

**Claremont City Council**  
League of Women Voters of Mt. Baldy Area  
Observer Report by Penny Vienna  
June 2019 to May 26, 2020

**Purpose of the Claremont City Council**

The Council is responsible as the legislative policy makers, enacting ordinances, adopting resolutions, approving City budgets, providing direction to staff, authorizing contracts, and acting as the final approval body on ruling of Commissions. It also appoints the City Manager and City Attorney as well as members of Commissions and certain Committees.

**As of January 1, 2020, Elected Officials:**

**Mayor: Larry Schroeder**

**Mayor Pro Tem: Jennifer Stark**

**Councilmembers: Jed Leano, Ed Reece, and Corey Calaycay**

**Appointed Officials**

**City Manager: Tara Schultz**

**City Attorney: Alisha Patterson**

**Meetings** were held twice a month for 10 months (August excluded, Christmas Holiday observed; and only 1 meeting in March due to COVID 19 planning.) I was able to attend 18 of the 20 meetings for 90%, with substitutes covering for me in my absence.

**Accomplishments**

**Local Government** - Foothill Blvd. Master Plan Improvement Project completed successfully.

**Natural Resources** – Provided young tree maintenance and watering. Awarded a contract for an energy audit. Reduced turfgrass in parks as well as improved lighting at Memorial Park and El Barrio Park.

**Land Use** – A two-year extension approved to allow for parking structure to be built before 30 Unit condos built in the Village South Specific Plan.

**Transportation** – Support of US Bicycle Route System – Claremont Route 66.

**Social Policy** - Overnight parking restrictions enforced in Metro parking lot, Village parking structure and City Leased parking spaces. A onetime approval to assist the City of Claremont Homeless Services Plan.

**Housing-** Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) approved with established guidelines. Also created regulations to support short term rentals.

### **Library**

Maintained accessibility to Library via Internet connectivity and social distance pick up and drop off. Amy Crow continues to provide updates to the Council and public attendees.

### **Observations**

I have noticed more involvement by City Council with full disclosure by inviting the public involvement in budgeting and spending with off-site meetings providing for more insight to/from the public.

**Issues Pending** – Modifications to Police procedures and training as well as tracking incidents independent of current practice.

### **Issues that attracted the largest public representation.**

2019 – Special election for increase of Use and Sales taxes. Not approved by the general public.

2020 – Claremont Police maintain staffing, did not replace with Sheriffs. Approved a minor renovation to the Claremont Police Station, not a full replacement, due to the loss of public support.

### **President**

Did not have any notifications.

### **Final Comment**

The City Council is following good government standards. Responded promptly to COVID 19 shut down requirements and offered Zoom meetings and teleconferencing. Provided ability for small business owners to apply for \$20,000 in total, to assist with rent or salaries. It operates responsibly and welcomes public input.