

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

The mission of the Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council is to engage the community and advise the County to solve problems, create solutions, and set a course for the future of Bloomington.

Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 6:00 pm

The Bloomington MAC will hold meetings pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown act. Members of the public may participate electronically in the meetings.

In-person meeting will be held at the Ayala Park Community Center, 17909 Marygold Ave, Bloomington, CA 92316. Masks are optional for the entirety of the meeting.

To participate via video, visit here: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqCYbka4xnj198pxKAn3-ga88SWeui3tO>

In lieu of making a comment in person, you may submit your comments via email to supervisor.baca@bos.sbcounty.gov. Your comments will be read into the record at the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLE CALL OF MAC MEMBERS

Gary Grossich - Present

Stephanie Santoyo - Not present

Ana Paredes - Present

Angela McClain - Not present

Dianne Méndez - Present

Teresa Escoto - Present

3. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS

- a) Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.'s Office – Update provided for upcoming holiday events - Supervisor Baca, Jr's Open House.
- b) State Legislative Update
- c) CHP
- d) Code Enforcement – Mr. Guillermo Morales spoke about current graffiti and provided contact information for residents to file complains. (909-87-8096. He also suggested a partnership with County Fire to help residents dispose hazard materials. Lastly, he asked for the community to stay vigilant to mail/package theft as it is more common during the holidays and asked that they report any suspicious activity.
- e) Colton Joint Unified School District
- f) County Fire Department
- g) Sheriff Department – Deputy Ruiz and Deputy Nunez Discussed crimes happening in the community, from domestic violence to a female being held captive, and illegal marijuana dispensary. Officer urged parents to be familiar with the drugs that are out now a days.
- h) Special District – Jessica from Supervisor Baca, Jr's office provided an update for Special District- Invited the community to Santa Photos & Snow at Ayala Park on 12/14/2023. And provided updates on the Snack Bar & corridor Project at Kessler Park.
- i) West Valley Water District – wished the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

a) Lilac Avenue Truck Maintenance Project - Maria Kennedy

Maria Kennedy and partners presented the Lilac Avenue Truck Maintenance Project, outlining community enhancements like streetlights, landscaping, and tax contributions. During the presentation, Bloomington MAC Members raised concerns about the project's visibility within the community, inquiring about outreach efforts, operator/owner details, operational hours, traffic management plans, the number of involved companies, and job creation prospects.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 4, 2023 – Approved with the adjustment of MAC Members Present.
- November 1, 2023 – No quorum to approve, moved to the February meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dave Jane proposed surveying new residents to determine their origins, suspecting non-residents exploiting low-income housing while San Bernardino locals are being overlooked.
- Patt Holloway requested a safer and more suitable location for distributing food, highlighting the difficulties and dangers faced by elders at the previous site on Valley Blvd.
- Joaquin expressed gratitude to MAC Members for addressing questions about the new project but voiced dissatisfaction over unanswered inquiries by the presenter. He urged continued advocacy for community improvements, citing the significant impact of large rigs on the area.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business
- New Business

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Teresa Escoto– Past senior events have been a lot of fun, Bingo to come soon as requested.
 - They have adopted Zimmerman Elementary to give toys for the holidays.
 - Little League registration is currently open, with the Opening Day scheduled for March 8, 2024.

9. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

- Gary Grossich expressed appreciation to Supervisor Baca, Jr. and the staff for the improvements made to the MAC Meetings. He also thanked the community for their attendance and engagement in addressing community needs.
- Ana Paredes also extended gratitude to Supervisor Baca for the improvements and conveyed holiday wishes to the community.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm

All Board materials can be found at the San Bernardino County 5th District Website: <https://www.sbcounty.gov/baca>