

**LOCATION:**

El Monte City Hall – East  
City Council Chambers  
11333 Valley Boulevard  
El Monte, CA 91731



**DATE AND TIME:**

Wednesday,  
January 14, 2026  
6:00 p.m.

# CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE

MEETING JOINTLY AND REGULARLY WITH THE EL MONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE WATER AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PARKING AUTHORITY; SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER EL MONTE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY; AND, FROM TIME TO TIME, SUCH OTHER BODIES OF THE CITY WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**COUNCILMEMBERS/AUTHORITY MEMBERS:**

*Jessica Ancona, Mayor*

- ♦ *Viviana Longoria, Mayor Pro Tem* ♦ *Marisol Cortez, Councilmember*
- ♦ *Sheila Crippen-Thomas, Councilmember* ♦ *Cindy Galvan, Councilmember*
- ♦ *Martin Herrera, Councilmember* ♦ *Dr. Julia Ruedas, Councilmember*

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**This meeting is a Special Meeting within the meaning of Government Code Section 54956 and as such public comment is limited to the item(s) of business appearing on the Special Meeting agenda only.**

Members of the public may address the City Council (i) on agendaized closed session items of business prior to the City Council going into closed session; (ii) on items of business listed under the heading Public Hearings when the public hearing on the item the speaker wishes to speak on is opened; and/or (iii) on all other items appearing on the Special Meeting agenda. **The City Council shall be under no obligation to entertain comments from persons who (i) submit a speaker card after the City Council closes the applicable commenting period.** With this in mind, speakers are strongly encouraged to submit cards as early as possible to avoid missing the opportunity to speak. Speaker cards should be submitted to the City Clerk or the Sergeant at Arms (a uniformed El Monte Police Officer) before the City Council's approval of the agenda, if possible.

The City Council shall be under no obligation to respond to or deliberate upon any specific questions or comments posed by a speaker or take action on any issue raised by a speaker beyond such action as the City Council may be lawfully authorized to take on an agendaized matter pursuant to the Brown Act (Govt. Code Section 54950 et seq.) ("Brown Act") Members of the City Council may provide brief clarifying responses to any comment made or questions posed. Persons who wish to address the City Council are

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asked to state their name and address for the record. *Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons.* All comments or queries presented by a speaker shall be addressed to the City Council as a body and not to any specific member thereof. No questions shall be posed to any member of the City Council except through the presiding official of the meeting, the Mayor and/or Chair. The City Council may not engage in any sort of prolonged discussion or deliberation with any speaker or group of speakers on matters that are not listed on this agenda, nor may the City Council take action on any non-agendized items of business, except as specifically authorized under the Brown Act.

**Enforcement of Decorum:** The Chief of Police, or such member, or members of the Police Department as the Chief of Police may designate, shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of any City Council meeting. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957.95 as adopted under SB 1000, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding official for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the meeting. While members of the public are free to level criticism of City policies and the action(s) or proposed action(s) of the City Council or its members, members of the public may not engage in behavior that is disruptive to the orderly conduct of the proceedings, including, but not limited to, conduct that prevents other members of the public from being heard when it is their opportunity to speak or which prevents members of the audience from hearing or seeing the proceedings; speaking off topic or speaking beyond the speakers allotted time limit. Members of the public may not threaten any person with physical harm or act in a manner that may reasonably be interpreted as an imminent threat of physical harm. All persons participating in the meeting must adhere to the City's policy barring harassment based upon a person's race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:**

Jessica Ancona, Mayor/Chair  
Viviana Longoria, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member  
Marisol Cortez, Councilmember/Authority Member  
Sheila Crippen-Thomas, Councilmember/Authority Member  
Cindy Galvan, Councilmember/Authority Member  
Martin Herrera, Councilmember/Authority Member  
Dr. Julia Ruedas, Councilmember/Authority Member

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**



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4. **INVOCATION:** City Council

5. **FLAG SALUTE:** City Council

6. **SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDIZED MATTERS ONLY:**

As provided under **Government Code Section 54954.3**, this time has been set aside for persons in the audience to provide comment or make inquiries on matters appearing on this **Special Meeting agenda only**. Although no person is required to provide their name and address as a condition to attending a meeting, persons who wish to address the body are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) continuous minutes. Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons. All comments or queries presented by a speaker shall be addressed to the body as a whole and not to any specific member thereof. No questions shall be posed to any member of the body except through the presiding official of the meeting, members of the body are under no obligation to respond to questions posed by speakers but may provide brief clarifying responses to any comment made or questions posed. The body may not engage in any sort of prolonged discussion or deliberation with any speaker or group of speakers on matters that are not listed on this Special Meeting agenda.

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7. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

7.1 **Urgency Ordinance of the City of El Monte Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of New Tobacco Retail Permits and the Issuance of Land Use and Zoning Approvals or Entitlements for a Significant Tobacco Retail Use Within City Limits.**

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:



**El Monte City Council ♦ El Monte Housing Authority ♦ El Monte Financing Authority  
♦ El Monte Parking Authority ♦ El Monte Water Authority**

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1. Determine that the adoption of this Urgency Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(1); and
2. Introduce by title only, and waive further reading of, Urgency Ordinance, imposing a 45-day moratorium on all land use and zoning approvals for all significant tobacco retail applications and on the issuance of new tobacco retail permits.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Urgency Ordinance No. 3057



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**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **January 28, 2026** at 6:00 p.m. This Agenda will be posted on the City's website, [www.ci.el-monte.ca.us](http://www.ci.el-monte.ca.us), and physically posted no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the subject regular meeting. Although it is the City's practice and desire to electronically post a copy of this Agenda along with supporting material as part of its website posting, the size or formatting of certain supporting materials may render their website posting infeasible. Nevertheless, all supporting materials related to any item on this Agenda, that is made available to the members of the council may be inspected by members of the public at the City Clerk's Office located at 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 626-580-2016.

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*Posted: January 13, 2026 at 5:45 p.m.*





**CITY OF EL MONTE**  
*ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT*  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

CITY COUNCIL CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2026

January 13, 2026

The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of El Monte  
11333 Valley Boulevard  
El Monte, CA 91731

Dear Mayor and City Council:

**URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE IMPOSING A  
TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW TOBACCO RETAIL  
PERMITS AND THE ISSUANCE OF LAND USE AND ZONING APPROVALS OR  
ENTITLEMENTS FOR A SIGNIFICANT TOBACCO RETAIL USE WITHIN CITY  
LIMITS**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:**

1. Determine that the adoption of this Urgency Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(1); and
2. Introduce by title only, and waive further reading of, Urgency Ordinance, imposing a 45-day moratorium on all land use and zoning approvals for all significant tobacco retail applications and on the issuance of new tobacco retail permits.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The City of El Monte ("City") regulates tobacco retailing through multiple provisions of the El Monte Municipal Code ("EMMC") including Chapter 5.04 (Business Licenses), Chapter 8.10 (Tobacco Retailer Permits), and Title 17 (Zoning).

Pursuant to Chapter 8.10 of the EMMC, it is unlawful for any person to act as a tobacco retailer within the City without first obtaining and maintaining a valid tobacco retailer's permit from the City. A "tobacco retailer" is defined under EMMC 8.10.010 as "any person who sells, offers for sale, or does or offers to exchange for any form of consideration,

tobacco, tobacco products, or tobacco paraphernalia.” The City issues tobacco retailer permits in accordance with Chapter 8.10 of the EMMC.

A “significant tobacco retailer” is defined under EMMC 17.150.080 as “any establishment, where 25 percent or more of the net floor area (NFA) is devoted to the sale of tobacco products, substances intended for smoking, or smoking accessories, including, but not limited to, pipes, vaporizing devices, or other smoking paraphernalia. Public or private smokers’ lounges shall not be permitted as an ancillary use.”

The City does not differentiate between different types of retail establishments with respect to the issuance of tobacco retail permits or the enforcement of tobacco sales regulations. The majority of tobacco retailers operate in conjunction with another land use activity (i.e., liquor store, convenience store), in recent years the City has seen an influx of stand-alone tobacco retail stores. To date, the City has eighty-two permitted retailers with active tobacco permits.

The El Monte Police Department (“EMPD”) and the El Monte Neighborhood Services Department have conducted multiple tobacco compliance checks that revealed illegal activities and repeated permit violations by smoke shops and tobacco retailers operating within the City.

The EMPD reports that in 2025 alone, the EMPD and City’s Neighborhood Services Department seized more than 1,000 pounds of illegal flavored tobacco products, vapes, and cannabis products from different businesses city-wide. As a result of these inspections, ten administrative citations and multiple warnings were issued to tobacco retailers for violations of the EMMC and applicable state law. Illegal possession of mushrooms, nitrous-oxide tanks, and products containing synthetic kratom compounds were also discovered. There is also an active law enforcement investigation regarding illegal gambling activities at an undisclosed tobacco retailer location in the City which resulted in multiple arrests.

Recently, Los Angeles County public health officials issued alerts documenting six overdose deaths associated with synthetic kratom compounds, such as 7-Hydroxymitragynine (7-OH). These unregulated substances are often sold in smoke shops and similar retailers and pose significant health risks. Their availability has generated ongoing community concerns related to public safety and youth access to harmful products.

The City is concerned with the observed illegal actions and repeated permit violations of smoke shops and tobacco retailers. The City is also concerned with the public nuisance and negative secondary impacts caused by the permit violations of tobacco retailers which involve operators often operating in excess of allowed activities issued by their permits thus constituting a nuisance.

In order to protect public safety, health, and welfare, the City may adopt an urgent measure, an interim ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by

prohibiting any uses that may conflict with the contemplated land use regulations that the City is considering, studying, or intends to study within a reasonable time. Such an interim ordinance requires a four-fifths vote of the City Council for adoption.

An interim ordinance is only effective for an initial period of 45 days. Prior to its expiration, the City Council may after a public hearing, extend the interim ordinance for up to 10 months and 15 days.

If adopted, the proposed interim ordinance will prohibit the approval of new tobacco retail permits and issuance of land use and zoning approvals or entitlements for a significant tobacco retail use.

Staff recommends the City Council determine that it is necessary to adopt an interim ordinance due to an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare based on the following findings:

1. The City is concerned with the observed illegal actions and repeated permit violations of tobacco retailers within the City, including the following:
  - a. Illegal sales of flavored tobacco products; and
  - b. Illegal sales of cannabis products and cannabis-derived products; and
  - c. Illegal possession of mushrooms; and
  - d. Illegal possession of nitrous oxide cylinder tanks; and
  - e. Illegal possession of controlled substances.
2. The City is concerned with the negative secondary impacts caused by the permit violations of tobacco retailers including tobacco operators who often operate in excess of allowed activities issued by their permits. After several tobacco compliance inspections, the EMPD and the City's Neighborhood Services Department discovered and seized over 1,000 pounds of flavored tobacco and cannabis products from different businesses city-wide.
3. The City has a significant interest in discouraging tobacco use by minors and discouraging the sale and distribution of tobacco products to minors including flavored tobacco.
4. There is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare to the City residents with respect to the sale and distribution of tobacco products within the City. The continued consideration and approval of retail tobacco applicants within the City limits may result in an over-concentration of significant tobacco retail uses that may result in the need for additional City resources to preserve the surrounding public safety and public welfare.

5. The City Council desires to conduct a study on the impact of tobacco retailers within the City and consider comprehensive zoning and regulatory measures to address their potential effects on the community.

A moratorium is necessary to allow the City an opportunity to consider various policy implications and develop a comprehensive approach to addressing the negative impacts to public health, safety and welfare associated with tobacco retailers.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Res. Code § 21000 *et seq.*) under the common sense exemption set forth at California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 15061(b)(3) ("CEQA Guidelines") because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this proposed resolution recommending approval of an ordinance regulating commercial cannabis activity would have a significant effect on the environment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Adoption of this Urgency Ordinance would not result in a direct fiscal impact to the General Fund.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached Urgency Ordinance. The Urgency Ordinance shall become effective immediately if adopted by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council for a period of 45 days.

Respectfully submitted,



City Manager

STEVE FOWLER  
Economic Development Director

Attachment 1 – Urgency Ordinance

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2026
PRESENTED TO EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED
<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED
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CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK

**URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE  
IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE  
ISSUANCE OF NEW TOBACCO RETAIL PERMITS AND  
ON THE ISSUANCE OF LAND USE AND ZONING  
APPROVALS OR ENTITLEMENTS FOR A SIGNIFICANT  
TOBACCO RETAIL USE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Monte (“City”) is a general law city, incorporated under the laws of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution, the City may enact and enforce laws and regulations within its boundaries that promote the public health, morals, safety, or general welfare of the community and that are not in conflict with general laws; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 65858 authorizes the City Council to adopt, as an urgency measure, an interim ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by prohibiting land uses that may conflict with contemplated land use regulations that the City is studying, considering, or intends to study within a reasonable time, provided that such urgency ordinance is passed by a four-fifths vote of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has observed increasing negative impacts associated with tobacco retailers operating throughout the City, including increased criminal activity in and around such establishments, deterioration of neighborhood character, and adverse effects from tobacco on the health, safety, and welfare of City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Monte Police Department (“EMPD”) and the City’s Code Enforcement Division have observed illegal activities and repeated permit violations by smoke shops and tobacco retailers within the City, involving but not limited to the following:

- Illegal sales of flavored tobacco products; and
- Illegal sales of cannabis and cannabis-derived products; and
- Illegal possession of mushrooms; and
- Illegal possession of nitrous oxide cylinder tanks; and
- Illegal possession of controlled substances; and

**WHEREAS**, a law enforcement investigation is ongoing regarding illegal gambling activities at an undisclosed tobacco retailer location which has resulted in multiple arrests; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2025, the EMPD and the City's Neighborhood Services Department conducted multiple tobacco compliance checks and identified multiple violations of the EMMC and state law including, but not limited to:

- On June 20, 2025, the seizure of a substantial quantity of illegal tobacco and cannabis products, the issuance of five administrative citations, and the immediate closure of one business;
- On December 5, 2025, the seizure of approximately 205 pounds of illegal flavored tobacco and cannabis/THC edible products, and the issuance of three administrative citations;
- On December 12, 2025, the seizure of over 200 pounds of illegal flavored tobacco and cannabis/THC edible products, the issuance of two administrative citations, and compliance advisements issued to five businesses displaying flavored tobacco products for sale; and

**WHEREAS**, Los Angeles County public health officials have reported six overdose deaths and other harms associated with synthetic kratom compounds such as 7-Hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), which are often sold in smoke shops and similar retailers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Neighborhood Services Department has also identified tobacco retailers within the City in possession of products containing synthetic kratom compounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the sale, distribution, and public access to illegal and unregulated tobacco, cannabis, synthetic kratom, and other illicit products are not in conformity with the City's General Plan goals, policies, and objectives related to land use compatibility, public health and safety, including the General Plan's goal to have safe neighborhoods and the land use goal of ensuring compatible residential, commercial, and industrial development that is sensitively integrated with existing development and neighborhoods and minimizes such impacts on surrounding land uses, because such activities create adverse health impacts, public nuisances, and incompatibilities with surrounding residential and commercial uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the current operation and concentration of tobacco retailers within the City contribute to public nuisances and quality-of-life issues that disproportionately impact vulnerable neighborhoods, while placing increased demands on law enforcement and code enforcement resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is further concerned that the establishment of additional tobacco retailers, absent a comprehensive policy review and updated regulatory framework, would exacerbate existing public health, safety, and quality-of-life impacts within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of these concerns, the City Council finds it is necessary to conduct a study on the impact of tobacco retailers within the City and consider comprehensive zoning and regulatory measures to address their potential effects on the community; and

**WHEREAS**, to preserve the public peace, health, safety, and welfare during the period in which the City conducts this study and considers permanent regulations, the City Council desires to adopt a temporary, citywide moratorium on the issuance of new tobacco retail permits pursuant to Chapter 8.10, and land use approvals of significant tobacco retailers pursuant to Title 17 of the El Monte Municipal Code within the City.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of El Monte does find, determine, declare and ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference in full herein.

**SECTION 2.** The City of El Monte has a significant interest in preserving the threat to the public health, safety, or welfare of its residents, and in particular its minor residents, in considering enactment of additional regulations on the sale and distribution of tobacco products.

**SECTION 3.** The City is concerned with the negative secondary impacts caused by the permit violations of tobacco retailers including tobacco operators who often operate in excess of allowed activities issued by their permits. After several tobacco compliance inspections, the EMPD reports that in 2025 alone, the EMPD Special Investigations Unit and the City's Neighborhood Services Department seized approximately 1,000 pounds of illegal flavored tobacco products, vapes, and cannabis products from different businesses citywide. The City has a significant interest in discouraging tobacco use by minors and in discouraging the sale and distribution of tobacco products by minors including flavored tobacco.

**SECTION 4.** There is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents with respect to the sale and distribution of tobacco products within the City. The continued consideration and approval of retail tobacco applicants within the City limits may result in an over-concentration of tobacco retail uses that may result in the need for additional City resources to preserve the surrounding public safety and public welfare.

**SECTION 5.** The City of El Monte hereby establishes an interim moratorium on the approval of any pending tobacco retail permits, land use or zoning applications for significant tobacco retail uses within the City limits, inclusive of conditional use permits, for the purpose of preserving the public health, morals, safety, and general welfare of the community.

**SECTION 6.** No applicant shall be entitled by the City, in any zone, on any parcel, or at any place, public or private, within the City, to operate a significant tobacco retail

use pursuant to Title 17 (Zoning) of the EMMC. No application for any permit or license shall be granted or approved for any new tobacco retailer pursuant to Title 8 (Health and Safety) of the EMMC. This moratorium shall not impact any person who lawfully holds an existing permit, license, and/or land use entitlement for an existing and lawfully operating significant tobacco retailer and/or tobacco retailer in the City of El Monte as of the effective date of this Urgency Ordinance, so long as the operator is in full compliance with all City and state requirements, inclusive of state laws, the El Monte Municipal Code, and conditions of approval.

**SECTION 7.** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Res. Code § 21000 *et seq.*) and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 *et seq.*), there is no possibility that the adoption of this Urgency Ordinance and establishment of a moratorium, hereby, may have a significant effect on the environment, because the moratorium will maintain the current environmental conditions arising from the current land use regulatory structure and is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

**SECTION 8.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Urgency Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Urgency Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Urgency Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions might subsequently be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 9.** This Urgency Ordinance shall expire, and the moratorium established shall terminate, forty-five (45) days after the date of adoption, unless extended by the City Council at a regularly noticed public hearing, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858.

**SECTION 10.** The Mayor shall sign, and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Urgency Ordinance and shall cause this Urgency Ordinance to be published or posted as required by law, which shall take full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by a four-fifths vote of the City Council.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of El Monte at the Concurrent Special meeting of this 14th day of January, 2026.

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Jessica Ancona, Mayor  
City of El Monte

ATTEST:

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Gabriel Ramirez, City Clerk  
City of El Monte

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES            )     SS:  
CITY OF EL MONTE                     )

I, Gabriel Ramirez, City Clerk of the El Monte, County of Los Angeles, State of California, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Urgency Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ adopted by the City Council of the City of El Monte, at a Concurrent Special meeting by said Council held on the 14th day of January, 2025 by the following votes to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gabriel Ramirez, City Clerk  
City of El Monte