

San Dimas City Council  
League of Women Voters of Mt. Baldy Area  
Observer Report by Ruth Currie  
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The purpose of the City Council is to invite residents of the community to participate in shaping the community - its attractiveness, quality, and environmental safety. The Council acts as the local legislative body for the establishment of local laws, establishment of policy, and the approval of programs.

2019 City Council Members:

Mayor: Curtis W. Morris  
Councilmember: John Ebner  
Councilmember: Emmett Badar  
Councilmember: Denis Bertone  
Mayor Pro Tem: Ryan Vienna

City Manager: Ken Duran

The city of San Dimas has council meetings open to the public on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings vary in length, but most last between two and three hours. Shortly after convening the Council meeting there is a call for comments/concerns from the residents of San Dimas about items not on the agenda. The atmosphere of the meeting is welcoming; meetings are conducted in a professional and courteous manner.

At the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019 there was a movement to build a large four-story hotel in San Dimas. Large numbers of citizens and young adults were in attendance at several meetings while this was being discussed. The proposal has now gone dormant; however, a new Mexican restaurant is about to open. The residents seem to be embracing this addition to the city.

The lengthening of the rail system will impact San Dimas in the next five years. City Council members do not know how much input they will have over the configuration of the crossings within the city limits of San Dimas. The Glendora to Montclair project broke ground in December 2017 and is nearing completion on the second of four contracts. The main design-build

contract is expected to be awarded in late summer 2019; major construction is expected to start in 2020 and take five years to complete to Pomona (eight years to Montclair if additional funds are secured within the next two years).

The Council is following good government standards. It operates transparently and welcomes public input; members appear well prepared.

I attend about half of the meetings. The meetings are broadcast via closed-circuit network and citizens may tune into the meetings on the designated channel from their homes.