CITY OF MONTCLAIR

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT: March 30-April 5, 2012

➢ ***CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS***

- I am pleased to note that earlier this week, Mayor Paul Eaton was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the San Bernardino County City Selection Committee; he also serves as Vice Chairman, Commuter Rail Transit Committee for San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). Mayor Eaton maintains a busy schedule attending a variety of regional committees, representing the interests of the City of Montclair and residents throughout San Bernardino County.

  Mayor Eaton is an active elected official, currently serving on a variety of local and regional committees, Boards, and organizations, including representation on the following:

  - ✓ Member, Board of Directors, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)
  - ✓ Chairman, San Bernardino County-City Selection Committee
  - ✓ Vice Chairman, SANBAG Commuter Rail Transit Committee
  - ✓ Ex-Officio Member, SANBAG Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority
  - ✓ Board Member, SCRRA (Metrolink), serving as Chair of the Safety Operational Oversight Committee
  - ✓ Member, Board of Directors, Omnitrans
  - ✓ Member, Omnitrans Administrative-Finance Committee

- ✓ Member, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Regional Sewage Policy Committee
- ✓ Member, SANBAG Major Projects Committee
- ✓ Member, SANBAG Plans and Programs Committee
- ✓ Member, SANBAG Administrative Committee
- ✓ Member, Gold Line Joint Powers Authority
- ✓ Member, Southern California Associated Governments (SCAG) Transit Committee
- ✓ Member, Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority
- ✓ Member, Metrolink Safety Operational Oversight Committee
- ✓ Member, Metrolink Commuter Rail Committee
- ✓ Honorary Member, Montclair Kiwanis
- ✓ Delegate, SCAG District 9 General Assembly
- ✓ Delegate, National League of Cities
- ✓ Chairman, Montclair Successor Redevelopment Agency
- ✓ Chairman, Montclair Successor Housing Authority
- ✓ Chairman, Montclair Housing Corporation
- ✓ Chairman, Montclair Financing Authority

Earlier this month, Soroptimist International of Montclair/Inland Valley, recognized Mayor Eaton with its President's Award for his outstanding community service.

Congratulations, Mayor Eaton on your reappointment as Chairman of the City Selection Committee, and thank you for your dedication to public service and the leadership and guidance you bring to a number of important regional organizations.

- Last week, Mayor Paul Eaton, Council Member John Dutrey, and I attended the 28th Annual City/County Conference. The nation as a whole is slowly emerging from a disastrous economic recession; and while there are indications of economic recovery in the Inland Empire, San Bernardino County continues to be challenged in a myriad of ways. The intense, two-day workshop focused on a wide array of vital issues to the residents and jurisdictions in San Bernardino County, including the following statistical information and highlights related to each topic:

Jobs/Economy

- Over the last two decades, San Bernardino County experienced major job growth in the construction industry, driven by demand to provide inexpensive housing for skilled laborers commuting to jobs in Orange and Los Angeles Counties. That demand has now vanished, along with the jobs; and major housing

projects anticipated for desert communities are no longer under consideration.

- California is experiencing significant new job growth in the green- and tech-sectors; however, very little of that growth is expected to occur in the Inland Empire.
- Taxes on consumable goods remain low, and little growth is anticipated over the balance of the next several years.

- San Bernardino County typically receives fewer federal and state dollars than other regions of the state—due in part to the region's political minority status.

- San Bernardino County's labor force declined from 830,700 in 2006 to 731,900 in March 2011—due primarily to the steep drop in construction jobs.

- During the 10-year period from 2001 to 2011, the unemployment rate in San Bernardino County ranged from a low of 4.8 percent in 2006 to a high of 14.3 percent in 2010—the rate decreased to 13.2 percent in April 2011.

Education

- The Inland Empire performs last in education achievement for regions with 1 million or more in population.

- For the first time in generations, San Bernardino youth in the 18-25 age category are less likely than their parents to receive a high school diploma.

- Females in the County now represent the largest high school graduate population.

- 14 percent of high school dropouts in the County are likely to remain unemployed; 9 percent of high school graduates are likely to remain unemployed; and only 4 percent of college graduates are likely to remain unemployed.

- High school exit requirements in County schools are not effectively matched to college entrance requirements. High school students are not taking challenging classes that will help them avoid remedial instruction in college.

- The Inland Empire produces one of the nation's lowest college graduate rates; and those students that do graduate are leaving the area in disproportionate numbers.

- Local jurisdictions need to focus on developing an alliance with education, similar to what is achieved through the Montclair Collaborative Online to College Program.

- Approximately one-half of San Bernardino County's public school students are proficient in the English language, and only 43 percent are proficient in math.

- San Bernardino County hosts many public and private universities, making it a destination for undergraduate students.

Healthcare

- 25 percent of Inland Empire residents lack health insurance and must rely on county hospitals and clinics for major health care.

- For many uninsured patients using County health facilities, it may take 6 months or longer to obtain an appointment with a licensed physician.

- The Inland Empire suffers from the nation's lowest doctor to patient ratio, with 1 doctor for every 1,000 citizens.

Housing

- Foreclosure rates continue to plague the Inland Empire, with the actual number of homes moving toward default far higher than the number of homes currently in default.

- San Bernardino County is expected to realize population growth reaching 3.6 million residents by 2050. County leaders must develop the necessary housing programs to accommodate growth projections. In January 2011, San Bernardino County's population was estimated at approximately 2,052,397.

- Construction permits for new housing has fallen from 18,017 in 2004 to 1,780 recorded in 2010.

- San Bernardino County has the third highest household size in California, averaging 3.3 persons per household—the state average is 2.9; the U.S. average is 2.6.
- San Bernardino County has a housing vacancy rate of 12.5 percent.

Water

- Given San Bernardino County's arid climate, effective water management is essential to ensure ample water supply for now and the future. In 2010, average water consumption per person was 203 gallons per day, reflecting a 5-year downward trend. Nonetheless, with anticipated population growth, water management remains a priority and regional concern.

- Since 1996, illegal discharge reports in the Santa Ana River Basin have increased 211 percent, to 333 reports in 2010; in 2010, there were also 378 illegal discharges into the Mojave River Basin. Increases in illegal discharges represent a significant threat to water quality and the ability of the region to provide healthy drinking water.

Infrastructure

- San Bernardino County must develop a plan to adequately finance its transportation structure—the County is experiencing a funding crisis, with a projected $125 billion funding shortfall through 2035 to finance an estimated $525 billion in transportation projects. With limited stated and federal funds for transportation, local funding must be developed.

- Cargo traffic coming out of the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach will produce 70,000 truck trips per day on area freeways, literally filling local freeway capacity with freight movement destined for the rest of the nation. California is a donor state in transportation dollars—a trend that must be reversed if the area is to meet the demands required for freight movement.

Environment/Air Quality

- Water consumption is down, solid waste disposal dropped for the fourth year, and there were fewer days of unhealthy air; nonetheless, the Inland Empire suffers from the worst air quality in the nation, with the highest risk of cancer from particulate inhalation.

  During 2010, most days were in the "good" range (135), followed by 124 "moderate" days; 84 days were considered "unhealthy" for sensitive groups; 20 days were "unhealthy" for everyone; and 2 days were "very unhealthy."

- 5,000 deaths annually are associated with not meeting clean air quality standards.

- Studies suggest brain damage and advanced dementia can be attributed to breathing unhealthy air.

- The highest concentrations of unhealthful air in Southern California can be found along freeways and cargo ship routes into the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

- Solid waste disposal declined 8 percent over the past 10 years, while the population in the County grew an estimated 20 percent; all San Bernardino County jurisdictions have fully achieved the required 50 percent diversion requirements.

- San Bernardino County has a higher household hazardous waste participation rate (9.4 percent of households) than the statewide average (6.4 percent).

Public Safety/Regionalization/Shared Services

- San Bernardino County's crime rate fell for the sixth consecutive year, and 2010 saw a leveling off of gangs and gang membership after several years of increases.

- The cost of public safety services typically represents 50 percent to 80 percent of each local agency's annual budget. Communities must foster an environment that encourages shared resources and strategic planning for public safety service programs, while maintaining a high priority.

- Explore processes for making public safety more cost efficient.

- In the nation, San Bernardino County sends more people to prison, second only to Los Angeles County.

Voters/Legislation

- San Bernardino County has lower than average voter registration. As of February 2011, only 65 percent of county residents eligible to vote are registered—the state average is 75 percent, and the national average is 71 percent; however, the number of registered voters turning out to vote appears to be up—55 percent voted in the 2010 gubernatorial election, and 74 percent voted in the 2008 Presidential election—the highest turnout rate in 20 years.

- Legislative members speaking at the City/County Conference included State Senators Jean Fuller and Bob Dutton and Assembly Members Tim Donnelly, Mike Morrell, and Paul Cook.

- Legislative members discussed a number of proposed bills sponsored by Inland Empire legislators. Each legislator spoke on their respective opposition to the dissolution of redevelopment, but the need to move forward with alternative economic recovery strategies.

- Chris Carrillo, representative for Senator Diane Feinstein, spoke on involving the Senator in the Free ONTario issue and promotion of federal legislation to eliminate litigant abuse of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)—45 percent of all ADA claims against businesses occur in California. Unlike other states that provide only injunctive relief, California law encourages claims because the process typically leads to quick cash settlement offers of up to $20,000 for even minor violations.

At the conclusion of each topic, attendees discussed concepts and action plans for addressing many of the issues confronting the County. Conceptually, attendees agreed the option of regional control and sharing, with less and less dependence on financial assistance from federal and state programs, appears to be the future for San Bernardino County's governments.

Though San Bernardino County faces significant hurdles related to quality-of-life concerns, cities and the county are moving to enact a forward vision designed to address the numerous issues.

- With nearly 300 people in attendance and 13 Taste of Montclair food vendors from local restaurants, Montclair's State of the City 2012 was a huge success yesterday at the Community Center. This year's theme, *Montclair: A City on Track*, was the topic of a video presentation that conveyed the City's outstanding ability to stay on track by moving forward on projects vital to the success of businesses and the quality of Montclair's residents.

  Mayor Paul Eaton introduced the 17-minute video that highlighted how the City of Montclair effectively used redevelopment to successfully deliver projects pertaining to public facilities, public infrastructure, economic development, environmental sustainability, job creation, and affordable housing. In the video, the Council Members took turns discussing the following accomplishments:

  - ✓ Mayor Paul Eaton brought attention to projects vital to the City's economic growth and sustainability, such as the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan and the progress on two residential developments within the Plan's boundaries, signaling the beginning of North Montclair's transformation into a desirable, urban-style, transit-oriented neighborhood

  - ✓ Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft highlighted the City's continual success in providing residents with an outstanding and comprehensive list of programs, including the various services available for residents offered at the Montclair Family Resource Center, Youth Center, Senior Center, After School Program, Volunteer Program, and the Montclair Medical Clinic

  - ✓ Council Member Leonard Paulitz spotlighted innovative public safety services provided by the Police and Fire Departments that maintain Montclair as a safe and crime-free community. A Bully Awareness Campaign organized by Officer Amanda Holloway for Serrano and Vernon Middle Schools was also highlighted, which made a very positive impact on student youth

  - ✓ Council Member John Dutrey recounted a year-long battle between cities and the State of California over the elimination of redevelopment agencies. Given the final decision to abolish redevelopment, the many outstanding projects completed by the Montclair Redevelopment Agency over the course of its 34 years were highlighted. Since its

inception, the Montclair Redevelopment Agency invested over $86 million dollars in the community

- ✓ Council Member Bill Ruh brought focus to vital and critical infrastructure projects, including the completion of the ninth and final phase of the Mission Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project and the recent improvements at Alma Hofman Park, which consisted of increased parking, , new park lighting, tennis court lighting, a gazebo, a splash pad, and new playground equipment.

Event dignitaries included Mayor Paul Eaton; Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft; Council Members Leonard Paulitz and John Dutrey; 4th District County Supervisor Gary Ovitt; Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board Member Sue Ovitt; and the following legislative representatives: Richard Rea–Congressman David Drier's Office; Manuel J. Carrillo–Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod's Office; and Jennifer Nesslar–Assemblywoman Norma Torres' Office.

As Master of Ceremonies, Workforce Development Specialist Henry Anchondo from the County's Workforce Development Department welcomed attendees, introduced dignitaries, and presented the Montclair Chamber of Commerce address.

Pastor Josh Matlock from Bethany Baptist gave a moving invocation.

Guests dined on a delicious assortment of food from Applebee's, Chili's Grill and Bar, Chipotle, Costco, Dolce Café and Bakery, Elephant Bar, Farmer Boys, John's Incredible Pizza, La Cita, Macaroni Grill, Paradise Restaurant, Red Lobster, and Starbucks Coffee.

Event sponsors included the City of Montclair and the Montclair Chamber of Commerce. Montclair Hospital and Medical Center was the Title Sponsor; the Gas Company was the Major Sponsor; and the Headline Table Sponsors were: Ben Bridge Jeweler, Burrtec Waste Industries, Chaffey College, Chino Basin Water Conservation District, City of Montclair, Cunning Dental Group, 4th District County Supervisor Gary Ovitt, Metro Auto Group, Metro Nissan/Infinity, Michael L. Cox & Associates, Montclair Plaza, Montclair Town Center, Monte Vista Water District, Nationwide Insurance, Neighborhood Partnership, Paseos at Montclair Properties, LLC, PrimeCare Chino, Soroptimist of Montclair/Inland Valley, Travel By Design, and Wells Fargo Bank.

State of the City 2012 was planned by Redevelopment/Public Works Director Marilyn Staats, Assistant Director of Redevelopment Christine Caldwell, Assistant Director of Human Services Marcia Richter, Economic Development Coordinator Miguel Garcia, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Darleen Curley, Public Works Superintendent Xavier Mendez, Facilities and Grounds Superintendent Mike McGehee, and Information Technology Supervisor John Nguyen.

Audio and video services and programming were provided by Senior Information Technology Specialist Ricky Tankersley, GIS Specialist Steve Dague, Information Technology Technician Robert Castillo, and Junior Intern Travis Agajanian.

Public Works crews refurbished the Civic Center grounds and provided logistical support and traffic control.

Personnel Services Coordinator Lisa Shannon and Public Works Lead Worker Chad Quidor provided excellent video narratives.

Enjoy the collage of photos on Page 14. Additional photos are available on the City's "Z" Drive: Department Shares: Redevelopment: SOC 2012 Photos.

➢ ***COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT***

- Last Thursday, representatives of the entity developing The Paseos project in North Montclair were issued building permits for the 385-unit residential development. The Paseos is the first project within the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan to advance this far in the development process since the Plan's adoption in May 2006.

  While the developer still has a few outstanding easement issues to resolve on the property, we expect the first dirt may be turned on the 15-acre site at the northeast corner of Monte Vista Avenue and Moreno Street within the next 90 days.

- The Senior Center hosted on Tuesday an intergenerational event with a baseball theme. Senior Center and Youth Center staff collaborated to transform the Senior Center into a baseball stadium complete with hot dogs, peanuts, Cracker Jack, and ice cream bars. Staff and participants were encouraged to wear their favorite baseball caps and team colors, and participants were treated to a big-screen viewing of the baseball movie, "The Perfect Game," a true story full of life-learning experiences. Nicola Martinez, the six-year old daughter of Community Action Committee Member Manny Martinez, sang the National Anthem at the start of the movie. Participants joined in song for "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and had a wonderful time imagining they were at a ball park.

A photo collage of the event is displayed on Page 14.

- At the March 22 Senior in the Spotlight Program, Irene Norquist demonstrated her clever technique for making chardonnay jelly. Over 25 seniors attended the presentation and were fascinated by the jelly-making process. Everyone enjoyed a taste of the jelly over crackers, with a side of cheese and grapes.

  A photo collage is included on Page 16.

- The Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Montclair Community Center and adjacent Starlite Patio. The event will include games, activities, Easter eggs, and candy for children ten and younger. Children are invited to bring their own baskets from home to win candy-filled eggs. The "Easter Bunny" will make its grand entrance in a fire engine and will pose for photos ($3 per photo or $1 to take your own photo). The pancake breakfast, offered for $3, will also include sausage, orange juice, and coffee.

  This event is sponsored by the City of Montclair, Montclair Kiwanis Club, Montclair Police Officers Association, and Montclair-Ontario Junior Women's Club. Please phone (909) 625-9479, if additional information is required.

➢ ***POLICE DEPARTMENT***

- An appreciation banquet was held on Saturday, March 31 at the Police Department to honor the City's Reserve Officers.

  Mayor Eaton, Mayor Pro Tem Raft, Council Members Dutrey and Ruh, and I all spoke in support of the Reserve Officers and thanked them for generously donating their time to serve and protect the citizens of Montclair.

  Awards were presented for 2011 service to: Reserve Officer Randy Ortiz as Reserve Officer of the Year; Reserve Officer Keith Dow and Reserve Captain Ron Foss for Outstanding Police Work; and Officer Jacob Altig for volunteering the most hours in 2011.

  Chief Jones noted the 2,946 hours the Reserve Officers volunteered in 2011 was a $165,388 savings to the City in salary and benefits.

➢ ***FIRE DEPARTMENT***

- The Fire Department was recently assigned two students from the Fire Technology Division at Mt. San Antonio College, as part of their work experience requirements. Brian Felix and Ed Pangestu began their internships in March and will each volunteer two nine-hour days per week this semester. They will perform data entry pertaining to fire pre-plans,

mapping, and fire inspections, and general clerical functions. They will also provide logistical support to the fire stations.

The interns will be given practical on-the-job experiences to help them gain valuable job knowledge and skills; and the Department will receive much needed assistance at no cost to the City.

Fire personnel would like to thank Brian and Ed for volunteering their time at the Fire Department.

➢ ***PUBLIC WORKS/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY***

- When the City's certified backflow devices tester resigned last year, the City had to contract for the testing service at $20 plus per device. I am pleased to report that in December 2011, Maintenance Worker Ruben Gutierrez passed San Bernardino County-administered backflow device testing exams, which means the City is again conducting this work in-house.

- In an effort to conserve resources, Equipment Mechanic Michael Lawrence will be repairing some of the Fire Department's emergency apparatus. Michael has an extensive background in heavy equipment and diesel repair. With certifications from the California Fire and Service Training and Education System, Michael is recognized as a Fire Mechanic I with the State Board of Fire Service. He is also a certified Fire Mechanic 2B in Allison Transmission and is currently registered in an electrical trouble-shooting class for fire apparatus.

  In addition to his certifications in Fire Mechanics, Michael is a certified Master Medium/Heavy Truck Technician through the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

  The City is proud to be able to perform most repairs and certification requirements in-house.

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"At twenty years of age, the will reigns; at thirty, the wit; and at forty, the judgment."
~ Benjamin Franklin

APRIL 2012

7	Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast Montclair Community Center and Starlite Theater	9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
8	Easter	
9	Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled	
16	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
16	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
19	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
19	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
22	Earth Day	
23	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
25	Legislative Action Days, April 25-26 Sacramento	
27	Arbor Day	

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Montclair Senior & Youth Center
Intergenerational Baseball Event

Senior Center
Senior in the Spotlight Presentation
"How to Make Chardonnay Jelly"