



District News 3

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AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Streetlight Repairs
- Question About Housing Assistance
- Potholes or Street Maintenance
- Report a Shopping Cart
- Report Graffiti
- Speed Limits and Speed Humps Information & Requests
- Rehabilitation Programs

YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER



Council Member Jose F. Moreno represents District 3, the north-central part of the city. In addition to his service on council, he is a professor at California State University, Long Beach; President of Los Amigos of Orange County, a community group that serves people in need; and most importantly a husband and father to four daughters.

Council Approves Land Swap

Open space near the Downtown Anaheim Community Center now will be preserved as a result of a land swap championed by Council Member Moreno and unanimously approved by the City Council on Jan. 30.

Anaheim's Housing Authority has owned the land for use as affordable housing. After hearing from the community input, the city now will swap the land with another parcel near La Palma Park that can be used for affordable housing. Council Member Moreno directed city staff to formally go through the process to rezone the space adjacent to the Downtown Anaheim Community Center as public, recreational space.



The open space adjacent to the Downtown Anaheim Community Center has long served as recreational and parking space to residents. The City of Anaheim will formally preserve this area as park space.

District 3 Projects

As you walk, bike, or drive around District 3, you may notice various projects taking place around the neighborhood. Listed below are some projects that will occur or be completed in the next few months:

- **Sidewalk Gap Closure**

This project will make it easier for people to walk along the Southwest block of La Palma Avenue and East Street. There will also be sewer and storm drain improvements to the area. Construction is expected to begin on March 3.

- **Sewer and Storm Drain Projects**

This project is from Crescent Avenue from Euclid Street to Loara Street; Loara Street from Westmont Drive to North Street; and North Street from Loara Street to East Redondo Drive. The project started a year ago and is expected to be completed in early 2018.

- **Sabina Neighborhood**

This project is within the area of La Palma Avenue, East Street, Lincoln Avenue and Anaheim Boulevard. It will create new curbs and gutters along the streets and improve sidewalks. Since the area is large and a lot of funding is needed, the project will be completed in phases.

If you would like to learn more about city projects occurring or developing throughout your neighborhood, please visit our [Project ViewFinder](#) page.

Council Supports Homeless Policy Working Group's Recommendations

The City Council on Jan. 30 unanimously approved the Homeless Policy Working Group's proposed recommendations. Moving forward, policies presented to Council will support a housing first model, which connects individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent, supportive housing without any precondition or requirement. When housed, individuals are provided with the necessary services to improve their living condition. Studies have shown that this model reduces the cost of emergency services and develops a higher retention rate. Policies or action items presented to Council are set to follow this framework:

Short-term Framework

- Formally reach out to the county of Orange through a resolution.
- Encourage the Council to support efforts for basic sanitation needs for public health and homeless individuals' dignity with strong consideration for appropriate locations.
- Conduct review of Anaheim Police Department's enforcement policies and practices relevant to anti-camping and storage codes.
- Support temporary, year-round emergency shelters of various types to protect those currently unsheltered.

Long-Term Framework

- Develop a sustained funding stream to fund a housing first model.
- Explore and evaluate affordable housing efforts and/or policies for extremely low- and low-income households for the city of Anaheim.
- Incentivize the use of city or Housing Authority land by leasing it an affordable rate to a developer that would like to build permanent, dormitory-styled housing as part of a housing first approach.
- Incorporate policy criteria to ensure existing municipal codes as amended or implemented in the future are not punitive or unduly burden those who are homeless while also addressing the impact on neighborhoods.
- Ensure annually that the fiscal year budget provide adequate funding to continue, change, or enhance homeless services provided while remaining nimble to meet the current circumstances.

Council Member Moreno Appointed as Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member Moreno now is Anaheim's mayor pro tem after being appointed on Jan. 5. Mayor pro tem leads City Council meetings in the mayor's absence and also helps represent the city at events and before the community. Anaheim's mayor pro tem serves for one calendar year.

District 3 Happenings

February 6: City Council Meeting

February 8: Neighborhood Services Meeting

Starting at 7 p.m., at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center, city staff will provide department updates and share resources available to residents. Mayor Pro Tem Moreno will also be providing updates on projects/issues his office is addressing.

February 27: City Council Meeting

Volunteer Opportunity

COME BUILD A NEW PLAYGROUND WITH US.

We need you to bring play to kids at Pearson Park

The Anaheim Family YMCA, City of Anaheim, Disney, and KaBOOM! are teaming up to build a new playground for kids and families around Pearson Park. We need volunteers to help make this happen. Please join us and show that play matters to you. Sign up to volunteer!

Saturday, February 24 8:30am-2:30pm

**Pearson Park
400 N Harbor Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92805**

♦ Volunteers should be age 16+ and will assist with assembling playground pieces, moving mulch, etc.

**Please read fine print on link*

♦ Wear comfortable clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed toe shoes; leave valuables at home.

♦ Youth activities provided throughout the event

♦ Gloves, goggles, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

TO VOLUNTEER, SIGN UP AT: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4651230>

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