

Good evening, City Council and Planning Commission,

On behalf of our group, Monrovia Housing & Tenants Advocates, we want to thank you for tonight's meeting that includes the Housing Element update. The Monrovia Housing & Tenants Advocates, is a grassroots group of concerned citizens who bring a collective voice for affordable for-purchase and rental housing in Monrovia by ensuring adequate public and private resources, efficient and effective housing programs, and strong support among public officials at all levels of government.

As we all know the Housing Element is an important and valuable document. The current Housing Element, after 8 years, expires at the end of 2021. The new document will represent housing requirements and goals for the following next 8 years beginning in 2022.

Sections in this document that need to be strengthen or added, include:

1. The addition of an Inclusionary Housing ordinance whereby, developers that want to build or convert units in our city, must set aside, 25% for extremely low to moderate income levels, as dictated by the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, RHNA.
 - a. If a developer does not wish to set aside 25% of their project, they must build something offsite in another location in our city, to make up for what they would have built within their project. This must be built concurrently with the main project, or even before the main project.
 - b. If a developer does not wish to build onsite or offsite as described above, they may pay an in-lieu fee* [we will get back to you on this]. This in-lieu fee will go into a special housing fund held by the city, to be used exclusively on other housing building projects.
2. The increase of production and completion of affordable senior housing units that focus particularly on the extremely low, very-low and low-income levels. [In the current Housing Element, that low-level income would be \$47,850 for a one person household, for example.]
3. The increase of production and completion of affordable housing for the first time buyers, along with listings of potential grants available to them.
4. The increase and completion of affordable Accessory Dwelling Units, ADUs.
 - a. Certain design models would be pre-approved, saving time and money. With those pre-approved models, plans could be streamlined through plan check, and also some fees would be removed, thus making ADUs attractive to homeowners to incentivize them to build.

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Thank you,

Monrovia Housing & Tenants Advocates

Donna Baker, Katey Cabrera, Heather Castle, Carol Daley, Janie Duncan, Allison Henry, Rae Huang, Susan Kitchens, Mary Ann Lutz, Catherine McCallum, John Oh, Daniel Orellana-Rogers, Shane Jones; Albert Tate, Melissa Taylor

Alice Atkins

From: Sari Canales <sc@monroviacc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 5:24 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: RChamber report for public comment

Here is the chamber's report for public comment.

8 New Chamber members for July:

Ferrari Bros. Body Shop
Semarad Carpet & Flooring
Colleen Art + Design
Detail Union Group
Dialani Associates
Rockthorn
Tech Rock Stars
Avalon Bay Monrovia

1 New Chamber member for August:

A Healthy Endeavour

Congrats to Merengue Bakery & Café on their 5th Year Anniversary! Chamber conducted a ribbon cutting celebration. Thank you Mayor Tom for your attendance.

The Chamber and Athens Services walked the 400 Myrtle Ave block on Friday, July 24. Letting the merchants know that we will always be their biggest fan.

The chamber is looking forward to working together with the City and MOTAB on the Beer and Wine Walk event in October.

No Board Meeting in August we will resume in September.

Support Local, Shop Local, Dine Local

Have a good evening,

Sari Canales
Executive Director



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From: [Karen Suarez](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Monrovia City Council Regular Meeting - Tuesday, August 4, 2020
Date: Friday, July 31, 2020 11:25:11 PM

Please read at the meeting.
Gloria can use it as she wishes.
Thank you Alice.
Karen

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Karen Suarez** <obama14us@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jul 30, 2020 at 9:08 PM
Subject: Re: Monrovia City Council Regular Meeting - Tuesday, August 4, 2020
To: Alice Atkins <aatkins@ci.monrovia.ca.us>
Cc: Gloria Crudgington <gloria@crudg.com>

Re: RCC~3, c. Gubernatorial Pardon for Steven Kiyoshi Kuromiya

Thank you Councilmember Gloria Crudgington for your request for the pardon of Steven Kiyoshi Kuromiya.

Ever since hearing about this brave, activist man, his life touched me. I visit where he is interred at Live Oak Cemetery, and leave tributes for him. I wish I had known him personally. The least we can do now is continue his fight for equality, by not being silent, and taking positive action. I would love for the city to erect a tribute to him in town, and at Live Oak cemetery. I will fundraise for it. Please add my name to your request for pardon to Governor Newsom.

Truth to Power, Karen Suarez
Monrovia

On Thu, Jul 30, 2020 at 7:03 PM Alice Atkins <aatkins@ci.monrovia.ca.us> wrote:

Good evening ~

The Agenda and supporting documents related to the above-referenced meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, are available at the following link:

[City Council Regular Meeting](#) – 7:30 p.m.

Alice Atkins

From: Tim Peters <timpetersemail@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 5:43 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Athens Rate Increases

Dear Monrovia City Council,

I would just like to voice my concern and opposition of the Athens rate increases especially at this time. This is not the right time to be passing on rate increases to residents of Monrovia. This is a time of crisis and economic downturn and I would hope that the City Council will be protecting the residents from any/all increases to their citizens and constitutes they represent and serve.

If anything I think that Anthens should be giving a refund/discount for the significant decrease in services and significant increase in their profit during the time they have been sending only one or two trucks to pick up all the containers and they have not been fully staffed in sorting all of the recycling. At very least they can use their excess income during this time to pay for their proposed increases.

Athens really should be giving back to us during this time and not charging us more!

Please look into this matter of their charging full fees when they were providing significantly less services before you consider any possible increase which should NOT come during this time when so many residents are struggling.

Thank you,
Tim Peters
Monrovia resident
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