

Ralph Walker,
Local Monrovia TV Producer
"Conversations with Ralph Walker"

As a local TV producer for KGEM-TV, I have interviewed many individuals throughout the years. I'm not afraid to ask tough questions and I don't play favorites. I always try to maintain a level of journalistic integrity and honesty.

At the last two City Council meetings there have been numerous public comments regarding Mayor Pro Tem Alexander Blackburn, calling for his resignation. I have listened to these serious accusations and they have raised some questions in my own mind. In the past I have interviewed Mr. Blackburn on several occasions while he was running for City Council. Unfortunately I'm not sure I'll be able to do this again. My main concern has to do with his recent decision to represent former Executive Director Lance Mungia in a lawsuit against Community Media of the Foothills, also known as KGEM-TV. Mr. Blackburn's decision to provide legal counsel while holding the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Monrovia, creates an entangled situation that lacks transparency for everyone involved. My question for the board and the city attorney is this situation a conflict of interest? I realize that you won't be able to answer this question at this time but I'll pose this final question to Mayor Pro Tem Blackburn. Is your decision to represent this client only based on financial gain and how is this in the best interest of Monrovia?

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Monrovia is mixed up with another ballot measure: Prop. 22. February 20, 2018 after we endorsed the Keep California Safe Act, we approved a taxi service contract with Lyft, Incorporated, a Delaware Corporation. They helped to fund this new initiative. Lyft came into our state a few years ago, set up shop, and classified their drivers as independent contractors to avoid tax and labor laws. The attorney general and labor commissioner told them they couldn't. Lyft took it to court but they lost. Now Lyft and Uber put up 30 million each for Prop. 22 to deregulate and exempt themselves from providing their drivers with minimum wage, overtime, sick leave, unemployment insurance, Social Security and Medicare and other employee benefits and protections. From now until Election Day the tech billionaires will saturate media with propaganda proclaiming this to be something other than corporate greed. Almost every labor union is against them. In recognition of Labor Day, Monrovia should stop subsidizing these scofflaws and send them back to Delaware.

From: [Sari Canales](#)
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Good afternoon Alice,

Below is the chamber report for the city council meeting.

August 12 new members:

San Gabriel Valley Habitat For Humanity
A Healthy Endeavor
Think Like Royalty, Inc.
Syntegric Advisors, LLC
The Dog Zone
3M Company
MADIA Tech Launch Inc.
Alpha Science/Math Education Institute
Foothill Physique Studio
La Michoacana Superior
Bernstein Crisis Management, Inc.
RA House of CBD

Events:

Last Week: Business Seminar featuring Oak Crest Institute of Science – Presentation is available on Monrovia Chamber Facebook page.

Networking Breakfast – this morning, we had some new members join us

September 10th Young Professional Meeting at 12n 40 and younger

Lunch mob on September 16 Flame Broiler

Candidate Forum for MUSD School Board September 24th partnering with League of Women Voters

Advocacy:

Government Affairs voted to take a position of Opposition of Prop 15

Advocating for Brewers – sent letter to Supervisor Barger

Have a great week. Monrovia Strong!

Sari Canales
Executive Director



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Hello Mayor, Council Members, City Staff, and community members... this evening I personally want to honor the lives of 2 Monroviaans who died this past week. Two remarkable people who many of us went to school with and admired lost their battle while they dealt with personal “struggles” that they were unable to overcome. There is a portion of our community right now that is grieving the loss of Fermin and Janet.

Our prayers are with their families during this time.

I write tonight on behalf of iNSPIRE which is a community-based social service crisis response organization that focuses on ensuring that we are continually providing education, outreach, and resources to our community members. In addition, iNSPIRE has also become the home for our suicide prevention task force known as Monrovia healing connections.

Our goal is to be present and actively support people, like Janet and Fermin, who are fighting to overcome their struggles.

September 10 is national suicide prevention day and we wanted to make you and our community members aware that iNSPIRE will be hosting a series of events to promote education awareness and to also connect with community members who may be in need of support services as they may be dealing with challenges during these trying and unprecedented times.

In the next few days, through social media, iNSPIRE will be sharing information about our upcoming Suicide prevention awareness and education event on September 10th.

If any community members would like more information on our year-around initiatives they can contact me, Ulises Gutierrez, at area code 626 703 2398.

We encourage our community to pray for the peace, health, and well-being of our community members... and we also encourage community members to reach out and speak up in the event that they are struggling and or come across someone that is in need of support

Thank you for your time