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Chamber Report

Operation: Save Our Restaurants was a success and the coupon expired on Sunday 1/31/21. 21 participating restaurants

Chamber Awards Event coming soon- TBD

New Website: www.shopsgv.com Testing the site and will launch in a few weeks to the community.

Thank you for a great state of the city especially during this time.



February 2, 2021

Dear Monrovia City Council,

Thank you for your work in Monrovia. MHTA write to express concern MHTA has regarding how the Monrovia Police Department is interacting with residents who are experiencing a disagreement with their landlord.

On the 23rd of December, a local resident was illegally locked out of her own rented home. The Monrovia Police Department unwittingly facilitated an illegal lockout. I have corresponded with the city manager on this matter—thank you Dylan—but have not yet received a response on this matter. In speaking with my fellow MHTA members and others in the community, I learned that this is not the first time that MPD unwittingly facilitated an illegal tenant lock out. These calls, which may seem like simple disputes, require an understanding of the law for tenants on behalf of the responding officer. If there is not a clear understanding of the law and protections and rights of tenants, they are forced out. Not only is this unjust, it also contributes to the unsheltered residents on our streets.

- 1) What is Monrovia Police Department's understanding of tenant law and protections that can result in better outcomes? In one case, the tenant was locked out of her home with a lease.
- 2) What supports do MPD offer? When they unwittingly facilitate an illegal lockout, they are contributing to homelessness. What supports are offered? In the case of the 12/23/20 call, no supports were offered. The tenant wound up spending some nights in her car at the Gold Line metro parking lot.
- 3) Is MPD open to community discussion and training on how to better respond to these calls to ensure that tenants' rights are protected?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Police response should not include a ticket to homelessness and illegal evictions. I know Monrovia Police Department is community minded and wants to always offer solutions, protection, and justice.

Sincerely,

Allison Henry

MHTA

Dear Monrovia City representatives,

February 2, 2021

Low-income housing/ very low-income housing. What exactly is that? I worked for the Monrovia Post Office for 30 years making about \$50,000/year. It was considered a good paying job. I retired in 2006 and in retirement I make about **\$25,000.**, or apx, \$2000/mo. As a one-person household (just for an example), my income falls in the ‘**extremely low income**’ category on the 2014-2021 Monrovia Housing Element. Isn’t that shocking? I think it is.

As the new housing element is being written for our city, I am urging our city to please consider **focusing on housing for the very low and low-income levels** especially. According to the 2010 census, 60% of Monrovia’s population is renters. I am a co-founder of Foothills Kitchen in Monrovia where we feed and care for those in need. I cannot begin to tell you, how many Monrovians fall out of housing, due to losing a spouse in death and the children want to sell the property, or, up the rent, or flip the house, or their single wage can no longer pay the rent or mortgage.

Or, in more recent times, people that were recently illegally evicted and are now out on the street. These are Monrovians that have lived here for most of their lives and can no longer afford to stay in our city after building up a lifetime of support in the community with their neighbors, places of worship, doctors, places they shop and now they are on the street or having to move to far off cities.

That is one reason, that I am urging our city to implement an inclusionary zoning ordinance whereby a developer that wants some of our prime land, has to set aside a 20% percentage of their project for affordable housing, or else, pay an in-lieu fee. Please, no more luxury townhouses. Let’s take care of Monrovians. We need affordable housing for seniors and families.

There are many models of cities where Inclusionary zoning ordinances work. We don’t have to re-create the wheel. Let’s adopt what works, because it is so disheartening not being able to direct people that have worked their whole lifetimes and live in Monrovia, to not being able to find a place in the city that they love.

Sincerely,

Carol Daley
Foothills Kitchen
Resident of Monrovia since 1974

Ref: When one refers to the 2014-2021 Monrovia Housing Element, it has five levels of income for Monrovians.¹ The ‘low income level is \$29,900. My income is apx \$25,000 putting me in the extremely low income level. Where does *your* income level fall? (For the purpose of this illustration, I am referring to myself as a one-person household because there would be a lot of people that I would represent in that category.)

	One person household	Two-person household	Three-person household
Extremely Low Income:	\$17,950	\$20,500	\$23,050
Very Low Income:	\$29,900	\$34,200	\$38,450
Low Income:	\$47,850	\$54,650	\$61,500
Moderate Income:	\$54,450	\$62,200	\$70,000
Above Moderate Income:	>\$54,450	>\$62,200	>\$70,000

Below is a chart from the 2014-2021 Monrovia Housing Element Progress showing how we met the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

INCOME LEVEL	2006-2013 Building Permit	2006-2014 RHNA	Remaining RHNA Need
Extremely Low Income	0	Not on Monrovia’s chart	Not on Monrovia’s chart
Very Low Income	0	142 units	142 units
Low Income	4	88 units	84 units
Moderate Income	32	96 units	64 units
Above Moderate Income	407	241 units	0 units
	443	567 units	290 units

¹ City of Monrovia Housing Element, 2014-2021 Appendix A, pg A-8

From: [Jason Willoughby](#)
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Comments

Last December, an announcement was made about an opening on the Planning Commission with a deadline of January 15 for applications. Two applicants submitted applications. On January 28, we were informed that the new Councilmember on the commission, Blackburn is requesting an extension. As one of those applicants, I feel the request for extension is premature since neither one of the applicants have had an opportunity to be interviewed or considered for the commission. Furthermore, it is my understanding that the new request for extension by the Council member has not been presented or considered by the members of the Planning Committee. It would be in the interest of residents to know why the extension is being requested, why this request has not come before the commission, and why the timely applicants have not been interviewed.

Thank you.

Jason Willoughby