the public's benefit.

09/2015 TO 02/2018

SR. SCHOOL OFFICE ASSISTANT, PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Provided superior secretarial and administrative duties to three deans of discipline and assistant principal. Scheduled meetings between students, parent/guardian, and school administrators related to student discipline and attendance.

09/2011 to 09/2015

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Managed a variety of accounts for categorical and multi-funded transactions. Maintained accurate financial and statistical records. Processed and recorded accounting transactions. Verified balanced, and adjusted accounts.

07/2005 to 03/2009

SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE TECHNICIAN, PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Explained state law and district policy and procedures for attendance and enrollment to parent/guardian and staff. Provided health and safety assistance to students and staff while safeguarding against the spread of diseases.

EDUCATION

06/2008 TO 12/2010

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS

Major: Business Administration

Specialization: Accounting Theory and Practice

06/1996 TO 12/2002

EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies December 2002

SKILLS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Fluent in written and spoken Spanish
- Proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher
- Excellent in writing and editing business forms
- November 2019 Employee of the Month

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Dated: January 13, 2025

Signature: Rocio Y. Berru

Print Name: Rocio Yvette Berru

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Justification for Running for Councilmember for the City of Montebello District 5

A Vision for a Brighter Future

As a dedicated resident of South Montebello's District 5 for over 30 years, I am committed to addressing the needs and concerns of our community. I have been a proud resident of South Montebello's District 5 for over 30 years. My family moved to Montebello in the mid-1980s, and since then, this vibrant city has been an integral part of my life. I attended Montebello Intermediate and High School, graduating from Vail High School in the 1990s before furthering my education at East Los Angeles College and CSU Dominguez Hills. I am eager to serve and make a positive impact on the city.

My career has been deeply rooted in the education sector, having worked for the Montebello Unified School District early in my career among other surrounding school districts. My focus has been on education and empowering change within our community. Montebello is dear to my heart, and it saddens me to witness its current condition. The rise in graffiti, parking issues, lack of pedestrian and cyclist awareness, and the increasing number of unhoused individuals are troubling signs that our city needs more support and involvement.

Many of our residents are hurting, and it is clear that more needs to be done to improve the well-being of all. I am driven by a desire to guide Montebello towards becoming a continually improving and welcoming safe city. A city that once again promotes pride, respect, and the beautification it desperately needs, all while being financially strategic.

For years, I have observed the chaos and changes Montebello has been undergoing. It is time for me to take part and help. I firmly believe that if each resident contributes to the improvement of our town, the collective effort will yield significant benefits for Montebello.

As councilmember, I will:

- Work towards reducing graffiti and enhancing the city's aesthetics to instill a sense of pride and respect among residents.
- Address the parking issues that create daily conflicts and seek sustainable solutions to improve parking management.

- Advocate for more pedestrian and cycle-friendly roads to encourage healthy lifestyles and reduce traffic congestion.
- Support initiatives to provide assistance and resources for unhoused individuals, aiming to reduce homelessness and improve overall community welfare.
- Promote financial strategies that ensure the city's growth and development are sustainable and beneficial for all residents.
- Advocate for stronger educational programs and resources to empower our youth, residents, and community members.

Montebello deserves a leader who understands its rich history and is committed to its future. With your support, I am ready to take on this responsibility and work tirelessly to make Montebello a city we can all be proud of.

Together, we can bring about the positive change Montebello needs. I ask for your vote and your trust as we embark on this journey towards a brighter future for our beloved city.

Respectfully,

Rocio Y. Berru
Rocio Y. Berru



CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) Ricardo Alonzo Ugalde	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (NOTE: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box) 	
TELEPHONE 	BUSINESS PHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS 	

ARE YOU A MONTEBELLO REGISTERED VOTER?	☒ YES	☐ NO
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO?	☒ YES	☐ NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	Since 2018	
ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?	☒ YES	☐ NO
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Signature of Applicant

1/13/25

Date

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DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION

I, Ricardo Alonzo Ugalde, do hereby declare that I have applied for the City Council Vacancy for the City of Montebello. Pursuant to Montebello Municipal Code §2.08.040, I am required to execute a statement, under penalty of perjury, that I have not been convicted of a felony. I do hereby state and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have (check one):

☒	NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY
☐	BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY

Dated: January 13, 2025

Signature: _____

Print Name: Ricardo Alonzo Ugalde

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I've been fortunate to call Montebello home for over 20 years, and I'm proud to be a homeowner in District 5. My family and I are deeply invested in the future of South Montebello. I genuinely care about our community's heart and soul, and I recognize how urgently we need someone to step up and advocate for our district. With a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering and a Master's in Computer Science, I've built my career as an Aerospace Engineer while also running my own small business. Teaching and sharing knowledge is a passion of mine, and in my spare time, I've been honored to volunteer for programs like Read Across America and advocate for equal pay and family leave as part of the Work and Family Coalition.

I'm applying for a seat on the Montebello City Council because District 5 deserves a representative who prioritizes South Montebello and takes action. Our neighborhoods should be clean and beautiful, our infrastructure needs real improvement, and we deserve parks and open spaces where our families and youth can thrive. It's time to make South Montebello a place where people want to live, shop, and spend their time. Too many of us have to leave our district for basic entertainment or a good night out—it's time we change that.

With less than two years in this term, I know there's no time to waste. I'm ready to hit the ground running, working closely with my colleagues and neighbors to listen, act, and make real, visible changes in our district.

I'm asking for the opportunity to serve as District 5 Councilmember because I believe I can deliver results. To my neighbors: I'll be your advocate and your resource, working alongside you to turn our shared vision into reality. I won't make empty promises or claim that we'll win every fight, but I can guarantee that I'll give everything I have to stand up for us and our community.

To my future colleagues: I'm looking forward to working together, even when we debate, disagree, and compromise, because that's how we make progress. While I'll advocate fiercely for my district, I'll always approach our work with mutual respect and a commitment to collaboration.

Montebello raised me, and I'm ready to give back by helping District 5 become the vibrant, thriving community we all deserve. Let's make it happen together.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) Joseph Raymond Sanchez	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (NOTE: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box) [REDACTED]	
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]	

ARE YOU A MONTEBELLO REGISTERED VOTER?	☒ YES	☐ NO
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO?	☒ YES	☐ NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	51	
ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?	☒ YES	☐ NO

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Joseph Sanchez

Signature of Applicant

1-15-25

Date



CITY OF MONTEBELLO

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TO: All candidates applying for the City Council Vacancies

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Dated: January 15, 2025

Signature:

Joseph Sanchez

Print Name:

Joseph Sanchez

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Candidate statement

As a resident of Montebello for the last past 51 years, it would be my honor to be the district representative. My family has lived in the same house for the last past 120 years. I'm the fourth generation to call Montebello my home. Hopefully one of my four children will inherit this house and they will be the fifth generation to call Montebello their home. I hope my children see the example of trying to be a public servant motivates them to do it one day. I personally feel that I am qualified to know the needs of the southern portion of Montebello. I would love the opportunity to lead the way as district 5 city council representative to set the foundation that is needed for our district to prosper. Also to show the future residents of Montebello how to lead in honor and in truth. I take great pride in our city. As you all know, I have sat here for the last past eight years, watching and learning how our city operates. I have shown the dedication that is required to be on council by being here on my own time. If given the opportunity to represent our city as a council member, I will set the basis that is needed for growth and prosperity also to prepare the city for the growth that Washington Boulevard is going to bring. Mayor and council please make the choice that will benefit the generations to come. When the future generations look back at history, they will thank you for making the right choice.

Thank you again

Joseph Sanchez

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) <i>William Edward Paolisso III</i>	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (NOTE: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box) [REDACTED]	
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]	

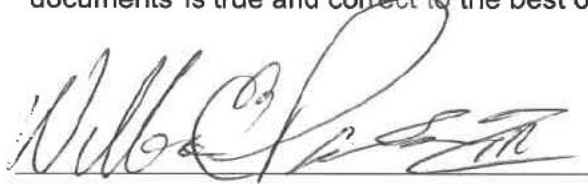
ARE YOU A MONTEBELLO REGISTERED VOTER?	☒ YES	☐ NO
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO?	☒ YES	☐ NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	<i>30 years</i>	
ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?	☒ YES	☐ NO
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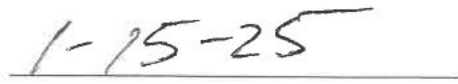
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Signature of Applicant



Date



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I, William E. Padlosso III, do hereby declare that I have applied for the City Council Vacancy for the City of Montebello. Pursuant to Montebello Municipal Code §2.08.040, I am required to execute a statement, under penalty of perjury, that I have not been convicted of a felony. I do hereby state and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have (check one):

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Dated: January 15, 2025

Signature: 
Print Name: William E Padlosso III

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Name: William Edward Paolisso III

Age: 63

Occupation: Graphic and Wide Format Specialist for a Western US Paper Distributor

Position: Vacant District 5 City Council Seat

My Name is Bill Paolisso and I've been a resident of South Montebello for 30 years. I'm submitting my application for the vacant City Council seat to represent District 5. I have the commitment, drive & qualifications needed to bring a fresh approach to help solve the city's current challenges. There are pressing issues facing Montebello, and especially District 5. I want to bring my years of experience and community service to help find answers and move our community forward in a positive direction for all the citizens of Montebello.

I'm committed to enhancing our city's quality of life. My priorities will be focusing on public safety, expanding business with smart development and community engagement. We've made big strides in the area of public safety in District 5; by advocating for changes in the city's parking code enforcement laws which helped rid our residential streets of overnight and long-term parking of commercial trucks & vehicles.

I look forward to applying my 35 years of business experience negotiating with major nationwide corporations to educate & sell companies on Montebello's value proposition when attracting new business to our community. We are centrally located with access to 3 major freeways along with our diverse culture. We need a new focus and strategy to attract business. We need to show pride and enthusiasm for our community. Be more business friendly, setting goals and forecasting growth with tax dollars and most importantly working within the budget and controlling expenses. I believe these fresh ideas will translate in helping us to attract new business & community development, along with the stability of a balanced city budget.

Lastly, I'm committed to looking for ways of getting more community input on the decisions that are going to directly impact their neighborhoods & quality of life. I think it's important to keep the residents up to date on city business as many can't attend council meetings in the middle of the week or have the time to watch online.

I look forward to working with the other City Council members, community leaders and everyday citizens to help improve the lives of the residents of District 5. Thank you for your consideration.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) James Joaquin Santana	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (NOTE: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box) [REDACTED]	
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE N/A
EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]	

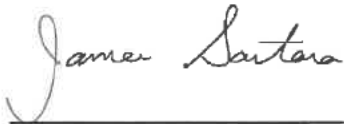
ARE YOU A MONTEBELLO REGISTERED VOTER?	☒ YES	☐ NO
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO?	☒ YES	☐ NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	23 years	
ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?	☒ YES	☐ NO
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Signature of Applicant

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I, James Joaquin Santana, do hereby declare that I have applied for the City Council Vacancy for the City of Montebello. Pursuant to Montebello Municipal Code §2.08.040, I am required to execute a statement, under penalty of perjury, that I have not been convicted of a felony. I do hereby state and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have (check one):

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☐	BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY

Dated: January 15, 2025

Signature: James Santana

Print Name: James Santana

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Candidate Statement

Born and raised in Montebello, I have been deeply shaped by this community. I attended our schools, participated in local programs, represented Montebello at state and national levels, and have proudly served as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. My experiences growing up here instilled in me a strong sense of service and a commitment to improving the place we all call home.

Professionally, I bring nearly 20 years of experience in operations and organizational development, where I have led teams, managed budgets, and driven innovative solutions to complex challenges. My work has taught me how to assess situations, develop actionable plans, and deliver measurable results—skills I believe are essential to addressing the issues facing our city.

Montebello is at a pivotal moment. Our city faces pressing challenges, including public safety concerns, the need for economic development, infrastructure improvements, and restoring trust in local governance. As a councilmember, I will work tirelessly to address these issues with integrity, transparency, and collaboration. I believe in fostering open communication, making data-driven decisions, and prioritizing the well-being of all residents.

Beyond my professional work, I am a dedicated volunteer and community advocate. Over the years, I've partnered with nonprofits, served on commissions, and led initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life for Montebello residents. I know firsthand the power of community and what can be achieved when people come together for a common purpose.

I envision a Montebello that thrives economically, ensures public safety, and embraces its rich diversity. I am committed to creating opportunities for small businesses, strengthening public safety partnerships, and advocating for sustainable development that benefits everyone. My leadership style emphasizes accountability, inclusivity, and building trust through action.

Montebello's future depends on leaders who are deeply invested in its success and willing to make tough decisions for the greater good. I am ready to bring my experience, passion, and dedication to the City Council to ensure Montebello grows with integrity and purpose.

I humbly ask for your trust and the opportunity to serve you as a voice for progress, collaboration, and positive change in our city.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION		
NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) Maribel Hernandez		
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (NOTE: Cannot be a mailing address) [REDACTED]		
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE [REDACTED]	
EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]		
ARE YOU A MONTEBELLO REGISTERED VOTER?	☒ YES	☐ NO
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO?	☒ YES	☐ NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	12 YRS.	
ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?	☒ YES	☐ NO
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Marie Edwards

Signature of Applicant

1/15/2025

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I, Maribel Hernandez, do hereby declare that I have applied for the City Council Vacancy for the City of Montebello. Pursuant to Montebello Municipal Code §2.08.040, I am required to execute a statement, under penalty of perjury, that I have not been convicted of a felony. I do hereby state and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have (check one):

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☐ BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY

Dated: January 15, 2025

Signature: Maribel Hernandez
Print Name: Maribel Hernandez

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Maribel Hernandez


January 15, 2025

This letter is to express my interest in the 2024 City Council Vacancy - District 5. The following is brief introduction along with why I would make a good councilmember.

I have been a resident of the City of Montebello for the past 12 years. I am a mother to one teenage son who has been attending the Montebello School District since the 1st grade. Therefore, I am deeply invested in our community. From attending and supporting our local vendors at our Farmers Market to attending and supporting all our city events. The City of Montebello is my home and when I see our community come together at our local events it brings much joy and excitement knowing our community is growing strong. My enthusiasm and dedication to represent our community along with my compassion for people is what will make me a good candidate for councilmember.

My decision to run for City Council was prompted by my love for our city and our community. I pledge to assist with research, accountability and support to find the best solutions for our community. I pledge to listen to our community before making decisions to insure what's best not just for our beloved city but for our entire Montebello Community. With more than 18yrs of professional customer service knowledge as well as having strong decision-making skills and strong performance in a team setting. I know I can work closely with all City Councilmembers in either basic or critical decision making. One of my past employers was the City of Norwalk Transportation Department, where I assisted the director of transportation. I handled the day-to-day expenses and the fiscal year budget for the department. I currently work for State Farm Insurance as a Claims Property Adjuster where I work directly with insureds either in our city or in the surrounding cities and assist our insureds recover from a loss.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome discussing my qualifications further.

Maribel Hernandez

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME (FIRST MIDDLE, LAST) <i>Claudia Castro</i>	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (NOTE: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box) [REDACTED]	
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]	

ARE YOU A MONTEBELLO REGISTERED VOTER?	☒ YES	☐ NO
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO?	☒ YES	☐ NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	<i>24 years</i>	
ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?	☒ YES	☐ NO
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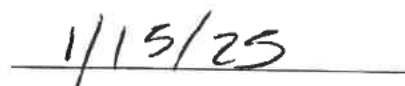
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Signature of Applicant



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DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION

I, Claudia Castro, do hereby declare that I have applied for the City Council Vacancy for the City of Montebello. Pursuant to Montebello Municipal Code §2.08.040, I am required to execute a statement, under penalty of perjury, that I have not been convicted of a felony. I do hereby state and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have (check one):

☒	NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY
☐	BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY

Dated: January 15th, 2025

Signature: Claudia Castro

Print Name: Claudia Castro

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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My name is Claudia Castro I have been a resident of the city of Montebello for the past 24 years. My grandparent lived in Montebello for over 50 years and on summer break when I was a child I would visit them from Mexico City. I am very familiar with the city and people of Montebello. My daughter and I call the city our forever home. I am very proud to say we are residents.

I always understood the importance of taking care of community it provides a sense of belonging. My parent set the example of contributing to the community with their professional careers as a Physician and a School teacher.

I have a Bachelors in Arts from California State University Long Beach, in Consumer Sciences. I have lived in New York City as a post grad student at NYU. I am currently licensed in CA as a Notary/Confidential Marriage and have been employed as an Insurance Broker for 10 years. I am presently employed in a government position at Los Angeles County Development Authority as a Program Specialist I am certified with Nan Mackay in FAIR Housing. I am very familiar with working with the public and are familiar with rules and regulations.

I would like to be considered as a candidate for the City Council of Montebello. I believe I would be a great fit not only to pursue my professional development but also contribute to any future endeavors. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Claudia Castro



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CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) Brissa Sotelo	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (NOTE: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box) [REDACTED]	
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]	

ARE YOU A MONTEBELLO REGISTERED VOTER?	☒ YES	☐ NO
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO?	☒ YES	☐ NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?		
ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?	☒ YES	☐ NO
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Are you aware of the time commitment necessary to serve on the city council, and will you have such time? Regular meeting dates are the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of each month, with additional special meetings from time to time.	☒ YES	☐ NO
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I hereby certify that the information contained in this application and any accompanying documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Signature of Applicant

January 15, 2025

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I, Brissa Sotelo, do hereby declare that I have applied for the City Council Vacancy for the City of Montebello. Pursuant to Montebello Municipal Code §2.08.040, I am required to execute a statement, under penalty of perjury, that I have not been convicted of a felony. I do hereby state and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have (check one):

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Dated: January 15, 2025

Signature: _____

Print Name: Brissa Sotelo

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Brissa Sotelo-Vargas

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Leadership Profile

Effective policymaking, collaborative builder and advocate on behalf of business interests, emphasizing management concerns; early engagement with leaders and stakeholders, shaping legislative outcomes, and influencing administrative rulemaking with federal, state, and local government officials/agencies, chambers/business associations and non-profits. Exceptional relationship building and negotiation skills, successfully collaborating with senior executive team and stakeholders to prioritize activities and objectives, translating into company and community core values and goals.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Chair, BizFed -Los Angeles County Federation of Business, bringing together over 230 chamber/business associations, representing 410 employers with 5 million employees.
- Chair, Environment, Water and Sustainability Committee, LA Chamber of Commerce
- Public Information Officer at Tesoro Refining, California's largest refinery
- Worked with City of Los Angeles on Clean Up Green Up Ordinance
- Developed and wrote (in conjunction with Homeless Organizations) Homeless Grant to US Department of Labor and Housing of Urban Development obtaining \$3.6M
- Chair, LA Area Chamber PAC, and Co-Chair, BizFed PAC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Director, Community Relations and Government Affairs**

Sep 2017 to Present

Valero Energy - Los Angeles, CA

Responsible for leading the Government Affairs team to ensure alignment with outreach, engagement, collaboration, focus and priorities within the Wilmington Refinery operations. In addition, manage and build strategic alliances and coalitions with key constituency groups largely at the local and region-wide level, through trust and education about Valero Wilmington and the industry's business and community relationships. Issue identification and management in the regulatory and legislative environments at multiple levels of government, specific to issues affecting reputation and operational access. Develop policy strategies and implement tactics to address these issues through executive corporate and local leadership, including PAC investments. Manage philanthropic priorities to create successful objectives with constituents, businesses, and community organizations resulting in philanthropic partnerships. Manage Valero's local volunteer program and budget. Also managed Valero's high school intern program.

Manager, So. Cal Public and Government Affairs

Oct 2006 to Sep 2017

Shell Oil/Tesoro Marketing and Refining - Los Angeles, CA

Managed and coordinated policy issues identification and management; media relations; crisis communications; internal communications and management of the site's community philanthropic investment activities. Functions included: developing policy integrated and strategic plans for advancing reputation of the facility, enhance the company's long-term reputation advance business objectives, monitor political and regulatory environment to assess current or potential issues that could affect the company's operations and license to operate among local, county, state and other interested stakeholders. Managed department budget including local PAC contributions and Southern California charitable contribution-outreach/marketing budget. Developed effective training and support for local refinery managers and external affairs staff as needed. Lead employee volunteer program within local community. Supervised staff, college and high school interns.

EDUCATION

- M.C.M., Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California; Los Angeles, CA
- M.P.P., Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California; Los Angeles, CA (Certificate: Local Government Management)
- B.A., Holy Names University, Oakland, CA
Major: International Affairs and Spanish (minor: Political Science)

APPOINTED/ELECTED AND RECOGNIZED LEADERSHIP:

- Former Appointee, Investment and Oversight Committee, City of Montebello
- Board, Sol Price School of Policy Leadership Council, Athenian Society and Alumni Board, University of Southern California (10 years)
- Advisory Board, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality
- Past Chair, Planning Commission, City of Montebello

Professional and Leadership Highlights:

- Southern California Leadership Network (SCLN), California Connections
- Shell Oil Fellow under National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
- Office of Congressman Xavier Becerra
- Women Leadership Award, Los Angeles Business Journal
- Served on various panels relating to energy and women in business
- Designation of St. Vincent Seminary (Montebello) as Historic

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Chair, Environment, Water, Sustainability Cmte., LA Jobs PAC, Leadership Council, Women's Business Council and Executive Board at LA Area Chamber of Commerce
- Chair, and Member of PAC at BizFed Los Angeles County Federation of Businesses
- Board, Long Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Past Chair, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce
- Former, Board and Development Committee, Wilmington YMCA
- President, Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
- Board, and Education Committee at Long Beach Symphony
- Board Member and Fundraising Committee, Dolores Mission School (Boyle Heights)

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Brissa Sotelo-Vargas

Statement of Interest

Unity has never meant uniformity-Martin Luther King, Jr.

At a time when there is so much at stake, the members of the 5th District must keep perspective of the end goal, that when we are united we move forward together. A resident of the 5th District, I have lived in this district for eighteen years, and combined, with my husband and our family we are raising for over 40 years.

Moving to Montebello to start a family was a choice we took very seriously. For the last eighteen years we have lived, invested, built and grown in this community, and I remain committed to Montebello because I want my children to have the same pride I have for where we live. Raising a family here has allowed us to engage with families and neighbors that have spoken about the needs they want to see change and growth in; from preserving The St. Vincent's Seminary, setting an economic development strategic plan, adding a police substation, supporting our Fire Department, aligning on equity of public transportation infrastructure, and adding housing that aligns and reflects this community. The key points and concerns of the residents of the 5th District are no different to what residents of other districts in this city also want to see in a livable and thriving community they take pride in calling home. But the goals stretch beyond these points, and we need to ensure our neighbors of other districts are provided with the same opportunities while making Montebello a city our neighboring cities highlight and reference when pointing to a model city. We need leadership to be united to be a model city.

A past Chair of the Planning Commission and member of the Fiscal Accountability and Investment Committee, I have learned and worked with our city departments and its leaders. A background in community, government affairs and business, I bring experience in areas we have been unattended to in this district.

I am committed to be this district's caretaker for the next eighteen months until a citywide election is held. Listening without judgment, uniting without misrepresentation and most importantly, working with residents, and council members in meaningful discourse, debate and discussion, even when in difference of opinion, in a respectful manner that will benefit the district and the city is my priority to move forward together.

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Submitted at 5:40pm.



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NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) Richard J Saldana	
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TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	BUSINESS PHONE [REDACTED]
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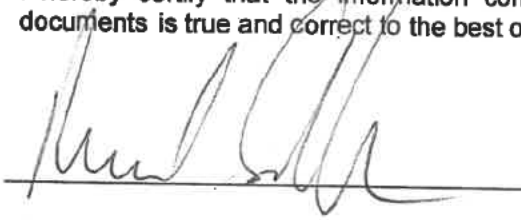
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Signature: _____

Print Name: Richard Saldana