

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.

SPECIAL MEETING Minutes Wednesday, December 10, 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.

(1) In-person meeting will be held at the Ayala Park Community Center, 17909 Marygold Ave, Bloomington, CA 92316.

(2) To participate via video, visit here: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqCYbka4xni198pxKAn3-ga88SWeui3tO>

(3) 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

Angela McClain- Present Dianne Méndez - Present Teresa Escoto - Present
Yvonne Delgado – Present Alejandro Mariscal- Present Joseph Silva – Present

3. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS (3-5 Minutes)

A. Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.'s Office

- a. An invitation was extended to the Supervisor's Open House on December 4, and staff shared that the Holiday Lunch at Ruth O' Harris was successfully held. Updates were also provided on the Cedar/14th Street restaurant, the Linden/Valley hotel project, and an upcoming Kite Day event.

B. State Legislative Update – No update provided.

C. CHP - No update provided.

D. Code Enforcement –

- a. Moises provided an overview of Code Enforcement's role in the community, highlighted services available online, and clarified that the homeless encampment discussed is located in Colton, with information already shared with that jurisdiction.

E. Colton Joint Unified School District – No update provided.

F. County Fire Department – The Battalion Chief announced a new Station 76, with groundbreaking anticipated in Spring 2026. Residents were encouraged to reduce fire hazards around their homes. He also shared that 65 new firefighters are currently completing the academy and addressed a recent Bloomington house fire, confirming that all nearby fire hydrants were fully operational.

G. Sheriff Department – Deputy Luis Arroyo introduced a new deputy nearing completion of training, a Bloomington High School graduate who is eager to serve the community. He also shared details about the recent "Shop with a Cop" event, advised residents to contact the Fontana station to be added to next year's list, and provided an update on a gas station robbery, including clarification regarding confusion between Sheriff's deputies and immigration agents.

H. Special District – No update provided.

I. West Valley Water District – No update provided.

4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

- Bloomington Roadwork Improvements Project- Bob Vezutto PowerPoint presented
 - The Bloomington Road Work Improvement Project includes multiple roadway upgrades and phased closures through 2026, featuring road widening, new traffic signals, sidewalks, trails, and utility improvements. Locust Avenue is fully closed until February 12, 2026, with detours in place while final driveway work begins in January. Jurupa Avenue is under partial closure from October 2025 through May 2026, remaining open with two lanes during construction, and 11th Street improvements are paused until March 2026 due to permitting delays. The final phase will involve a full closure of Armstrong Road from March through September 2026, with detours provided and coordination to ensure Locust Avenue and Armstrong Road are not closed at the same time. Residents will continue to receive updates via direct mail and email.

- **Bloomington Community Improvement Reserve Overview**
 - The Bloomington Community Benefit and Improvement Reserve highlights significant investments led by Fifth District Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. to build a safer, stronger, and higher-quality community, with over \$57 million invested in capital improvement projects focused on sustainability and quality of life. Major achievements include the revitalization of Kessler Park with a community mural and modern ballfield, upgrades to Bloomington High School and Joe Baca Middle School athletic facilities totaling \$7.4 million, enhancements at Ayala Park including a new splash pad and Veterans Monument (\$6.9 million), and the development of a new 56,000-square-foot Bloomington Animal Care Center with veterinary services and modern kennels (\$49.5 million). Ongoing community benefits are supported through dedicated funding for code enforcement, sheriff services, and park maintenance, while reserve funding—sustained through developer contributions and annual settlements—continues to support both ongoing operations and one-time projects such as park improvements and public safety technology, ensuring long-term investment and transparency for the Bloomington community.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 5, 2025, Meeting

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - Individuals who wish to address the MAC are requested to fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit the completed form to Supervisor Baca's staff. Each speaker is allotted a three-minute time limit. Please note that MAC Members will not engage in discussion or take immediate action on items presented during this public comment period.

1. Gary Grossich shared that he attended a meeting with the developer last week and noted that Howard's commitment remains in place. He thanked Jessica from Supervisor Baca Jr.'s office for the Community Improvement Reserve Overview presentation and asked whether the Cedar plans would eliminate additional warehouse development. He also thanked Diane Mendez for her work and wished her well. Lastly, he inquired about truck routes and asked if Cedar would be included in the proposed truck route.
2. Patricia – thanked Diane for her work in Bloomington and shared that she attended a development meeting the previous week but did not receive meeting notice. She asked whether CJUSD staff, whom she felt were unable to answer community questions, would be providing follow-up information. She also expressed concern about the high cost of connecting to the sewer system.
3. Miguel – noted that MAC meetings overlap with other commitments and suggested making them more accessible, emphasizing that approximately 85% of Bloomington residents are Hispanic. He recommended that all information posted on the Bloomington MAC page be translated into Spanish
4. Tania Gonzalez – shared that she attended the developer's open house and felt it was not a productive meeting due to conflicting information being presented. She also questioned whether the community would realistically use a park located across the street from a warehouse.
5. Dave Jane – thanked Diane Mendez for her time and service on the MAC Board. He noted that the decorative lights were removed and have been stored at Glen Helen for the past nine years. He expressed concern that funds are being spent in the wrong areas and asked for clarification on how Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds are being used, stating that he has not received assistance in 15 years despite previously qualifying.
6. Jaquin – noted that the environmental report was due on December 11, 2025, and encouraged MAC members to submit comments opposing the proposed projects. He concluded by wishing everyone happy holidays.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business
- New Business
 - Last Meeting Diane Mendez - At the last meeting, Diane Mendez thanked the community for their continued attendance.
 - MAC members also expressed their appreciation to Diane for her service and time on the board.

8. MAC BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Alejandro extended holiday wishes to all.
- Teresa wished Diane the best and noted that they had been in the high school band together.
- Angela wished Diane good luck and thanked her for all her contributions.

9. ADJOURN MEETING Chair Teresa asked that Diane Mendez Adjourn the meeting as this is her last meeting on the board. 7:39pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 4, 2026, at 6:00 pm (**DARK in January 2026**)

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