



August 25, 2016

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Edward C. Starr, City Manager 

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: August 19-25, 2016

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## **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- In a new economic ranking study released by the online publication, *Governing*, a causal connection was found between a state's economic performance and its governor's approval ratings.

To determine which states are doing well and which are not, *Governing* looked at six variables from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Bureau of Economic Analysis: the current state unemployment rate; the improvement in the state unemployment rate over the past year; the per capita state GDP in 2015; the percent change in real state GDP between 2014 and 2015; the percent change in state personal income per capita, from the third quarter of 2015 to the first quarter of 2016; and the percentage growth in year-to-date increases in jobs for 2016.

These variables were chosen to offer a mix of static and dynamic measures of each state's overall economic performance.

The top 10 states, ranked from strongest to weakest, include (Texas, one of the leading competitor states to California, placed 21):

- 1. Massachusetts**
- 2. Oregon**
- 3. Delaware**
- 4. Colorado**
- 5. California**
- 6. Tennessee**

## 7. New Hampshire

## 8. Utah

## 9. Virginia

## 10. Maryland

The state's economic rankings were then cross-referenced with gubernatorial approval ratings to see whether governors of strong economic states were being rewarded by the voters. In general, they have been.

The approval ratings for governors of the top 10 states averaged 62.1 percent, while the gubernatorial approval ratings for those in the bottom 10 averaged 50.8 percent. No governor in the top 10 states had an approval rating lower than 54 percent, while 6 of the governors in the bottom 10 states had approval ratings below 50 percent

Following is the list of governors, and their approval ratings, for the top 10 states:

1. Massachusetts	Charlie Baker (R)	72 percent
2. Oregon	Kate Brown (D)	54 percent
3. Delaware	Jack Markell (D)	66 percent
4. Colorado	John Hickenlooper (D)	60 percent
5. California	Jerry Brown (D)	57 percent
6. Tennessee	Bill Haslam (R)	63 percent
7. New Hampshire	Maggie Hassan (D)	56 percent
8. Utah	Gary Herbert (R)	64 percent
9. Virginia	Terry McAuliffe (D)	58 percent
10. Maryland	Larry Hogan (R)	71 percent

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Original Tommy's Burgers held a morning grand opening on August 18 that was coordinated by the Montclair Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft assisted with the ribbon-cutting ceremony and presented the restaurant officials with a framed certificate of welcome. Attendees were treated to the restaurant's famous chili burgers and fries.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft doing the honors



Yum, chili burgers and fries, the breakfast of champions!

- Starbucks Coffee is scheduled to open next week for business at the northwest corner of Holt Boulevard and Ramona Avenue. Starbucks will be the second retail business to open at the recently completed Orchard Plaza development. The new store features an inviting "industrial" decor, an outdoor seating area, and a convenient drive-thru lane.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- The Blue Cut Fire started the morning of August 16 in the Cajon Pass and quickly grew into a large wildland fire. During the course of the fire, railroad lines, local roads, Highway 138, and Interstate 15 were closed, along with a large evacuation area that included Lytle Creek, Wrightwood, Summit Valley, Baldy Mesa, Phelan, and Oak Hills.

At the peak of the Blue Cut Fire, there were 2,684 personnel from all over the nation actively involved in the fight to contain it. An estimated 105 single-family residences and 216 outbuildings were destroyed by this fire, and 3 single-family residences and 5 other structures were damaged.

Currently, a Local Assistance Center is open in the High Desert to assist anyone that was affected by the fire.

Fire Department Administrative Aide Angelic Bird had the opportunity to work in the Planning and Intelligence Section at the San Bernardino County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The Planning and Intelligence Section's primary responsibility is to collect, analyze, display, and disseminate incident information through action plans, situation reports, and visual aids.



Administrative Aide Angelic Bird (left) and San Bernardino County Fire Emergency Services Officer Carrie Cruz

Click on the following link to view a video produced by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services showing the impacts of the Blue Cut Fire: <https://youtu.be/EDojhaUtTc>.

- On August 19, Montclair and Upland Fire and Police Departments participated in Active Shooter Training at Upland High School. Other participating Fire agencies that participated in this crucial training were Rancho Cucamonga, Chino Valley, San Manuel, and Corona.

The complex training provided opportunities for the fire and law enforcement personnel to engage in simulated active shooter operations in order to efficiently serve the community in crisis situations.

The Montclair Fire Department extends a warm "thank you" to all who participated and helped to organize this event.



## **HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

- Last Wednesday, the Senior Center hosted a presentation on "Safe Driving." Police Officer Rob Pipersky provided safe driving tips that included how to drive defensively. Over 50 senior citizens attended the presentation and were treated to ice cream afterwards.

Pictures are included on Page 9.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## Debris and Drug Use Eliminated

In June 2016, Public Works and Code Enforcement worked together to seal off the underpass beneath Holt Boulevard at the San Antonio Flood Control Channel. Public Works, Code Enforcement, Police, and Fire were regularly called to address and clean up problems associated with the homeless, drug users, crime, and even fires that occurred at the site. The pictures below show the accumulation of trash and debris.



Efforts made in the past to seal the undercrossing were ineffective. Not only was steel fencing easily cut, it was also stolen for its scrap metal value. After evaluating options, Public Works Director/City Engineer Michael Hudson decided to contract with S.C.S. Services for debris removal and the construction of block walls to enclose the underpass. The work was completed last month at a cost of approximately \$26,000. Code Enforcement staff also worked with the homeless in the area to locate housing.

With construction complete, the congregation of homeless people and drug users under Holt Boulevard has been eliminated.

A photo, below, shows the completed project.



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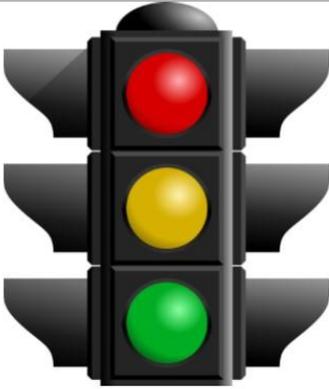
"Success is the result of perfection, hard work,  
learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence."  
~ Colin Powell

## **AUGUST 2016**

30	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.

# SEPTEMBER 2016

		
4	L.A. County Fair Opens	
5	Labor Day – City Offices Closed	
6	City Council Workshop – David Turch & Associates Federal Legislative Advocate Presentation Council Chambers	5:45 p.m.
6	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
7	Community Action Committee Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
12	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
13	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
15	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Council Chambers	4:00 p.m.
19	Real Estate Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	5:30 p.m.
19	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:15 p.m.
19	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
21	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	10:30 a.m.
22	Autumn begins	
26	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
27	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.



# Senior Center Safe Driving Presentation

