

City Manager's Update

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Hello everyone!

In an effort to provide an update of important news and notes from this last week, the following report has been prepared. As always, please feel free to let me know if you have a question about any of the items contained in this update – I can be reached via email at ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us!

And of course... all the best to you and yours as we continue through this week!

Best regards,
Oliver

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

– Helen Keller

GOLD LINE SET TO OPEN ON MARCH 5, 2016 – FULL SLATE OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN MONROVIA FROM 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION!

It's almost here – the official opening of the Gold Line Foothill Extension! Make sure you mark your calendars for March 5, 2016, for what will be a full day of fun and celebration, as we encourage everyone in the community to come out and help us celebrate the opening of Monrovia's very own Gold Line Station, and join us as we **Rediscover Gold!**

The City, in coordination with Metro, has developed a Monrovia Station Square Community Event taking place at 1601 South Myrtle Avenue (see the attached event flyer). The festivities will begin with the City Council officially opening the Monrovia Gold Line Station with a ribbon cutting ceremony set to take place at 11:30 a.m. adjacent to the Gold Line Station train platform.

Once the ribbon is cut the Gold Line will be officially open to the public – and will run free of charge all day long starting at 12:00 p.m. Also... to help connect the rest of the community to the event, the City will also be providing free shuttle rides all day between Old Town Monrovia and Station Square!

Other activities planned at Station Square throughout the day include:

- Live Entertainment beginning at 12:00 with the band **Person to Person**
- Crafts
- Vendors
- Food Booth
- Free Trackless Train Rides for the kids

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An overview of the itinerary of events that are planned at Station Square throughout the day include:

Station Square Event Activities on March 5, 2016 (11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

- **11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** – Music, crafts, active games, vendor booths, giveaways, food, trackless train rides, and fun for the whole family! Also note... the City will be providing free shuttle service transportation between Old Town Monrovia and Station Square all day long!
- **11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** – Music, crafts, games, and entertainment.
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (approximate)** – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the opening of the Monrovia Gold Line Station.
- **12:00 p.m.** – Live entertainment begins by the band, **Person to Person**

**Rediscover Gold on March 5
with the City of Monrovia.**

**CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF
METRO'S GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION.**

Opening Ceremony
March 5, 2016 at 10am
Duarte/City of Hope Station
1777 E Duarte Rd
Duarte, CA 91010

Monrovia Station Party
March 5, 2016 from 11am – 4pm
Monrovia Station
1651 S Primrose Ave
Monrovia, CA 91016

- > Live music and entertainment
- > Local businesses and food trucks

Sierra Madre/Villa
Arcadia
Monrovia
Duarte/
City of Hope
Irwindale
Azusa
Downtown
APU/
Citrus College

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This ride's on us – enjoy free rides on the Metro Gold Line on March 5 from 12pm to midnight only.

GOLD LINE TRAIN TESTING CONTINUING, TRAFFIC ISSUES BEING ASSESSED BY THE CITY

A few weeks ago, Metro started testing Gold Line trains based on actual planned operational schedules once public service starts on March 5, 2016. During this testing phase, both Metro and the City have been working together to ensure that all of the newly constructed traffic signals and related light-rail infrastructure functions as intended.

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In addition, once the new train testing schedule was implemented, the City began noticing that there were several prolonged traffic delays at several locations where the Gold Line intersects with local streets. In particular, the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Duarte Avenue seems to have been impacted significantly with the new Gold Line service in operation.

Given this observation, the City and Metro are working collaboratively to develop options that will minimize the traffic impacts on the community. Furthermore, the City's Traffic Engineer is performing an independent assessment of the issues at hand to further develop traffic improvement measures. As this assessment continues, should any member of the community experience or encounter any problems with traffic signals or rail crossings, please feel free to contact the City at (626) 932-5575, or Metro at (800) 396-2166.

MONROVIA BUCKS THE TREND AND EXPERIENCES A DECREASE IN CRIME RATES, HOWEVER, CRIME TRENDS UPWARDS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA – “WIDESPREAD AND NOT TRIVIAL IN MAGNITUDE”

Last week, staff received two separate reports commenting on the recently released reports from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), which assessed FBI Crime Statistics that were distributed last month. Based on the report, an assessment of nationwide crime rates for cities with populations over 100,000 for January 2015 – June 2015 illustrated that California suffered a dramatic increase in crime rates for both violent and property crimes. In particular, the following findings stood out:

- Violent Crime Rates
 - In the violent crime category, California had 3 cities in the top 5, and 5 cities out of the top 10, for increases in violent crime rates.
 - 49 of the 66 California cities in the report had increases in violent crime rates, and 34 of those cities saw violent crime rates increase by double digits.
- Property Crime Rates
 - The top 3 spots for increases in property crime rates, and 5 of the top 10 increases, belonged to California cities.
 - 48 of 66 California cities saw an increase in property crime rates, and 24 cities saw rates rise by double digits.
 - The PPIC authors noted that the property crime rate increase was “widespread and not trivial in magnitude,” especially when taking into account that the large cities in the next four largest states (Florida, Texas, New York, and Illinois) saw decreases in property crime.

Attached below are the two reports that the City received, one from the Los Angeles Deputy District Attorneys Association, and the other from the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs. Furthermore, both of these law enforcement groups point to Proposition 47 and AB 109 as the primary causes of the crime rate increase throughout California.

Of particular note, here in Monrovia, we should be very proud of the proactive policing efforts we have engaged for numerous years, as in 2015, we experienced no increase in our violent crime rates, and a 2% decrease in property crime rates! However, with current environment facing law enforcement agencies, it will be important to maintain a focus on this basic and fundamental quality of life issue as we move through 2016.

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FBI Statistics Show "The Experiment" Has Failed By ALADS Board of Directors

When Realignment was introduced, it was described as one of the "great experiments in American incarceration policy." Unfortunately, the guinea pigs in this experiment were not the inmates released from the state prisons, but the residents of California who lives and property were purposely put at risk. That change was followed in short order by Proposition 47, which not only led to the release of prison inmates but reduced former felony drug and theft crimes to misdemeanors. While law enforcement warned crime rates would increase if Proposition 47 passed, voters fell for an initiative duplicitously labeled "The Safe Neighborhood and Schools Act."

After the passage of Proposition 47, our deputies and law enforcement across the state saw an increase in crime. Law enforcement leaders who attempted to inform the public of increase in crime due to Proposition 47 were shouted down. For example, when Sheriff Jim McDonnell was interviewed by the LA Times in a series of videos entitled "*Thanks to Prop. 47, Californians are less safe than they were a year ago,*" some people claimed the Sheriff was "spreading disinformation" and such claims were "rhetoric" that was not supported by "data."

Well, now we have the "data" the some claimed was missing-and it proves the point Sheriff McDonnell had been making. As detailed in a release from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank, FBI statistics released last month documenting nationwide reported crime rates for cities with populations over 100,000 for January-June, 2015 showed California suffered a **drastic increase** in crime rates in both the violent and property categories.

In the violent crime category, California had 3 cities in the top 5, and 5 of the top 10, for increases in violent crime rates. The grim news didn't stop with the "top 10." 49 of 66 California cities in the report had increases in violent crime rates; 34 of those cities saw the violent crime rate increase by double digits.

It was even worse in the property crime category. California took the first 3 spots for increases in property crime rates, and 5 of the first 10. 48 of the 66 California cities saw an increase in their property crime rates, with 24 seeing the rate rise by double digits. In a blog by the Public Policy Institute of California, the authors noted the property crime rate increase was "**widespread and not trivial in magnitude.**" Of particular note, wrote the PPIC, was that that large cities in the next four largest states (Florida, Texas, New York and Illinois) saw decreases in property crime.

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Another misleading claim about Proposition 47 and Realignment was that there would be a cost savings as a result of those laws. In truth, the cost of crime was merely shifted from the state to crime victims and local jurisdictions. Thus, while a report proudly touted a savings to the State of California of \$128 million, it did not set a dollar amount due to this burden shifting-which is enormous. For example, in Los Angeles County, (we examined cities in LA County that were in the FBI report) and calculated the "[cost of crime](#)" using widely accepted [Rand Corporation](#) cost method first introduced by New York City Police Commissioner and former LAPD Chief William Bratton. The result- **a cost of crime of over \$249 million for just six months of 2015** (and only including cities with a population in excess of 100,000.)

The sobering numbers above vividly prove that we cannot afford, both in the fiscal and public safety sense, yet another "experiment" with public safety. We will continue to educate the public on the true cost of the crime experiments now underway, as an educated public is the surest way to defeat new proposals that would cut the amount of time felons serve in prison

The Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) is the collective bargaining agent and represents more than 8,200 deputy sheriffs and district attorney investigators working in Los Angeles County. To contact the directors, click [here](#).

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Who Are You Going To Believe, Me Or Your Lying Eyes?

By Marc Debbaudt

"Who are you going to believe, me or your lying eyes?" Richard Pryor in his filmed comedy performance, *Live on the Sunset Strip*, tells the story of his wife catching him with another woman. He denies anything is going on, and asks his wife, "Who you gonna believe, me or your lying eyes?" Before Richard Pryor, Chico Marx, playing the character Chicolini while impersonating Rufus T. Firefly (Groucho Marx), spoke the line in the Marx Brothers movie *Duck Soup*. That refrain ran through my head when I read the breathless headline, "The Great Experiment: Realigning Criminal Justice in California and beyond" in the March issue of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political & Social Science (The Annals)*. Released on February 19th, and chock full of "analyses," the publication examined "Realignment" and changes in incarceration brought about by the 2011 California Assembly Bill 109. Examining various aspects of the subject, the publication concluded with predictions about "The Future of Decarceration." (Yes, "decarceration"-- I kid you not.)

One article, co-authored by Magus Lofstrom of the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), concluded Realignment had no effect on violent crime and had "only a modest increase in property crime." That conclusion had already been picked up by various news outlets eager to prove that the great public safety "experiment" is working. And then.....on the very same day *The Annals* was published, Margus Lofstrom and PPIC issued a press release regarding the FBI's nationwide preliminary crime data for the first six months of 2015. The lead sentence said it all: "Preliminary data from the FBI offer discouraging news about crime trends in California's largest cities."

Wait....say what? The release went on: "These **increases**, particularly in property crime, are **widespread and not trivial in magnitude**." I asked myself how in light of his distinguished analyses in the March issue of *The Annals* could that be, but I read on. "Of the 66 California cities in the data, 49 saw increases in violent crime and 48 experienced increases in property crimes. Many of these cities saw double-digit percent increases-34 in violent crime and 24 in property crime."

Sadly, as reported by the PPIC, "The increase in property crime in

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California cities stands in sharp contrast to the other four states with the highest populations: large cities in Texas, New York, Florida, and Illinois saw decreases of ...property crimes..." No, it can't be true! The experiment in decarceration proves to be a public safety travesty?

Yep, sometimes timing is everything-on the very same day a publication devoted to trumpeting the success of "decarceration" was published, PPIC had to acknowledge the reality of soaring crime rates in California. And boy did California represent! We are the winners! Five of the top 10 spots nationwide for an increase in Violent Crime Rates went to California cities! Congratulations social engineers and George Gascón! California cities took "win, place, and show" for increases in Property Crime Rates. Unfortunately, Albuquerque, New Mexico sneaked into the #4 spot to break up the superfecta-although California cities rebounded to take 6 of the top 10 spots. PPIC ended their press release with this gem: "If we can identify the factors that are contributing to higher crime rates, we can implement effective crime-preventive strategies." *Really?* Gosh, let me think. Could it possibly be the result of "Prop 47" and "Realignment"? No, that would be much too obvious.

As I put down the "discouraging" FBI crime stats and continued to peruse the abstracts of *The Annals*, another article caught my eye. Written by the Chief Probation Officer of San Francisco City/County, it was headlined "A Practitioner's Perspective on Realignment: A Giant Win in San Francisco." Again, I looked at the FBI Crime Stats: San Francisco was #1 nationwide in the increase in Property Crime Rates, and #8 in the increase in Violent Crime Rates. That's a "Giant Win?" Did he fall into the rabbit hole? Of course, then I remembered the piece was written by a probation officer who only sees a case if there is an arrest and a conviction. Given the plummeting arrest rates in San Francisco by officers disheartened by George Gascon, the San Francisco DA's refusal to file cases, I can understand why the author misinterprets her diminishing caseload as a success. By the way, Gascon, in his own private "experiment" with the lives of citizens in San Francisco, created his own version of Prop 47 and witnessed crime rising as a result, but that didn't stop him from thereafter foisting his skewed vision on the rest of California as one of Prop 47's principal proponents.

Besides the deception of its title, calling it the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act when it had nothing to do with safety, one can only wonder what the spin will be by the backers of Realignment and Prop 47 given the drastic and indisputable increases in crime rates witnessed in the first half of 2015 as a result of their great safety "experiment." Yes, you can be sure they will spin it. And you can be sure they won't apologize for their "experiment" at your expense having gone awry.

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One thing is certain, the victims of crime represented by increasing crime rates -- such as the San Francisco pharmacist robbed at gunpoint last Wednesday, or the British tourist fighting for his life after being stabbed in the head during a street robbery in San Francisco at the same location two days later -- will certainly use a harsher word than the PPIC to describe the soaring crime rate unleashed by Realignment and Prop 47. I rather doubt "discouraging" will be the word they use.

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For factual information, please read my previous blogs that details the various problems with Prop. 47: (1) Legislature should fix the Harmful Repercussions Created by Prop 47 (2) Public and Private Deception of Prop 47 (3) California's Proposition 47 - The LA Times Cost Savings Myth (4) Proposition 47 lottery: When will your crime victim number be called? (5) Reaping the Bitter Rewards of Proposition 47 and related blogs: (6) Punishment, Not Programs (7) What Realignment Has Done to Restitution Collection and How It Can Be Fixed and (8) Why are victims playing second fiddle to convicted criminals?

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MONROVIA RENEWAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED, MEMBERS SET TO BE INTRODUCED TO CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT

At our City Council meeting tonight, in addition to providing an overview of the Monrovia Renewal project, we will also be introducing members of the Monrovia Renewal Oversight Committee. Based on nominations provided by each member of the City Council, the representatives on the committee include:

- Keshia Bowen
- John Foltz

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- Daniel Pokrajac
- Bill Shieff
- Janet Wall

STATION SQUARE AND COUNCIL MEMBER CRUDGINGTON SET TO BE HONORED AT THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION AWARDS BANQUET SET FOR MARCH 10, 2016

As you may recall, our Monrovia Station Square Project was selected to receive the 2016 Outstanding Project Award from the California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners & Board Members (CAPRCB). Community Services Chair Nancy Matthews submitted the project for the State Award consideration, and we are delighted that our project was selected! In addition, the City has learned that Council Member Crudginton has been selected to receive the President's Award from the CAPRCB for her work in chairing the Measure A and Measure B Committee that ultimately resulted in the creation of the Hillside Wilderness Preserve to protect around 1,400 acres of hillside property in Monrovia.

Both the City's Station Square Project and Council Member Crudginton will be honored at the CAPRCB Awards Event set to take place on March 10, 2016, at the Hotel Maya in Long Beach! What a tremendous honor for a very deserving project and a very deserving individual!

RECREATION PARK / BARNEY GLENN BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MONROVIA YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

During the past two weeks, staff has been working closely with representatives of the Monrovia Youth Baseball League (MYBL) to make improvements to Barney Glenn Baseball Field at Recreation Park in advance of the Opening Day Ceremonies, set for Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Working collaboratively, the City and MYBL have been engaged in making the following improvements:

- Replacing the brick dust on the baseball infield
- Repairing the lights at the baseball field
- Correcting all water leaks in the baseball outfield
- Making repairs at baseball field facilities throughout the park, including:
 - Fixing the low-points near both dugouts
 - Fixing the gate latch near first base
 - Repairing wood panels on the backstop
 - Repairing the drinking fountain near the baseball field

We will continue working with MYBL representatives throughout the year to ensure that our kids have access to improved baseball facilities. Many thanks to our City crews and MYBL leaders for all of the dedicated hard work in improving the baseball facilities here in town for our kids.

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NEW STATION SQUARE BANDSHELL SKYLIGHT INSTALLED

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the sky lights at the Station Square Bandshell was installed last week. The attached picture outlines the new skylight, which adds a unique new visual element to Station Square.



NOMINATIONS BEING SOUGHT FOR THE MONROVIA 2016 OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The City is excited to announce that we are now accepting nominations for the Monrovia **2016 Older American of the Year Award**. The award is presented annually to a Monrovia resident that is 60 years of age or older, who is actively involved in volunteer services for our community. The purpose of the award is to honor and encourage older individuals to remain active volunteers.

If you know of a special older Monrovia resident, please consider submitting a nomination prior to the deadline of Friday, March 18, 2016. Those interested in nominating someone for the Older American of the Year Award should contact Rebecca Sandoval at (626) 256-8246, or via email at rsandoval@ci.monrovia.ca.us.

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After the submittal deadline of March 18, 2016, a committee will review each individual nominated to determine the 2016 Older American of the Year Award winner. In addition, the winner will be announced and recognized by the City at the following events:

- Senior Recognition Luncheon
 - Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016
 - Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Location: Monrovia Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue

- The 51st Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program
 - Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016
 - Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Location: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Music Center Grand Hall, 135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles

WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS NEED TO CONTINUE!

The month of February 2016 was unseasonably warm, and while we have had some rain, the latest reports indicate that we are still 43% below normal rainfall levels for this time of year! While there is still time for the El Nino weather events to occur (rain during an El Nino year typically occurs from January – March), the warm weather we have had of late serves as a good reminder that we all need to continue to do our part to conserve. For tips and suggestions on easy ways to save water, please visit our website at, www.monroviaconswerves.org.

MONROVIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANNING A STATION SQUARE CRAFT BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL ON APRIL 16, 2016 FROM 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Craft Beer. Music. Station Square. The Gold Line. Right here in Monrovia.

Sound too good to be true? Well... thanks to the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, a Craft Beer & Music Festival will actually be held on April 16, 2016 at Station Square! Event details and logistics are still being coordinated, but you won't want to miss this terrific event which will feature local craft beer brewers, terrific musical acts, and the ambience of Monrovia's Station Square! For additional information, please contact the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce at (626) 358-1159.

MONROVIA DAYS EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 13 – 15, 2016, WITH THE PARADE AND FESTIVAL SET FOR SATURDAY MAY 14, 2016

Monrovia Days promises to be very special this year, because in addition to the activities we have come to enjoy as a community these past few years, the City and the School District have agreed to partner to bring back the Monrovia Days Parade! The attached flyer outlines the events that will be taking place that weekend, including:

- Friday, May 13, 2016 – Special activities are planned to take place in Old Town Monrovia!

- Saturday, May 14, 2016 – Centre Stage, the City, and the School District will be partnering to present the Monrovia Days Community Parade & Festival in Old Town Monrovia!

- Sunday, May 15, 2016 – the Monrovia Days Music Festival will take place in Library Park!

Stay tuned for additional Monrovia Days information, and mark your calendars for May 13 -15, 2016, to celebrate Monrovia's 130th Birthday in style!

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2016 SPRING EGG HUNT AND HEALTHY KIDS DAY SET FOR MARCH 26, 2016

The City's annual Spring Egg Hunt and Healthy Kids Day Event will be held at Recreation Park on Saturday, March 26, 2016! As part of the event, the City will be coordinating our special egg hunt event, and to participate, make sure you show up at Recreation Park when registration begins at 9:45 a.m.! See the attached event flyer for additional information!

You won't want to miss this signature community event, which will feature a full day of fun and activities for the entire family! From arts & crafts to face painting... from carnival games to a petting zoo... from wellness activities to healthy lifestyle demonstrations... from toddler activities to teen activities... you won't want to miss this terrific day filled with music, fun, and a visit from the Spring Bunny!

Many thanks to our event sponsors that help make this event possible! The Spring Egg Hunt VIP Sponsor this year is **Monrovia Memorial Hospital**. Other key event partners are:

- Doreen Emenike, Immigration Attorney
- Elaine C. Price, Allstate Insurance
- Nikki Felix, Wells Fargo
- Post Alarm Systems
- The Sierra Family of Dealerships
- Wendy's Hamburgers.

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For additional information, please contact the Department of Public Services at (626) 256-8246, and we look forward to seeing you all out there!



2016 SPRING EGG HUNT & HEALTHY KIDS DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 26
RECREATION PARK 10AM - 1PM
620 S. SHAMROCK AVENUE

EGG HUNTS ARE FREE!
HOP ON OVER FOR SOME FUN!

Toddler Activities • Music • Teen Activities
Egg Hunts • Family Activities • Wellness Activities
Carnival Games • Petting Zoo • Spring Bunny
Face Painting • Arts & Crafts • Demonstrations
MONROVIA READS Book Distribution

Activities cancelled in the event of rain.

Registration begins at 9:45 a.m.

Egg Hunt Times:	4 Year Olds: 10:55 a.m.	8 Year Olds: 11:55 a.m.
0-1 Year Olds: 10:10 a.m.	5 Year Olds: 11:10 a.m.	9-10 Year Olds: 12:10 p.m.
2 Year Olds: 10:25 a.m.	6 Year Olds: 11:25 a.m.	11-13 Year Olds: 12:25 p.m.
3 Year Olds: 10:40 a.m.	7 Year Olds: 11:40 a.m.	14-16 Year Olds: 12:40 p.m.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS START MARCH 1, 2016 AT THE MONROVIA LIBRARY

One of the ways that the Monrovia Public Library will be celebrating Women's History Month starting today, March 1, 2016, will be through the creation of a display of achievements made by women throughout history. The displays that will be created all relate to the overall theme of, ***“Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government.”***

The displays will include an interactive timeline with historical milestones in women's history, a display of children's books highlighting exceptional women, and quotes by influential women scattered throughout the Library to inspire the emerging generation of women leaders. The purpose of the display will be to recognize the struggles women faced throughout history, celebrate their achievements, and inspire all to make a difference in their lifetime. If you have some time, please make it a point to swing by the Library to enjoy these terrific displays!

CANYON PARK STAFF LAUNCH NEW 1ST GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL TOURS PROGRAM

Recently, the City's Monrovia Canyon Park staff launched the 1st grade Outdoor Educational Tours program for the Monrovia Unified School District. The newly implemented 1st grade program is an expansion of our long-standing Outdoor Education programs for our 2nd – 5th grade students.

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As part of the inaugural program, 1st graders from Monroe Elementary School served as the first group to engage in the program. The kids spent the day in Canyon Park and engaged in hands-on learning activities such as building shelters using natural materials, searching for microhabitats with a magnifying glass, discovering the homes of invertebrates (such as insects, snails, and worms), and using binoculars to observe larger animal habitats in the hillsides. It certainly was a fun-filled day of discovery for all involved, and the rest of the Monrovia Unified School District 1st grade classes will be coming to Canyon Park for their education tours through the end of March 2016.

YOUTH SPORTS AWARD CEREMONY SET TO TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 3, 2016, AS THE BRADOAKS BOBCATS WIN WINTER YOUTH SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BASKETBALL AND CHEER

The youth sports championship basketball game took place on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, between the undefeated Monroe Lions and the Bradoaks Bobcats. It was a high energy game with both teams playing extremely well throughout the contest. Ultimately, the Bradoaks Bobcats pull away in the 4th quarter, securing the win by a final score of Bradoaks Bobcats 30 – Monroe Lions 21.

The afternoon also showcased the final cheer competition for the season. It was a close contest with all teams putting on stunning performances, and at the end of the day, Bradoaks also won First Place in the cheer event.

All participants will be recognized at the Youth Sports Award Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center. We hope you'll make time to participate in the awards event honoring our fine young scholar athletes!

ASSEMBLY MEMBER HOLDEN SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR VETERAN OF THE YEAR, NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 24, 2016

Assembly Member Holden is seeking nominations to honor the 41st Assembly District's 2016 Veteran of the Year. The program has been developed to honor a Veteran from the 41st District whose community service and work have made a positive impact. The 41st Assembly District includes Altadena, Claremont, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Upland, and portions of Mt. Baldy and Rancho Cucamonga.

In order to qualify, the Veteran must reside or perform community service within the 41st Assembly District. The Veteran may be nominated by a resident or representative from a school, private and non-profit organization, municipality, chamber of commerce, and/or any other organization within the 41st Assembly District (no self-nominations please). One Veteran will be selected and recognized in Sacramento at a recognition ceremony in June 2016.

Please think about a Veteran who is positively contributing to the community. Then, please complete and submit the attached nomination form before March 24, 2016. For more information, please see the attached flyer or contact Matthew Lyons at Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov / (909) 624-7876.

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER

Chris Holden

DISTRICT 41

Invites Nominations for

VETERAN OF THE YEAR 2016



Our military men and women have always been our country's strength, our backbone, and our honor. Assemblymember Chris Holden will be honoring a Veteran from the 41st Assembly District whose service & work have made a positive impact in the 41st Assembly District and our country.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: MARCH 24, 2016

- The recognition ceremony will be held in June 2016, in Sacramento.
- The Veteran must reside or perform community service within the 41st Assembly District, which includes: Altadena, Claremont, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Upland, and portions of Mt. Baldy and Rancho Cucamonga.
- The Veteran may be nominated by a resident or representative from a school, private and non-profit organization, municipality, chamber of commerce, and/or any other organization within the 41st Assembly District.
- A completed Nomination Form must be submitted by the deadline. No self-nominations.
- For more info contact Matthew Lyons at Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov or 909-624-7876.

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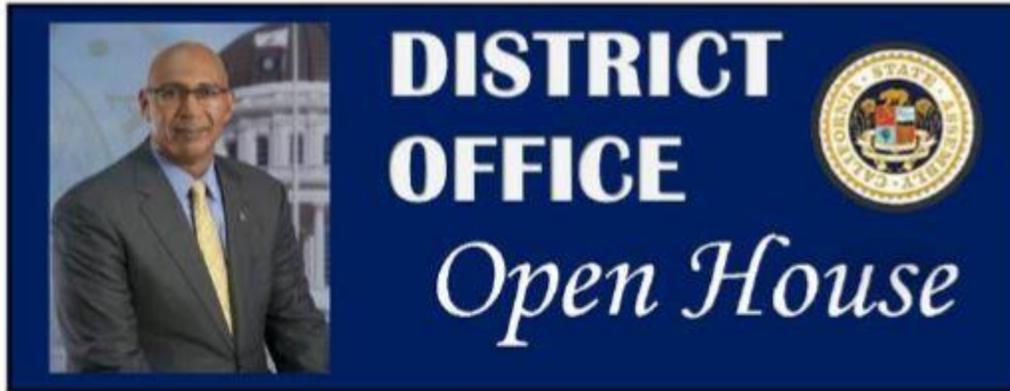
Assemblymember Chris Holden, 41st Assembly District 2016 Veteran of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information:					
Name:					
Military Branch					
Address:					
City:		State:	CA	Zip:	
Phone:		Email:			
Submitted by:					
Name:					
Organization:					
Phone:		Email:			
Describe your Nominee:					
What was your nominee's period of service (m/vr/-m/vr)					
What was the rank at time of discharge?					
Did your nominee receive any medals or honors while in the service?					
Where did your nominee serve while in the service?					
Was your nominee injured or wounded while in the service?					
What has your nominee been doing since being discharged from the service?					
Does your honoree belong to any veteran's organizations, such as the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, etc?					
Please provide any further information you feel would make your nominee an excellent candidate for our Veteran of the Year award - i.e. contributions to the veteran community or volunteer work. (Please feel free to include separate sheets of paper if necessary).					
Criteria:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Veteran who resides or performs community service within the 41st Assembly District: http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/ • May be nominated by a resident or representative from a school, private and non-profit organization, municipality, chamber of commerce, and/or any other organization within the 41st Assembly District. No self-nominations. • Any questions, contact Matthew Lyons at Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov or 909-624-7876. 					
March 24, 2016 - Nomination Deadline Please submit completed nomination form to: Assemblymember Chris Holden, Attn: Veteran of the Year Award					
Email Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov		Fax 626-351-6176		Mail 600 N Rosemead Blvd, #117 Pasadena, CA 91107	

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ASSEMBLY MEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN SET TO HOST AN OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016 FROM 4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

Assembly Member Holden's office will be hosting an open house event on Thursday, March 3, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in their office located at 600 North Rosemead Boulevard, Suite 117, Pasadena. At the event, there will be a special announcement featuring Assembly Member Holden's woman of distinction. Please see the attached invitation for additional event details.



ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN

*Invites you to the 41st Assembly District Open House
With a special announcement featuring the District's Women of Distinction*

Thursday, March 3, 2016

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Program at 5:30 p.m.

600 N. Rosemead Blvd.,

Suite 117

Pasadena, CA 91107

***Come discuss legislative and
community issues with
your neighbors!***

RSVP by Friday, February 26th

(626) 351-1917 or

www.asmdc.org/holden



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POLICE DEPARTMENT SEMI-WEEKLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

The most recent Police Department semi-weekly neighborhood watch report for the period February 22 – 24, 2016 has been uploaded to our website for your review and reference. During the past seven-day period, the Monrovia Police Department handled 376 service events, resulting in 70 total investigations. The report can be accessed by visiting the following link:

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/police/page/semi-weekly-report>

That's it for this update, thanks so much for taking the time to read this report and I do hope you have a wonderful rest of the week!

Best regards,
Oliver

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