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## TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (5:45 PM)**  
Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

**Join Via Zoom:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85954964745?pwd=e4WplQXdgAX8gLnyVLZWwklqugsLOE.1>

**Meeting ID:** 859 5496 4745 **Passcode:** 548282 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)**  
**Hana Gardens - 10870 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito**

**Join Via Zoom:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87652376150?pwd=5ai9G1PN8bqhwdYulJibaUZxfXlvXy.1>

**Meeting ID:** 876 5237 6150 **Passcode:** 767745 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

Please note that due to the temporary meeting location, this meeting will not be broadcast or livestreamed online.

### Public Comments:

1. In-person, by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. Via Zoom, using the "[Raise Hand](#)" feature to request to speak.
3. By phone, dialing \*9 to "raise your hand", and \*6 to unmute.
4. Online, using the "[Submit Comments](#)" feature on the [meeting event](#).
5. Via email to [cityclerk@elcerrito.gov](mailto:cityclerk@elcerrito.gov) indicating **Public Comments – Agenda Item #**.

Written comments received by **2:00 PM 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 posted after the meeting.

**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 are available via zoom.

**Conduct:** This meeting is held pursuant to City Council [Rules of Order and Procedure](#).

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**5:45 PM ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person and to items on the special meeting agenda only.*

**2. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**Action Proposed:** Staff requests that City Council conduct interviews and, at the conclusion of interviews, confer with staff regarding the ongoing recruitments, any remaining vacancies, and the scheduling of further special meetings to conduct interviews (if applicable). Council may decide to make appointments at the conclusion of the meeting.

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

**3. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**2. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

**3. 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.*

**4. 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.*

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**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Presentation from Senator Arreguín**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a presentation from Senator Arreguín regarding current legislative priorities, recent accomplishments, and opportunities for collaboration with the City of El Cerrito

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

**6. 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.*

**A. Financial Advisory Board Recommendation**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a recommendation from the Financial Advisory Board.

**Contact:** David Carvel, Chair, Financial Advisory Board; Crystal Reams, Finance Director/Staff Liaison, Finance Department

**B. Environmental Quality Committee Recommendation**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a recommendation from the Environmental Quality Committee.

**Contact:** Fred Bialy, EQC Chair, Environmental Quality Committee; Christina Leard, Management Analyst III/Staff Liaison, Public Works Department

**C. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for January 2026**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the month of January 2026.

**Contact:** Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

**D. Economic Development Committee Appointment**

**Action Proposed:** Approve an Economic Development Committee recommendation to reappoint Sandra Mayithara, effective March 1, 2026.

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**Contact:** Aissia Ashoori, Housing-Economic Development Manager;  
Community Development Department

**E. Arbor Week Proclamation**

**Action Proposed:** Consider a motion to approve a proclamation declaring March 7 through March 14, 2026, as El Cerrito Arbor Week, urging all community members to observe and to celebrate by planting and caring for trees and by participating in City Arbor Week activities for the benefit of all, and for the benefit of future generations.

**Contact:** Stephen Prée, Program Manager, Public Works Department;  
Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/ City Engineer

**F. Women's History Month Proclamation**

**Action Proposed:** Pass a motion to approve a proclamation designating March as "Women's History Month" and March 8, 2026 as "International Women's Day" in the City of El Cerrito.

**Contact:** Shannon Bassi, Human Resources Manager, City Management

**G. American Red Cross Month Proclamation**

**Action Proposed:** Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring March 2026 as American Red Cross Month in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

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

**H. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with Contra Costa Transportation Authority for Richmond Street Complete Streets Improvement Project**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) for the Richmond Street Complete Streets Improvement Project (Project) to incorporate additional funding identified for the Project.

**Contact:** James Mizutani, Associate Engineer, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8. POLICY MATTERS**

**A. Municipal Pooling Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a presentation on Municipal Pooling Authority (MPA) services and adopt a resolution approving the Amended and Restated MPA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

**Contact:** Alexandra Orogas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

**B. Discussion on Library Task Force**

**Action Proposed:** Provide staff direction on an El Cerrito Library Task Force mission statement, application, and selection process.

**Contact:** Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Holly M. Charl  y, City Clerk, City Management

**9. 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.*

**10. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

*The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Hana Gardens*

***The City of El Cerrito serves our diverse community by providing exceptional services that create a safe and resilient future for all.***