

# 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.

## MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 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=PLqCYbka4xnj198pxKAn3-ga88SWeui3tO>

(3) In lieu of making a comment in person, you may submit your comments via email to [supervisor.baca@bos.sbcounty.gov](mailto: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    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. Jessica Andalon, Chief of Staff - thanked attendees and partners for the successful 4th Annual Kite Day, highlighting strong community participation and family-friendly activities. She announced that over \$1 million in funding was secured from Congressman Aguilar for a septic-to-sewer expansion project in Bloomington and encouraged residents to visit the Bloomington Library for its programs. Updates were shared on AB 98, with continued community engagement and a presentation planned for the next MAC meeting. Upcoming events include a Fishing Day at Glen Helen Regional Park on March 28 (limited to 150 children) and an Earth Day cleanup on April 25, with volunteers needed. Jessica also recognized local "sheroes," acknowledged recent nonprofit award recipients, and introduced new community figures, including alternate MAC member Gilbert Everheart and representative Karina Cabrera. Finally, she promoted the SPARK internship program for youth ages 16–24, encouraging applications for paid county opportunities.
  - b) Southern California Edison - Karina Cabrera, the Southern California Government Relations Manager, introduced herself as the representative serving Bloomington and nearby communities. She shared her personal connection to the area and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve. In her new role, she aims to build strong relationships with local leaders and partner closely with Supervisor Baca's office. She emphasized her availability as a community resource and mentioned plans to return in the future to present on programs, infrastructure reliability improvements, and wildfire mitigation efforts. She encouraged residents to reach out and connect, reaffirming her commitment to supporting the community.
  - c) State Legislative Update - Ulysses provided an update on Assemblymember Garcia's legislative package, highlighting several key bills relevant to the region. He discussed AB 1770, which aims to make healthcare arbitration more fair by ensuring a neutral arbitrator selection process. He also covered AB 1777, focused on improving air quality by encouraging cleaner practices in the logistics and warehousing industry. Another bill, AB 2144 (the Second Chance Act), would require cardiac screenings for student athletes to help prevent sudden cardiac incidents. He explained AB 2264, which seeks to fund safety improvements like barriers on bridges to prevent suicides, and AB 2145, designed to allow seniors to transfer their low mortgage rates when downsizing to free up housing for younger families. He concluded by offering to share more details and requested community support for the bills through letters of support.
  - d) CHP - Officer Estephan Alvarez provided a public safety update, explaining that CHP handled nearly 3,000 calls in the Bloomington area last year, including three fatal traffic accidents. He addressed ongoing traffic concerns, especially along Cactus Avenue, noting enforcement efforts and direct outreach to Amazon and FedEx about unsafe driving behaviors. He shared that additional officers have been assigned to the area, including dedicated traffic enforcement units, and that a joint enforcement operation with local agencies is being planned. He also discussed challenges with homelessness along freeways, describing it as an ongoing cycle despite cleanup efforts. Lastly, he highlighted community outreach efforts, including speaking to local students about safe driving, and responded to residents' concerns about traffic congestion, committing to increased patrols in problem areas.

- e) Code Enforcement - Code Enforcement Officer Moises Sanchez and Senior Officer Nicole Gonzalez introduced themselves and shared contact information for reporting issues such as illegal dumping, unpermitted construction, inoperable vehicles, and unauthorized business activities. They highlighted services including graffiti removal, tire pickup, and cleanup of illegal dumping through abatement programs. Updates included clearing homeless encampments near the 10 freeway, addressing issues at the Dollar Tree parking lot, investigating a property with stolen vehicles, and ongoing work on problem locations. They also reported multiple enforcement sweeps targeting illegal street vendors, resulting in several citations. The team noted efforts to take stricter legal action against illegal truck terminals and acknowledged ongoing community concerns about pallet yards, unsafe structures, weeds, and traffic-related nuisances, committing to follow up and continue enforcement
- f) Colton Joint Unified School District – None
- g) County Fire Department – None
- h) Sheriff Department - Captain Julius McCristen from the Sheriff's Department provided a brief update, introducing new personnel including Deputy Valencia, the new Bloomington deputy, and members of the multiple enforcement (proactive) team focused on serious crimes. He noted that this specialized team is already active and working to address higher-level criminal activity in the community. He also shared positive feedback about improvements in Bloomington, emphasizing that deputies are committed to and proud of serving the area. He encouraged residents to show appreciation for officers and reiterated the department's ongoing support for the community.
- i) Special District - Aaron Spear from Special Districts shared a brief update, thanking the community and partners for a successful and growing Kite Day event, and expressing appreciation to the Art Connection for repairing a damaged mural. He highlighted upcoming activities at Kessler Park, including Bloomington Little League's opening day with a pancake breakfast, a Lego Day for kids, and Easter events featuring an egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny. He also announced upcoming park improvements, including new swings and picnic shelters expected within six weeks, noting that the park will remain open during construction with minimal disruptions
- j) West Valley Water District - A representative from the West Valley Water District shared that the organization offers \$1,000 scholarships to local high school seniors who live in or attend school within the district. Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA and plan to attend a college or vocational school. The speaker encouraged more students to apply, noting that increased participation could lead to more scholarships being awarded, and expressed appreciation for continued community engagement. Also, President Kevin Moore was in attendance.

#### 4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

- Bloomington Roadwork Improvements Project- Bob Vezutto
  - Bob provided an update on Bloomington road improvement projects, explaining that Locust Avenue is expected to reopen in about a month and a half with two lanes initially, while utility pole relocation by Edison may take a few additional months. Progress on the Locust and Jurupa intersection has caused delays but work there will soon allow more lanes to reopen on both Locust and Jurupa. 11th Street is nearly complete, with only minor paving and sidewalk work remaining. Upcoming work includes finishing Armstrong Road, which will be fully improved next. Overall, most roads are expected to be largely open by summer and fully completed by the end of the year, with final touches like signal poles coming last. The project will result in newly paved, striped roads along with added features such as landscaping and horse trails.
- EV Project Valley Blvd — Paige Gosney
  - Paige explained that the site at 18434 Valley is being developed as a Tesla-only charging hub for electric semi-trucks. He said the project is fully leased to Tesla and will support the rollout of Tesla's electric trucks coming from the Sparks, Nevada plant. The site will eventually have about 92 chargers, added in phases through 2027, with the first two chargers expected to be operating soon. He emphasized that the project is meant to support the replacement of existing gas-powered trucks with electric ones, not to bring entirely new truck traffic to Bloomington. He also explained that the project did not go through the normal planning commission process because California laws AB 1236 and AB 970 allow EV charging facilities to be approved through a streamlined ministerial process if they meet objective standards. Because of that, no environmental review under CEQA or community benefit agreement was required. Residents pushed back with concerns about traffic, truck circulation, road access, strain on local infrastructure, lack of public notice, and the feeling that Bloomington was unfairly chosen without enough community input. He said the county reviewed the project for health and safety concerns, found no grounds to deny it, and approved it. He acknowledged residents' frustration, especially about the lack of early outreach, while residents continued to argue that even if the trucks are electric, the project could still worsen congestion and burden the community without offering direct local benefits.

- Kessler Park Monuments -- Office of Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.
  - Jessica Andalon- The discussion focused on naming fields three and four at Kesler Park. One proposal was to name a field after Mr. Robol, a long-time contributor to the Bloomington community and youth league, which received strong support. The other field was suggested to honor volunteers or the Challenger program. However, there was hesitation because the Challenger program is reportedly declining at Kesler and more active in Fontana. An alternative idea proposed was to recognize volunteers through engraved bricks in the park's diamond area, allowing for a lasting tribute without renaming the field itself. The brick idea was well-received as a meaningful way to honor community volunteers.

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 4, 2025, Meeting - Approved

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. Dave Jane - Dave spoke about an upcoming Easter event for special needs children at Kessler Park on Saturday the 28th at 10:00 a.m. He invited everyone to come help with the Easter egg hunt and mentioned that lunch will be provided, with support from the Clampers and the water company. He expressed frustration about liability forms and the perception that local residents are not always welcome in the park, emphasizing that the event will use the horse arena instead of the soccer field to avoid conflicts.
2. Miguel addressed the MAC members about community communication and recent developments in Bloomington. He noted that, as a relatively new community member, he's observed a gap in public outreach, particularly because Bloomington is unincorporated and subject to county oversight. While he appreciates social media updates and flyers, he suggested more direct engagement, such as inviting county representatives to meet with residents. He highlighted a recent February 10th development where Howard Industries presented a warehouse project, noting that the county influenced both the location and expansion of the Bloomington Business Park. Miguel expressed interest in comparing this with the original master plan to understand any deviations and how Bloomington's land is being used. Overall, his message was about increasing transparency, improving communication, and tracking development impacts.
3. Efrain Perez - Gave a brief comment emphasizing the desire for more community cohesion in Bloomington. They expressed appreciation for the ongoing work of the code enforcement and sheriff's department and noted concerns about illegal dumping, especially on Slover and nearby side streets. They plan to follow up with code enforcement to address the issue and thanked the team for their efforts.
4. Xochitl Pedraza - shared that she loves Bloomington's rural feel but is concerned about development and warehouses dividing the community and ignoring residents' input. She stressed the need for more green spaces, local businesses, and equestrian improvements, keeping local revenue in Bloomington, and ensuring county decisions reflect the voices of residents who actually live there.
5. Tania Gonzalez - from the People's Collective for Environmental Justice emphasized that Bloomington residents need to be heard. She noted that the area is often targeted for development because it's unincorporated. She also highlighted the impact of warehousing on Bloomington's culture and landscape.
6. Roxanna – inquired who is in charge of the wall behind her home, she contiguously has problems with it being damaged.
7. Jasmine - highlighted that Bloomington is often overlooked by the county because it's unincorporated, and that warehouses bring no real benefit, only pollution and traffic. She advocated for community resources like grocery stores, parks, and senior centers, and urged asking tougher questions about who is pushing the warehouses.
8. Joaquin - Explained that the Bloomington warehouse project started as a single building but the county encouraged a larger-scale development, placing it near schools, parks, and neighborhoods. He then highlighted ongoing infrastructure issues, particularly in South Bloomington, where power outages are frequent, cited a January 2nd outage that caused damage to appliances for residents near El Ravino and Cactus, and noted that Edison has not responded to claims. She urged the county to assist affected residents and ensure modern, reliable infrastructure for the community.
9. Patricia Silva emphasized that Bloomington residents are being overlooked by county officials. She criticized the lack of engagement with local parents and schools, rejecting the idea that neglect is due to the community being Hispanic. She referenced the Hinkley/PG&E case to highlight how counties can allow harmful decisions that endanger residents while prioritizing other projects. She stressed that volunteers work for the benefit of local children and families and warned that county actions continue to take local land and resources without proper accountability to the community.

## 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business – None
- New Business –
  - Angela shared updates on upcoming events. The Women’s Event will be held on Sunday, coinciding with National Women’s Day, and will serve as a fundraiser to support branch programs. Additionally, the Spring Fling 80s Party and Dance is scheduled for April 10th for attendees 21 and over; karaoke will not be part of this event. Angela concluded by thanking community members and participants for their continued support and engagement.

## 8. MAC BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Chair Teresa expressed deep concern and frustration about the impact of the current project on Bloomington, particularly near Cedar and Valley Boulevard. She feels the project is unsafe for local streets due to truck traffic, even if it may be viable elsewhere, and worries about long-term consequences for the community. She suggested that the MAC write a letter to the state asking for a review of the project and its broader implications, emphasizing that it’s a state-level issue beyond the county’s control. She hopes that by addressing it now, Bloomington can set a precedent to protect other towns in the future. Questions were raised about the EV corridor planning, the location of the project near schools, and whether meetings could be held in South Bloomington to improve community engagement.

## 9. ADJOURN MEETING – 8:50 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 1, 2026, at 6:00 pm

All Board materials can be found at the San Bernardino County 5<sup>th</sup> District Website:

[Bloomington MAC – Joe Baca, Jr. Fifth District Supervisor](#)