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**Fire Department L.A. County**  
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**Dial-a-Ride**  
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**Trolley Information**  
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**MTA Bus Information**  
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**El Monte Library (Tyler/Asher)**  
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**Norwood Library (Peck/Emery)**  
(626) 443-3147

**Animal Control**  
(626) 962-3577

## El Monte Gateway Dream Team

In early July of 2010, staff behind the development of the El Monte Gateway updated the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency and the City Council regarding the evaluation results from the Request for Qualification (RFQ) process, and made a recommendation for the Agency and the City Council to select two qualified developer candidates.

The El Monte Gateway is the City's new project that seeks to creatively and aesthetically combine transit, housing, and business in one state-of-the-art village. In its latest phase of growth, the project received an overwhelming response from the development community; a total of 14 development teams responded to the RFQ. Experienced developers like the Related Companies, Primestor Development, Inc., Forest City, and others all expressed a high level of interest and confidence in the development and its potential in the marketplace. For a complete response list, please visit the El Monte Gateway website at [www.gateway.elmonteca.gov](http://www.gateway.elmonteca.gov).

Staff interviewed six development teams over a two-day process. The companies interviewed were well-qualified and financially capable of developing the El Monte Gateway project. Staff made a recommendation for the Agency and City Council to move forward with the "Dream Team," comprised of the Related Companies and Primestor Development, Inc. The team was recommended for their expertise, experience, and understanding of the project and our community.

Over the next several months, staff will be working with the Dream Team to prepare a Redevelopment Project Study Agreement and preliminary evaluation of development, land structure, potential price and terms of disposition of Agency owned lands. Once completed, the documents will be presented to the Agency and City Council for their final review and decision.



## Police Department Continues to Work with Local Schools

Although your high school student may not mention it, there is an El Monte Police officer on his/her campus nearly every school day through the regular school year and summer-school session. These School Resource Officers, or SROs, have been a part of the school system in El Monte for the past 10 years. The officers provide support to staff and act as a liaison between the schools and the police department. SROs are at the school sites to offer education, prevention, and sometimes enforcement to their respective campuses.

The El Monte Police Department has been working together with the three school districts in the City to improve school safety and awareness through the School Resource Officer Program. Since the year 2000, the El Monte Union High School District has had an El Monte Police officer assigned to Arroyo, El Monte, Mt. View, and Fernando Ledesma high schools. Initially the program was funded through federal grants in response to the Columbine High School shooting in Littleton, Colorado in April of 1999.

In January of 2001, both the El Monte City and Mt. View Elementary school districts were assigned one School Resource Officer to their respective districts. These positions were also funded through similar grants.

When the grant funding expired, each school district met with the police department and offered to pay 50% of the six officers' salaries with the police department paying for the other half. This continued commitment from our school districts and police department have helped to keep the students of El Monte safe.

Due to lack of funding, the Mt. View School District modified their SRO program and recently employed part-time SROs to meet their district's financial needs.

The following is a list of police officers currently assigned to campuses:

- Officer Blaine Shimazu – Arroyo High School
- Officer David Avalos – Fernando Ledesma High School
- Officer Joe Garcia – El Monte High School
- Officer Gabby Albizures – El Monte City School District
- Officer Jack Jenkins – Mt. View High School
- Various part-time officers – Mt. View School District

If you would like to meet with the SRO assigned to your child's school, speak with office staff at that school site to make an appointment.



## El Monte Holds Free Job Fair for City Residents

In response to the current economic crisis and a tightening labor market, the City of El Monte recently hosted a free job fair for its residents on Saturday, September 4, 2010. More than 3,000 residents attended the very successful event.

Participating employers sought to fill positions, ranging from entry-level to management, in a variety of industries such as health care, customer service, hospitality, finance, sales, insurance, skilled trades, transportation, security, and others.

Among these employers was Jim Ross, owner of Ross Nissan. His new dealership opened in El Monte three weeks ago and looked to fill 20 new positions. Lowe's had 150 open positions to fill for their new Covina store with the El Monte job fair being their first recruitment effort. Said a Lowe's recruiter, "Though we were overwhelmed by the number of participants who attended the event, there was a great selection of candidates and resumes."

The US Border Patrol sought to fill about 1,800 positions across California, Arizona, and Mexico. Select Staffing had 100 open jobs, American Medical Response had 40 available positions, and Dolphin Trucking had more than 70 jobs to fill.

The job fair also offered to all attendees workshops in resume-building, as well as assistance and tips in completing applications and with the interview process. One applicant, who has been unemployed for more than three years, found a promising selection of job opportunities. He found the resume-critiquing workshop and the tips he received on how to conduct himself during an interview most helpful, and feels confident he could use these new tools in the future.

Participants came from throughout the city, with varying skills and backgrounds. Some residents with disabilities, including 10 deaf residents, found the local job fair a convenient opportunity.

Those who were not able to attend the job fair may log onto [www.elmontejobfair.com](http://www.elmontejobfair.com) and directly link to employers that attended the event and may find the current positions that are available.



### CONSEJEROS MUNICIPALES

André Quintero ..... Mayor  
Patricia Wallach ..... Mayor Pro Tem  
Juventino "J" Gomez ..... Councilman  
Emily Ishigaki ..... Councilwoman  
Norma Macias ..... Councilwoman  
Henry Velasco ..... City Treasurer  
Lorene Gutierrez ..... City Clerk

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如果你想获得这个普通话通讯, 请联络城市经理办公室  
626-580-2001.

## City Directory

### City Hall Services

**City Manager's Office**  
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**City Council**  
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**City Attorney**  
(626) 580-2010

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(626) 580-2249

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## Calendar of Events

### Join the Healthy El Monte Walking Club

Walk your way to better health! Free Membership, T-shirt, Pedometer, Trips, Programs and Rewards! Call 626-580-2210 or visit 3120 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA to join.

### El Monte DMV Groundbreaking

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 29, 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** 4000 Arden Drive, El Monte, CA 91731

### El Monte Police Department Meritorious Service Awards Program

**Date & Time:** Thursday, September 30, 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Grace T. Black Auditorium 3130 N. Tyler Avenue El Monte, CA 91731

### I-10 Community Alternative Open House

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 6, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Grace T. Black Auditorium 3130 N. Tyler Avenue El Monte, CA 91731

### Senior Presidents' Council Fall Boutique

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Location:** 3120 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731

### San Gabriel Valley State of the Region Press Conference

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 14, 10 a.m.  
**Location:** To Be Announced

### Children's Day Parade

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 16, 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Parade kickoff is at the corner of Valley Mall and Tyler and travels south to Arceo Park. Festival begins at Arceo Park (3125 Tyler Avenue) at 2 p.m.



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## City Manager's Message



I am very pleased, and excited, to announce the following City developments. First, it is my great pleasure to introduce our enthusiastic and talented City Management Team! Serving as Assistant City Manager is Jesus M. Gomez. Julio F. Morales has stepped in as our new Finance Director, and James A. Enriquez is now serving as Public Works Director. Minh Thai is our Interim Community Development Director, Alexandra Lopez is our Interim Parks and Recreations Director, and Ameila Ayala is our Director of Human Resources. Continuing to serve as our Chief of Police is Thomas Armstrong, and David Gondek is our Interim Agency General Counsel. I welcome each member of our team, and look forward to working with each of you.

I am also pleased to announce that on July 6th the City of El Monte City Council successfully approved a balanced annual budget for the current fiscal year (FY 2010-11). The approval of this year's budget was accomplished in large part with the understanding and cooperation of the City's represented employee bargaining units. Our employees have agreed to continue to accept furloughs and sacrifice other benefits in order to assist the City in maintaining the budget within projected revenues. By virtue of this contribution from City employees, El Monte's financial prospects in these very troubling economic times are becoming more stable.

I believe that the residents of this community, as well as the City Council recognize the sacrifice and contributions of our employees in this effort. It is the goal of the City in the coming months to continue to monitor revenues and expenditures diligently and enable management to make appropriate recommendations to the City Council for the restoration of the long-term financial well-being of the City.

Moreover, I am happy to share that the City will continue to provide services at the current levels, while increasing funding for new major capital projects. The majority of funding for these capital projects comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). El Monte has received \$5.9 million in funding for capital projects that began in July 2010, which includes street and sidewalk improvements throughout various sites within the City.

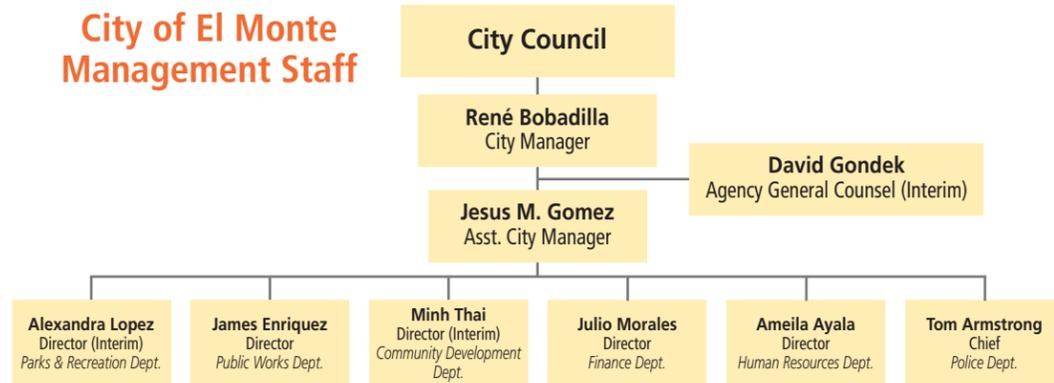
As the accompanying charts illustrate, the City's General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11 totals \$51.9 million. The City also administers a number of additional special funds, enterprise funds, and grant programs, which bring the total budget (City General Fund plus all other special and enterprise funds) to \$103 million. My staff and I continue to aggressively seek funding opportunities from federal, state, and county sources that will directly benefit residents of El Monte.

Despite all the challenges, City staff will continue to deliver high-quality and cost-effective municipal services to our residents and will continue to seek ways to improve the efficiency of our operations. As an ongoing focus for management and the City Council, we remain dedicated to ensuring that El Monte has a diverse revenue base and adequate reserves in order to maintain fiscal solvency.

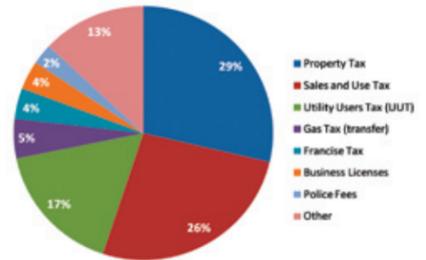
I welcome your questions and input as we all work to improve the quality of life for residents in the friendly City of El Monte.

Thank you,  
René Bobadilla, P.E., City Manager

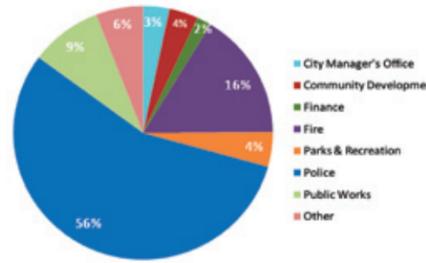
### City of El Monte Management Staff



General Fund Revenues by Major Source



General Fund Expenditures by Department



## City of El Monte Hosts Series of FREE Chivas USA Games for Residents

The City of El Monte recently hosted its third and final free Chivas USA game for El Monte, where more than 1,200 residents attended. All three games took place at the Home Depot Center in Carson and turned out to be a great success!

Before each game, the City hosted a pre-game party and concert for its residents. Entertainment for the parties included "Battle of the Djs," the ChivaGirls, a water slide, a moon bounce, great food, interactive games and concerts featuring Banda Limon (for the first game) and Sangria (for the second and third game). Transportation was available to residents on a first-come basis for families and individuals over the age of 16.

The City of El Monte is looking forward to having future collaborations with Chivas USA and would like to thank all of the event sponsors, which include Chivas USA, Longo Toyota/Scion/Lexus, Primestor, Super Print Shop, MBE Digital, El Monte Kiwanis Club, Valley Vista Services and Manuel Paredes.



## Dodgers Back-To-School Shopping Spree

A group of local students recently received a special treat when current Dodger Jay Gibbons and Dodger Alum Rudy Law took 20 El Monte City School District children on a back-to-school shopping spree sponsored by the Dodgers Dream Foundation and Staples. The event, which took place on August 19, was held at the El Monte Staples on Peck Road. Students were each given \$100 to help pay for their school supply costs.

This year's event marked the fourth consecutive year that the Dodgers Dream Foundation and Staples have teamed to sponsor the back-to-school shopping event. Students chosen to participate in the event ranged from 3rd to 12th grade. Each student received a backpack and \$100 in gift cards. Students, accompanied by Gibbons and Law, shopped the El Monte Staples, buying binders, art supplies, calculators, flash drives and other such school supplies.

The Dodger Dream Foundation also donated more than a dozen Leap Frog educational toys for students in Pre-K through 3rd grade. The Foundation also gave participating students and their families tickets to an upcoming Dodger game on October 2 against the Arizona Diamondbacks.



## The World's Most Unique Farm

Gay's Lion Farm, founded and operated by Charles Gay, and his wife, Muriel, was once a landmark of El Monte and one of California's most interesting and unique places to visit.

A public selective breeding facility and tourist attraction located at the southeast junction of Peck Road and Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, Gay's Lion Farm operated from 1925 through 1942, and then closed temporarily due to wartime meat shortages. It was never reopened.

The lions were originally used for breeding purposes for circuses and shows and were later used for movies, with one of the lions becoming the MGM movie studio logo. In addition, the lion farm was an entrant in the annual Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.

The five-acre farm contained more than 100,000 square feet of arenas and nine lion houses. The lions were surrounded by beautiful trees and flowers that resembled a lion's natural habitat.

The site of the Farm is now an overpass on Interstate 10, but the Lion Farm is not entirely gone from El Monte. Today, located in front of El Monte High School, stands a tribute to this world-renowned location. The bronze majestic statue of the lion is another reminder of the City's famous history. Stop by the school someday and view the big golden lion in front of the auditorium.



### 2010: A New Year for Defining the Pitfalls and Overcoming the Hurdles in Senior Health Care Workshop

**Date & Time:** Friday, October 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Location:** El Monte Community Center, 3130 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731

### Holiday House

**Date & Time:** Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
**Location:** El Monte Community Center 3130 N. Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731

### El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Annual Teddy Bear Mixer

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, December 15, 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** El Monte Community Center

### 56th Annual Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant

**Date & Time:** Saturday, December 18, 5 p.m.  
**Location:** El Monte High School 3048 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731

### Fall Learn to Swim Program

**Date & Time:** Session I: 9/27 to 10/21  
Session II: 10/25 to 11/23  
Saturday Session: 9/25 to 11/20  
**Location:** El Monte Aquatic Center 11001 Mildred Street El Monte, CA 91731

For more information, please call (626) 580-2213 or log onto [www.elmonteaquatics.com](http://www.elmonteaquatics.com)

### El Monte Public Library

3224 N. Tyler Ave, El Monte, CA 91731  
■ **Family Story**  
**Date & Time** Tuesdays, Now through December 14, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### ■ Teen Wednesdays (Ages 12-18)

**Date & Time** Now through December 15, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
For more information call (626) 444-9506