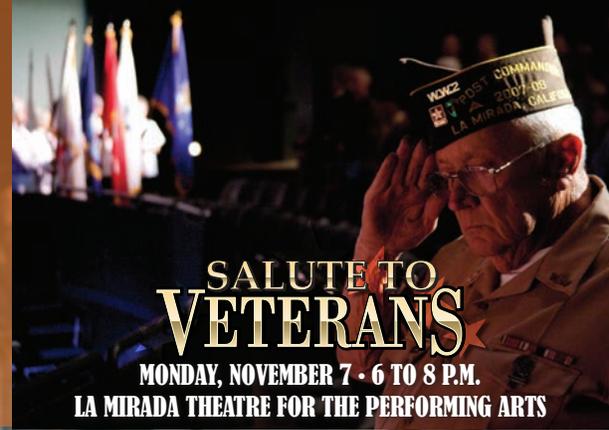


# La Mirada Living

OCTOBER 2016



## SALUTE TO VETERANS

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## City Council Considers Elections By District

The City of La Mirada is in the process of considering modifying its elections from the current at-large system, where all voters get to elect all members of the City Council, to a by-district system, where only voters in a given district vote on the person to represent them. The number of representatives on the City Council would remain at five.

The proposed change was prompted by the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which had expressed concerns with the City's at-large voting system and compliance with the California Voting Rights Act.

"The City does not believe it is in violation of the California Voting Rights Act," says City Attorney Jim Markman. "However, there is potentially an exposure and costly litigation if the City does not proceed towards changing its current election system."

The proposed change would mean that beginning in the March 2017 City election, two representatives on the City Council would be elected by district. In March 2019, the other three representatives would be elected by district. The terms of office of current Council members would not be affected by the change. The position of Mayor will continue to be determined by the City Council.

The City Council will be conducting public hearings to consider setting the district boundaries at its regular meetings on October 11 and 25, and on November 8. Regular meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Input is being sought from the public to assist in determining the districts. A tool will also be available on the City's website, [cityoflamirada.org](http://cityoflamirada.org), to assist those interested in participating in the process.

For more information, contact (562) 943-0131.

## City Launches New Service Request System



The City recently launched "My La Mirada", a smartphone application and web portal for residents to access local services. My LaMirada enables residents to submit, track, and view service requests through their smartphones or online.

Residents can submit a variety of service requests and report issues such as graffiti, potholes, broken street signs, and public records requests using the convenient system. Requests and issues are delivered to City staff and tracked from start to finish. Residents have the option to receive notifications, real-time status updates and comments on their submitted requests.

"My La Mirada" enhances communication between residents and City officials. To help reach all residents, the application supports 17 languages. In-app widgets provide users information about local news, programs, services, events, and public facilities.

"The 'My La Mirada' service request system is an innovative and convenient way for residents to stay connected to the City and report issues affecting local neighborhoods," says City Manager Jeff Boynton.

The "My La Mirada" smartphone app can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store and Google. Service requests can also be submitted online at [cityoflamirada.org](http://cityoflamirada.org).



## Slurry Seal Projects Recently Completed

A slurry seal project was recently completed on the residential streets north of Foster Road and south of Imperial Highway between Ocaso Avenue and the easterly City limit north of the Hillsborough neighborhood. Imperial Highway from La Mirada Boulevard to the easterly City limits, and Leffingwell Road from La Mirada Boulevard to the easterly City limits were also recently slurry sealed. Slurry seal projects provide a protective layer over the original pavement structure, which extends the useful life of the pavement. Without this preventative maintenance, major road improvements would be required more frequently.

## Pollworkers Needed for City Election

The City of La Mirada is seeking people interested in working at polling locations in La Mirada on March 7, 2017 for the Municipal Election.

Pollworkers must be U.S. citizens, 18 years of age or older, registered voters, and residents of California. Pollworkers will set-up, assist voters when signing in, issue ballots, and help close polling locations.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Training will be provided. Individuals who speak English, Korean or Spanish are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at (562) 943-0131.

## Friends of La Mirada Library Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the La Mirada Library will hold its Fall Book Sale on Saturday, October 8 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Activity Center. The members only pre-sale will take place on Friday, October 7 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The \$10 annual membership can be purchased at this time.

Come and join the Friends to purchase your supply of books at astoundingly low prices. All types of books are available with subjects from Children to History.

For more information, contact the Friends of the Library at [LaMiradaFOL@outlook.com](mailto:LaMiradaFOL@outlook.com) or visit their Facebook page under Friends of the La Mirada Library.



# MEASURE I ANNUAL REPORT

*Each year, the Measure I Citizens' Oversight Board issues an Annual Report to the community with its findings regarding the use of Measure I funds. This report is the Citizens' Oversight Board's third Annual Report and includes findings for the period of July 2015 through June 2016.*

## Measure I

La Mirada voters approved Measure I, a one percent transactions and use tax, in November 2012. The five-year tax went into effect on April 1, 2013. This tax will sunset on March 31, 2018.

The measure was placed on the ballot after a 29-member Citizens' Task Force on City Finances and Operations recommended the action due to the cumulative impacts of the national recession, ongoing "takes" of local revenues by the State, the elimination of redevelopment agencies in California, and significant unmet infrastructure needs.

Measure I spending is focused on repairing streets, storm drains and other infrastructure as recommended by the Citizens' Task Force and budgeted by the City Council. Additionally, Measure I requires annual independent audits and citizens' oversight of how revenues are spent.

## Citizens' Oversight Board

On January 22, 2013, the La Mirada City Council adopted Resolution No. 13-05 establishing the Measure I Citizens' Oversight Board. The role of the Citizens' Oversight Board is to review and report on the revenues and expenditures of Measure I funds; review financial audits and reports; monitor the City's progress on the planning, engineering, and construction of infrastructure projects; and issue an Annual Report.

The Citizens' Oversight Board is comprised of five La Mirada residents. Each was nominated by a member of the City Council and appointed to a term ending in the month of June following the end of the term of their nominating Councilmember. The Citizens' Oversight Board includes Chairman David Morfin; Vice Chairman Philip Massey; Boardmember Hal Malkin; Boardmember Lee Olsen; and Boardmember Scott Watkins.<sup>1</sup>

The Citizens' Oversight Board meets quarterly. Meetings are held at La Mirada City Hall, and are open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted and available on the City's website. During this reporting period, meetings were held on September 3, 2015; December 3, 2015; March 10, 2016; and June 8, 2016.

## Annual Independent Audit

The City's annual financial audit was conducted by an independent accounting firm, Lance, Soll, Lunghard (LSL), LLP. As part of the financial audit for Fiscal Year 2014-15, the auditors reviewed Measure I funds and included results in their year-end reports.

The separate year-end reports included the Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Applicable Requirements and on Internal Control over Compliance and Report on Measure I Revenues and Expenditures. The Fiscal Year 2014-15 report was provided to the City Council in November 2015 and was reviewed by the Citizens' Oversight Board at its December 3, 2015 meeting.

LSL, LLP concluded in its Fiscal Year 2014-15 report that "the City complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to the Measure I funds for the year ended June 30, 2015." The report also indicated that the audit did not identify any deficiency in the internal control over compliance that is considered to be material weakness.

The independent audit review of Measure I funds for Fiscal Year 2015-16 will be conducted later this year and the results will be included in next year's Annual Report.

<sup>1</sup> Scott Watkins was appointed to the Board on May 24, 2016. Juan Noble served on the Board from June 9, 2015 to May 17, 2016. Changhai Ahn served on the Board from April 23, 2013 to June 5, 2015.

# Revenues and Expenditures

## Revenues

Measure I funds are collected by businesses and remitted to the State Board of Equalization (BOE) similar to other sales taxes. The BOE then sends these funds to the City. A total of \$17,518,239 in Measure I payments from the BOE has been received by the City since April 1, 2013. A total of \$5,743,911 was received by the City from July 2015 through June 2016.

## Expenditures

During the reporting period, \$44,547 was spent on Phase 1, \$4,490,350 was spent on Phase 2, \$187,632 was spent on Phase 3, \$104,844 was spent on planning, and \$5,588 was spent on storm drain work connected to the City's neighborhood street rehabilitation projects.

The chart below identifies all expenditures on capital improvement projects by revenue source. The City has completed more than \$34.2-million of improvements with \$9.5-million funded by Measure I over the past four years.

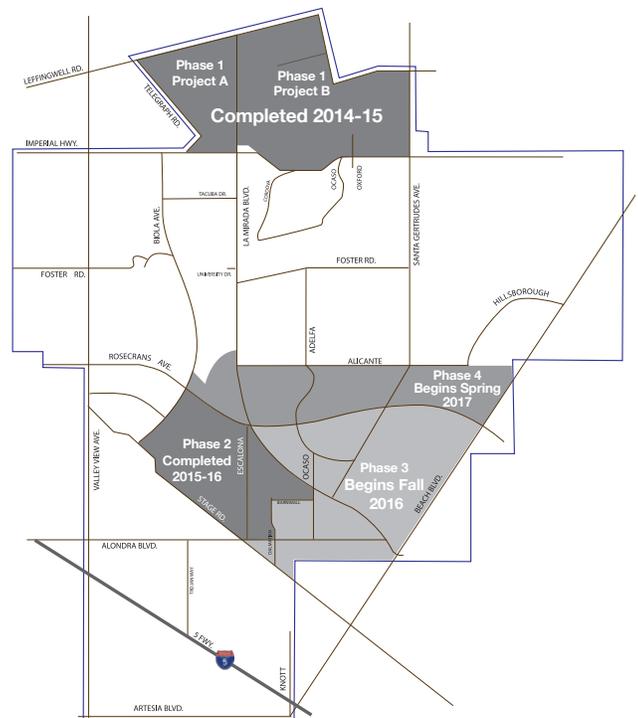
Capital Improvement Projects - Expenditures by Revenue Source (FY July to June)				
Source	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15	FY 2013-2014	FY 2012-2013
General Fund – Measure I	\$4,832,961	\$4,569,036	\$147,800	
General Fund	1,597,812	1,791,215	2,381,044	2,490,707
General Fund – Grade Separation Reimbursable				1,590,220
CDBG		1,264,989	650,122	
General Fund-County Metro (I-5)			2,766,354	28,420
Gas Tax	26,766	512,509		354,846
Local Transportation – TDA III	31,343	32,298		35,595
Prop C	143,343	194,775	1,073,674	497,443
Agency Bond Proceeds	3,155,343	896,763		94,272
Department of Energy			189,999	
Federal HSIP	177,547			
Measure R	1,515,164			
Prop A	300,000			
County - Library Project	847,899			
Buena Park Coop	8,835			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,637,013</b>	<b>\$9,261,585</b>	<b>\$7,208,993</b>	<b>\$5,091,503</b>

## Infrastructure Projects

The Public Works Department continues to meet the objectives of the City's robust Capital Improvement Projects program. Measure I capital improvements focus on neighborhood streets, and are completed in phases.

The scope of work for these projects includes removal and replacement of damaged curb, gutter (including slotted cross gutters) and sidewalk; reconstruction of street pavement with sub-grade failure; surface grind and overlay of all street pavement; and rehabilitation of storm drains. Handicap curb access ramps are added where appropriate and existing ramps are sometimes removed and replaced to meet current ADA access requirements. Some areas also include slurry seal of recently repaved streets within the project area.

As construction approaches for capital improvement projects, City staff makes efforts to notify affected residents and businesses in advance of the work. To identify projects funded by Measure I, signs are posted in the area where a Measure I project is in progress. Additionally, information is made available in the City newsletter and on the City's website.



## PHASE 1

Phase 1 was the first of the City's neighborhood street repair projects that used Measure I funding. Phase 1 included two project areas, Project Area A and Project Area B.

Project Area A included all neighborhood streets bounded by Leffingwell Road to the north, La Mirada Boulevard to the east, Imperial Highway to the south, and Telegraph Road to the west.

Project Area B included neighborhood streets bounded by Leffingwell Road to the north, La Mirada Boulevard to the west, Imperial Highway to the south, and Stamy Road from Leffingwell Road to Lemon Drive and Santa Gertrudes Avenue from Lemon Drive to Imperial Highway to the east.

Phase I expenditures totaled \$4.89-million.



## PHASE 2

Phase 2 included residential streets in the area bounded by Alondra Boulevard, Stage Road, Biola Avenue, Rosecrans Avenue, La Mirada Boulevard, Ocaso Avenue, Barnwall Street and Dalmatian Avenue.

Phase 2 was completed in early 2016. The total expenditures for neighborhood street improvements in Phase 2 was approximately \$4.49-million.



## PHASE 3

The engineering and design work for Phase 3 of the City's neighborhood street rehabilitation projects is nearing completion. The project is expected to begin construction in fall 2016.

Phase 3 will include residential streets in the area bounded by Stage Road, Alondra Boulevard, Dalmatian Avenue, Barnwall Street, Ocaso Avenue, La Mirada Boulevard, Rosecrans Avenue, and the east City limit. Stage Road, Alondra Boulevard, La Mirada Boulevard, Rosecrans Avenue, and Santa Gertrudes Avenue are not part of this project.

### Phase 3 Estimated Project Schedule:



## PHASE 4

The design work for Phase 4 of the City’s neighborhood street rehabilitation projects is 60 percent complete. The project is expected to begin construction in spring 2017.

Phase 4 is proposed to include all residential streets bounded by Rosecrans Avenue, Biola Avenue, Roma Drive, Whiterock Drive, Alicante Road and the east City limit. Rosecrans Avenue, Biola Avenue, La Mirada Boulevard, Adelfa Drive, Alicante Road, Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Beach Boulevard are not part of this project.

### Phase 4 Estimated Project Schedule:



### Summary

The Measure I Citizens’ Oversight Board has verified that the Measure I funds used during the July 2015 through June 2016 reporting period have been for neighborhood infrastructure improvement projects in La Mirada. To date, the funds have been spent on engineering and design work for Phases 1, 2, 3, and 4, and construction for Phases 1 and 2.

The Citizens’ Oversight Board understands the passage of Measure I represents a trusted investment by La Mirada residents into the community’s infrastructure. We believe Measure I funds are being used as intended for the betterment of the La Mirada community. During the review period, City staff has been cooperative and helpful to the Citizens’ Oversight Board in its oversight efforts.

The City of La Mirada and the Measure I Citizens’ Oversight Board are looking forward to the continued completion of neighborhood street improvements in the upcoming year.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> This Measure I Annual Report for the period of July 2015 through June 2016 of the Measure I Citizens’ Oversight Board was approved on September 8, 2016, and presented to the City Council at the September 13, 2016 Study Session meeting.

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

## Red Ribbon Rallies Promote Positive Choices

The Red Ribbon Campaign reaches millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week each year. The Public Safety Team will be visiting local schools during Red Ribbon Week, October 24 through 28, to reinforce the drug-free message.

Red Ribbon Week promotes awareness of the harmful effects of drug use to combat use among students. Speakers will include Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres, Deputy Probation Officer Darryl Harris, and Deputy District Attorney Cristine Albanese. Deputy McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, will lead students in songs and cheers to promote a healthy lifestyle.

This year's national Red Ribbon Campaign theme, sponsored by National Family Partnership, is: "YOLO. Be Drug Free". For more information on Red Ribbon Week activities, contact the Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960.



## Be Safe this Halloween

Halloween is an exciting night of the year and a particularly special treat for children. It is also an important night to be aware of potential safety hazards. The La Mirada Public Safety Team reminds trick-or-treaters of all ages to follow these safety tips to ensure a fun and safe night:

- Clear any debris or tripping hazards from your yard. Be mindful of decorations that may become obstacles.
- Keep your porch light on to let your neighbors know you are in the Halloween spirit (and to help light the way to your door).
- Be inspired by costume make up instead of using masks on your children. Masks can be hot and obstruct your child's vision.
- Ensure costumes don't touch the ground as to prevent tripping.
- Carry a flashlight or wear glow sticks. You can also attach reflector strips to costumes.
- Avoid weapons, real or replica.
- If your child is old enough to trick-or-treat without you, encourage them to go in groups.
- Choose a route and set a curfew. Have a plan if your child gets separated from the group.
- Remind children not to enter homes or cars of people they are not familiar with or do not know well.
- Inspect your child's treats before they are allowed to enjoy them. Throw away anything that is not properly wrapped or doesn't look right.

For more tips and resources, visit McGruff's Halloween advice at McGruff.org.

## Mulch and Paper Shredding Event

The City of La Mirada and EDCO are sponsoring a free paper shredding, e-waste collection, and mulch event on Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Community Gymnasium parking lot located at 15105 Alicante Road.

Certified shredding trucks will be shredding all items on-site. Quantities are limited to three bankers boxes (10"x12"x15") per household.

Unwanted electronics will also be collected including TVs, computer monitors, printers, fax machines, VCRs, etc. No household hazardous waste (HHW) material will be accepted.

Also available will be free mulch for residents, while supplies last. This is a self-serve, self-loading service, so please bring your own cans/bags and shovel. Limit of 3 cans/bags per vehicle. If you plan to haul your mulch in an open truck or trailer, remember to bring a tarp to cover your material.

This event is limited to La Mirada residents only. Bring proof of residency (i.e. CA Driver's License or utility bill) and enter the Community Gymnasium parking lot from Alicante Road. For more information, call (562) 902-2385.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# Halloweenfest

*At The Neff Estate*

**Monday, October 31 • 5 to 8:30 p.m.**

Join friends and neighbors at the annual Halloweenfest for a safe night full of fun and treats. This family friendly event is perfect for all ages. Children will enjoy a cartoon themed pop up neighborhood where they can collect treats from their favorite cartoon houses. A haunted maze in the historic Carriage Barn awaits those brave enough to enter. Free tours of the Neff House and George House will also be available during the event. Tours are provided by the La Mirada Historical Preservation Advisory Council.

For more information, contact (562) 943-7277.



## Buccaneer Bay Fall Hours

Continue to make a Splash! at Buccaneer Bay in October! The water park is open weekends in September and Saturdays through October 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Take advantage of the Buy a Day Get a Day promotion through the end of the season.

Swim at Splash! all year long during recreational swim hours:

**Recreational Swim:**

Saturdays 10/1, 10/8, 10/15	12:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Saturdays and Sundays	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Youth under 18	\$3
Adult	\$4



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# SALUTE TO VETERANS

**Monday, November 7 • 6 to 8 p.m.**

The City of La Mirada will honor our community's Veterans at the annual Salute to Veterans event on Monday, November 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. The event includes a reception with military memorabilia, veterans' resources, and a patriotic ceremony featuring military banner recipients, and a special message from a keynote speaker. This outstanding event is suitable for all, and is a great way to support those who have served our country.

Veterans are invited to submit photos that may be included in a video presentation during the event. Applications to display items and release forms for photo submission are available at the La Mirada Resource Center. Applications and photos must be submitted by October 5. For more information, contact (562) 943-7277.

## Flu Clinic

**Wednesday, October 26 • 9 to 11 a.m.**

Protect yourself from the seasonal flu with free vaccinations. Vaccinations will be provided on Wednesday, October 26 from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Activity Center. Pre-registration is highly encouraged, however walk-ins are welcome. This free service is provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in partnership with the City of La Mirada. Transportation to the Activity Center is available through La Mirada Transit. Call (562) 943-6776 to reserve a ride. For more information or to register for the Flu Clinic, call the Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.



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