

Mayor

Carolyn Wysinger

Mayor Pro Tem

Gabe Quinto



AGENDA

Councilmembers

William Ktsanes

Lisa Motoyama

Rebecca Saltzman

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MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)

City Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Closed Captions available Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86739184642?pwd=H02wQ1UUO38al73Zcx7uQg3tmAFk43.1>

Meeting ID: 867 3918 4642 **Passcode:** 457676 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View:

1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at www.elcerrito.gov/CouncilMeetingMaterials

Accommodations: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 510-215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable accommodations. Closed Captions available via zoom.

Conduct: This meeting shall be conducted pursuant to the El Cerrito [City Council Rules of Order and Procedure](#), including adjourning by 11:00 PM unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.

Public Comments:

1. *In-person* by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. *By Email* to cityclerk@elcerrito.gov identified in the subject line as **Public Comments – Agenda Item #.**

Written comments received by **2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting** will be provided to the City Council and posted [online](#) in advance of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and will be posted **after the meeting**.

6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Wysinger called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. **Present:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Absent:** None

1. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REQUEST FROM A COUNCILMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING REMOTELY DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO AB 2449

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

4. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Reports of closed session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council and staff.

City Manager Pinkos - announced the upcoming City holiday closure.

Councilmember Saltzman - thanked staff for response and communication during the teachers strike.

Mayor Wysinger - announced Mayoral Certificate of Recognition for centenarian Theresa Parella; announced Mayoral Proclamation in recognition of 72th anniversary of St. Peter's Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and presented a Mayoral Proclamations in honor of Billie Nichols, Reverend Marvin White, Iris Christine Morris, and the El Cerrito Gauchos Football Team.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for public comment to facilitate the completion of business on the agenda. Comments regarding non-agenda, presentation and consent calendar items will be heard first. Comments related to items appearing on the Public Hearing or Policy Matter portions of the Agenda will be heard prior to the City Council taking action on each item.

Public Comments: Written comments submitted prior to and during the meeting are posted online as supplemental materials and incorporated into the official meeting record.

Janet Byron - commented on safety concerns on San Pablo Ave.

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the consent calendar shall be acted upon in one motion, unless a member of the City Council or staff request separate consideration.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Mayor Pro Tem Quinto **Action:** Approved the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

A. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Approve the City Council Meeting minutes from November 4, 18, and December 2, 2025.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved minutes

B. Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Report publicly posted 11/26/2025

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25, ending June 30, 2025.

Contact: A'shanti Coleman, Management Assistant, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Action: Received and filed

C. Approve the 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule for City Council

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve the regular meeting schedule for 2026, reducing to the third Tuesday of the month for January, July, August, and September; scheduling a Council Retreat for 1/10/2026; and adding a meeting on 2/10/26, 2/24/26, and 9/22/26 for Advisory Body Interviews.

Contact: Holly Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved schedule

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. City Council Reorganization

The City Council will elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore to serve a term of one year.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Outgoing Mayor Wysinger provided remarks regarding her year as Mayor, and declared the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem vacant. The City Clerk called for nominations and Councilmember Wysinger nominated Councilmember Quinto as Mayor.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Saltzman/Councilmember Motoyama

Action: Closed nominations and elected Councilmember Quinto as Mayor for 2026. **Ayes:** Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Saltzman, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

Attorney General Rob Bonta delivered the Oath of Office to Mayor Quinto, and the new Mayor provided remarks regarding his vision for 2026. Mayor Quinto called for nomination for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Saltzman was nominated by Councilmember Ktsanes.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Ktsanes/Councilmember Motoyama
Action: Closed nominations and elected Councilmember Saltzman as Mayor Pro Tem
Ayes: Mayor Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman, Councilmember Wysinger
Noes: None

Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman provided remarks regarding her plans as incoming Mayor Pro Tem.

Public Comments:

Greg Lyman - congratulated the incoming Mayor and commented regarding a new Library.

John Gioia - congratulated the incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Carolyn Coleman - on behalf of Cal Cities, congratulated the incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, and thanked the outgoing Mayor.

10. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments, committee reports, and any required reporting under AB 1234 for meetings (as defined by the Brown Act) attended at the public's expense.

Councilmember Wysinger - reported on attendance at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference.

Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman - reported on attendance at El Cerrito pancake breakfast, John Gioia open house event, PRC meeting, Cal Cities East Bay Division meeting, WCCTAC Board Meeting,

Councilmember Ktsanes - reported on attendance at the City Planning Commission meeting, Urban Forest Committee meeting, El Cerrito Makers Faire, and Rise and Fall of Local Newspapers presentation at Hana Gardens.

Councilmember Motoyama - reported on attendance at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, and the Association of Bay Area Governments Housing Committee meeting.

Mayor Quinto - reported on attendance at the Marin Clean Energy Executive Committee meeting, and Cal Cities Los Angeles division meeting.

11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Signed by:

Gabe Quinto

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Gabe Quinto, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 16, 2025 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

Signed by:

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk