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**MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026**

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (5:00 PM)**

Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

**Join Via Zoom:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89733524666?pwd=LeYVhPsnT7rtGA5Y1C6z9oRveX1D66.1>

**Meeting ID:** 897 3352 4666 **Passcode:** 146393 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

**Public Comments:**

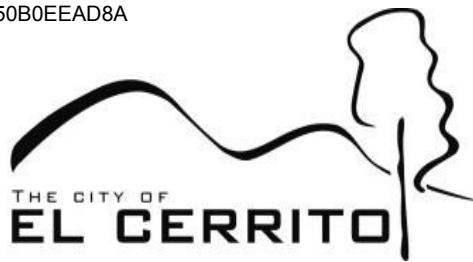
1. In-person, by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. Via Zoom, using the "[Raise Hand](#)" feature to request to speak.
3. By phone, dialing \*9 to "raise your hand", and \*6 to unmute.
4. Online, using the "[Submit Comments](#)" feature on the [meeting event](#).
5. Via email to [cityclerk@elcerrito.gov](mailto:cityclerk@elcerrito.gov)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

Written comments received by **11:00 AM** 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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**5:00 PM ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Quinto called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

**Present:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama **Absent:** Councilmember Wysinger

**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.*

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

Richard Brooks - spoke regarding concern of timing of the taskforce application process and the election process.

Megan Steffen - commented on selection of individuals who will continue to be invested in the discussion on the library.

**2. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND LIBRARY TASK FORCE 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. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management  
City Council recessed from 6:32 - 6:44 PM.

The City Council conducted 15 interviews and made the following appointments.

**Moved/Seconded:** Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman/Councilmember Motoyama

**Action:** For the Arts and Culture Commission, appointed Michael Kessler to a partial term ending 3/1/2029. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama **Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Councilmember Wysinger

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Motoyama/Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman

**Action:** For the Library Task Force Youth Member, appointed Eden Rosekind to a term ending 7/15/2027. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama **Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Councilmember Wysinger

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**Moved/Seconded:** Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman/Councilmember Motoyama

**Action:** For the Library Task Force, appointed Amy Chen, Chelsi Sparti, Ian Bader, and Tom Panas, each to a term ending 7/15/2027. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama  
**Noes:** None **Absent:** Councilmember Wysinger

**Moved/Seconded:** Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Ktsanes

**Action:** For the Civil Service Commission, appointed Valerie Woodson to a partial term ending 3/1/2029; and for the Human Relations Commission, appointed Woodson to a partial term ending 3/1/2028. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama  
**Noes:** None **Absent:** Councilmember Wysinger

**Moved/Seconded:** Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman/Councilmember Motoyama

**Action:** For the Library Task Force, appointed Rachel Rosekind and Bethany Woods, each to a term ending 7/15/2027. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Councilmember Wysinger

**3. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The special meeting adjourned at 8:59 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 July 14, 2026 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

Signed by:

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk