



**AGENDA
CITY OF EL CENTRO
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

City Hall	Special Meeting	3:30 PM
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**CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1275 MAIN STREET
EL CENTRO, CA 92243**

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of El Centro has called a Special Meeting of the El Centro City Council to consider the item(s) on this agenda.

The public may attend in person. Any member of the public attending in person and wishing to make a comment is asked to complete a speaker slip and follow the instructions below regarding "Notice to the Public". Any member of the public is invited to submit public comments in advance of the meeting to be answered at the meeting. Please email your questions to CityClerk@cityofelcentro.org or call 760-337-4515 by April 8, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS, STAFF AND THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA ZOOM.

To participate and make a public comment in person, via Zoom or telephone, please raise your hand, speak up and introduce yourself.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4180375132?pwd=Rmo5UjZ1cWdyV1VoWUhsZWp6R0tVZz09&omn=89650040996>

Optional dial-in number: (669) 444-9171
Meeting ID: 418 037 5132 Passcode: 5iHJYM

Public comments via Zoom are subject to the same time limits as those in person.

Mayor and Council Members may be reached at (760) 336-8989

Mayor:

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Council Members:

Sonia Carter

Sylvia Marroquin

Claudia Camarena

Marty Ellett

Interim City Manager: Daniel Paramo

City Attorney: Elizabeth Martyn Evans

City Clerk: Norma Wyles

3:30 PM CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE ROOM "A":

ROLL CALL:

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public wishing to address the City Council on any matter appearing on this agenda is asked to complete a "Speaker Slip" and submit it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. No comments on non-agenda items will be heard at this special meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO CLOSED SESSION:

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

Closed session regarding public employee appointment pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54957

Title of position: City Manager

Closed session with Real Property Negotiators pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.8

Property: 1415 Ross and associated residential property

Agency negotiators: Eric Newsom and Megan Rooney, Sheppard Mullin

Negotiating with: Imperial Valley Healthcare Agency

Under negotiation: Price and Terms

Closed Session regarding possible initiation of litigation by the City pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54957.9 (d)(4) - 2 cases

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is a public meeting. If there is an item on the agenda on which you wish to be heard, you are asked to complete a blue speaker slip and submit it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. **Persons wishing to address the Council are not required to identify themselves (Gov't Code § 54953.3); however, this information assists the Mayor by ensuring that all persons wishing to address the Council are recognized and also assists the City Clerk in preparing the City Council meeting minutes.** When the item is announced and your name is called by the Mayor, please step to the podium and state your name for the record. Unless the Mayor extends the time, there is a three (3) minute time limit for each public presentation. If you wish to address the Council concerning any other matter not appearing on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment portion of the agenda. **However, you may not show a visual presentation without review of that material. If you do so, you will be considered out of order.**

* Any information provided on the "Speaker Slip" is voluntary and will be public record

5:30 OPEN SESSION:

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND MAY VARY:

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION:

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:

(TIME MAY VARY) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR:

1. Presentation by Ryan Lundergan, Senior Development Manager, Chelsea Investment Inc. regarding Palo Fierro Apartments.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Discussion and any necessary action regarding an urgency ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, adopting an interim measure imposing a citywide moratorium on the establishment of new and relocation or physical expansion of existing tobacco retail shops, and renewal or issuance of new business licenses for tobacco retail shops within the City.

Presentation: Elizabeth Martyn, City Attorney, Angel Hernandez, Community Development Director

Recommendation:

Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 25- , ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY 45-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, EXPANSION, REESTABLISHMENT, OR RELOCATION OF TOBACCO RETAIL SHOPS AND THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR SUCH BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858(a).

3. Appointment process to fill a City Council vacancy.

Presentation: Daniel Paramo, Interim City Manager

Recommendation:

The candidate chosen must be available to be sworn in and to attend the subsequent re-organizational meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 21. At the time of his/her appointment, the proposed appointee becomes subject to the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT:

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet will be available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 1275 Main Street, El Centro, California 92243, Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the office of the City Clerk at (760) 337-4515. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangement to assure accessibility to this meeting.



City Council of the City of El Centro

1275 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

SUBMITTED

ACTION ITEM (ID # 2025-105)

Item: 1.

Meeting: 4/8/2025 3:30 PM

Department: Community Services

Category: Presentation

Prepared by: Norma Wyles, City Clerk

Department Head: Adriana Nava

DOC ID: 2025-105

Presentation by Ryan Lundergan, Senior Development Manager, Chelsea Investment Inc. regarding Palo Fierro Apartments.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRAM 2022-2027 RELATION:

DUE DILIGENCE CHECK FOR CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS: DID THE DEPARTMENT VERIFY CURRENT EL CENTRO BUSINESS LICENSE, CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE, REFERENCE CHECKS, INSURANCE, ETC.:

BACKGROUND:

DISCUSSION:

CONCLUSION:

ATTACHMENTS:

None



City Council of the City of El Centro

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SUBMITTED

ACTION ITEM (ID # 2025-96)

Item: 2.

Meeting: 4/8/2025 3:30 PM

Department: Community Development

Category: Ordinance

Prepared by: Angel Hernandez,
Community Development Director

Department Head: Elizabeth Martyn,

Angel Hernandez

DOC ID: 2025-96

Discussion and any necessary action regarding an urgency ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, adopting an interim measure imposing a citywide moratorium on the establishment of new and relocation or physical expansion of existing tobacco retail shops, and renewal or issuance of new business licenses for tobacco retail shops within the City.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 25- , ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY 45-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, EXPANSION, REESTABLISHMENT, OR RELOCATION OF TOBACCO RETAIL SHOPS AND THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR SUCH BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858(a).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this Ordinance. Indirectly, a moratorium may prevent additional strain on code enforcement, police resources, and neighborhood services by halting new or expanded uses linked to frequent enforcement needs and could reduce minimal business license tax revenue.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRAM 2022-2027 RELATION:

Community Health, Safety & Welfare

DUE DILIGENCE CHECK FOR CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS: DID THE DEPARTMENT VERIFY CURRENT EL CENTRO BUSINESS LICENSE, CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE, REFERENCE CHECKS, INSURANCE, ETC.:

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND:

In recent years, the City has experienced a proliferation in tobacco retail shops, including near residential neighborhoods, parks, and the Downtown area. Many of these businesses sell tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, and related paraphernalia. As shown on Exhibit A - Site Photographs, these businesses have become a source of growing concern among residents and business owners due to their apparent connection to criminal activity, public nuisance conditions, and the deterioration of neighborhood quality.

City staff and law enforcement have documented recurring calls for service to several of these locations, including incidents involving theft, loitering, vandalism, and drug-related offenses (see Exhibit B - PD Call Logs). Additionally, many of these businesses have become informal gathering spots for transient individuals, further contributing to safety concerns and visible signs of blight (see Exhibit A - Site Photographs).

The City's current zoning and licensing regulations are not equipped to effectively regulate the siting, density, or operational impacts of tobacco retail shops. Without interim restrictions, there is a significant risk that more of these businesses will open, relocate, or expand, compounding existing problems and undermining the City's ability to develop a comprehensive and effective policy response. Tobacco retail shops are a permitted use by right in the CD-Downtown Commercial Zone, CG-General Commercial Zone, and CH-Heavy Commercial Zone. This allows them to operate without special review or approval, such as a conditional use permit, as long as they comply with the zoning ordinance and other applicable regulations.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed urgency ordinance, adopted pursuant to Government Code § 65858, would impose a temporary, citywide moratorium on the establishment, expansion, reestablishment, or relocation of tobacco retail shops and on the issuance or renewal of business licenses for such uses. The moratorium would apply across all zoning districts and would remain in effect for 45 calendar days unless extended. At the end of the initial 45-day period, the ordinance may be extended by the City Council for an additional 10 months and 15 days, and subsequently for one more year, provided that each extension is preceded by public notice, a public hearing, and adopted by a four-fifths vote. Alternatively, the Council may adopt a single extension of up to 22 months and 15 days following the initial 45-day period, also requiring public notice, a hearing, and a four-fifths vote.

The Ordinance contains the following key components:

- Prohibits new applications, approvals, or the issuance of business licenses for tobacco retail shops.
- Freezes any expansion or relocation of existing tobacco retail shops not lawfully operating as of the date of adoption.
- Exempts tobacco retail shops that are currently and lawfully operating with an active City business license or that have made tenant improvements or made substantial financial commitments.
- Directs staff to conduct a study analyzing the land use and public safety impacts of tobacco retailers and to consider zoning amendments, development standards, or business license regulations to address the negative impacts of such businesses, including potential zoning changes.

This urgency ordinance is necessary to preserve the status quo while the City evaluates appropriate long-term land use and regulatory responses to community concerns. Absent this temporary moratorium, an unchecked increase in tobacco retail shops could worsen the already observed impacts.

CONCLUSION:

Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 25- , establishing a temporary 45-day moratorium on the establishment, expansion, reestablishment, or relocation of tobacco retail shops and the issuance or renewal of business licenses for such businesses within the City, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858(a).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit A - Photographs

2. Exhibit B - Call Logs
3. Exhibit C - Ordinance 25- 02 Urgency Ordinance Moratorium on Tobacco Retail Shops Final



541 W Main St.—Piecekeeker Glass Shop

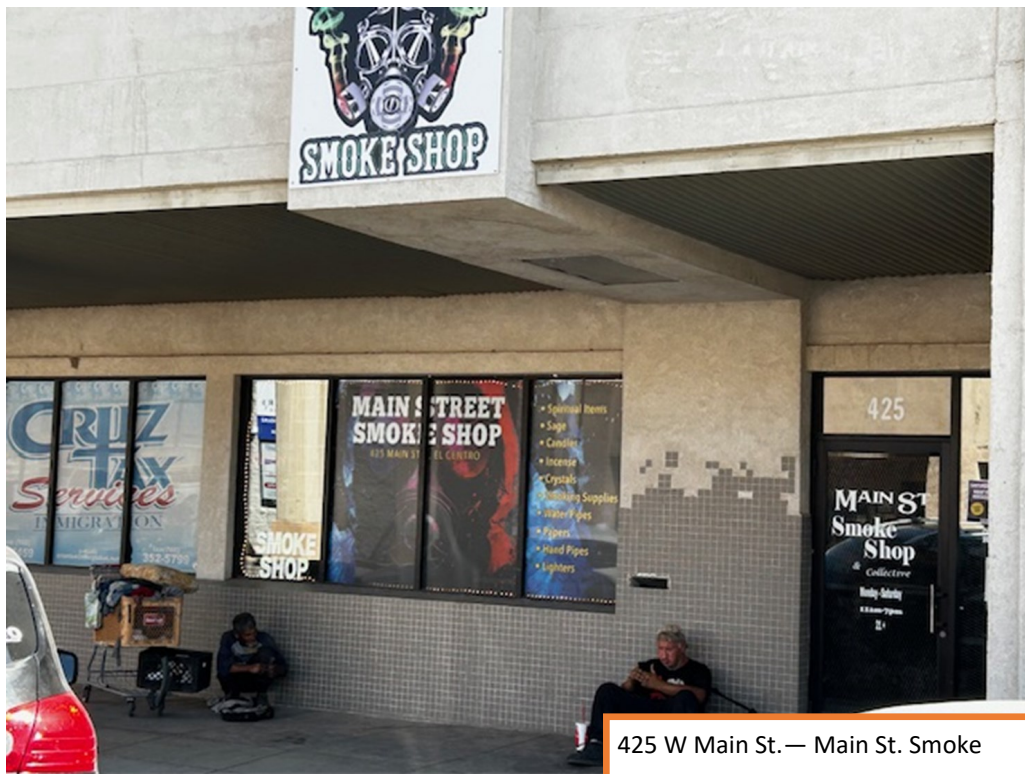


690 W Main St. - Deluxe Vapes

Site Photographs



201 S 5th St. - Good Times Smoke Shop



425 W Main St.— Main St. Smoke

Site Photographs



El Centro Police Department
150 N 11th Street
El Centro CA 92243

Blotter Report

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El Centro Police Department

24-015652 215 S 5th St

Reported : 06/17/2024 01:11:23

Good Times Smoke Shop;EL Overdose - OD

Prime Unit : E324Guerrero

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E324 - Guerrero,
E362 - Garnica,
E319 - Mandujano,

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
06/17/2024 01:11:23		MALE SB OD'ING IFO THE BUSN	1880MR - Richkarday,
06/17/2024 01:12:34		P WAS DRIVING BY THE AREA AND WAS FD BY A TRANSIENT, HAS NFI	1880MR - Richkarday,
06/17/2024 01:12:55		Dispatched: E324	1550AC - Castro,
06/17/2024 01:13:16		Dispatched: E362	1550AC - Castro,
06/17/2024 01:13:35		1039 AMR 101 3 MIN ETA	1880MR - Richkarday,
06/17/2024 01:18:31		Dispatched: E319	1550AC - Castro,
06/17/2024 01:43:43	E324	New Names Added , M, 1, DOB: CT	2096EG - Guerrero,
06/17/2024 01:45:00	E324	PAUL DILAN WAS EXAMINED BY AMR & SOHW. NEG H&S LOCATED. NO FURTHER.	2096EG - Guerrero,

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Contacted		Male	Hispanic		GENERAL DELIVERIES	



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El Centro Police Department

24-016019 215 S 5th St

Reported : 06/20/2024 10:29:48

Good Times Smoke Shop;EL Drugs - DRUGS

Prime Unit : E347Lopez, [REDACTED]

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E347 - Lopez, [REDACTED]
E334 - Ramos, [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
06/20/2024 10:29:48		RP REPORTING GROUP OF APPROX 12-15 SUBJS THROUGH THE ALLEY USING H&S. PER RP, SUBJS ARE ALSO LOITERING AND BLOCKING THE REAR ENTRANCE INTO HIS BUSN ADV ONGOING ISSUE. NEG WEAPONS SEEN.	1647CP - Perez, [REDACTED]
06/20/2024 10:35:03		Names Added : [REDACTED] Caller	1647CP - Perez, [REDACTED]
06/20/2024 10:37:17		NCOC	0775GW - Whitlock, [REDACTED]
06/20/2024 10:39:50		Dispatched: E347, E334	0775GW - Whitlock, [REDACTED]
06/20/2024 10:51:47	E347	CONTACTED A GROUP OUTSIDE THE LOC, THEY WERE ADV TO DISPERSE FROM THE AREA. SUBJ AGREED AND WERE SOTW.	2056BL - Lopez, [REDACTED]

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller	[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]	M: [REDACTED]



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24-017303 215 S 5th St

Reported : 07/03/2024 10:40:48

Good Times Smoke Shop;EL Loitering - LOITER

Prime Unit : E325Gabat, [REDACTED]

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E328 - Flores, [REDACTED]
E325 - Gabat, [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
07/03/2024 10:40:48		RP ADV THERES IS A GROUP OF 30 HOMELESS BLOCKING THE ENTRANCE TO HIS BUSN. UNABLE TO PROVIDE CLOTHING DESCRIPTION. RP REQ HOMELESS SOTW. POSS WEAP POSS UI/HBA	2231IS - Sandoval, [REDACTED]
07/03/2024 10:45:58		Names Added : [REDACTED] Caller	2231IS - Sandoval, [REDACTED]
07/03/2024 10:53:55		Dispatched: E325, E328	0775GW - Whitlock, [REDACTED]
07/03/2024 11:01:54	E325	SUBJECTS WERE ADV OF COMPLAINT, SUBJECTS GATHERED THEIR BELONGINGS AND WERE SOTW. NFA.	1909RG - Gabat, [REDACTED]

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller	[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]	M. [REDACTED]



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El Centro Police Department

24-022447 215 S 5th St

Good Times Smoke Shop;EL Loitering - LOITER

Reported : 08/28/2024 09:50:34

Prime Unit : E331Soberanes, [REDACTED]

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E365 - Reynaga, [REDACTED]
E331 - Soberanes, [REDACTED]
E334 - Ramos, [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
08/28/2024 09:50:34		20-30 SBS JUST OUTSIDE THE LOC BLOCKING THE RP FROM OPENING UP THIS BUSN. UNK ON WEAPONS RP CAN SEE THEM FROM HIS CAMARAS	0978DM - Martinez, [REDACTED]
08/28/2024 10:13:13		Dispatched: E331, E365	1647CP - Perez, [REDACTED]
08/28/2024 10:16:02		[REDACTED] IS CALLING SAYING THERE 6-8 SBS WITH KNIFES PLAYING GAMES WITH THEM	0978DM - Martinez, [REDACTED]
08/28/2024 10:16:19		ONE SB WITH A KNIFE AS A DOG	0978DM - Martinez, [REDACTED]
08/28/2024 10:16:40		Update reviewed by dispatcher- Perez, [REDACTED]	1647CP - Perez, [REDACTED]
08/28/2024 10:17:29	E331	OUT WITH A GROUP	1647CP - Perez, [REDACTED]
08/28/2024 10:25:34	E331	CONTACTED GROUP IFO BUSN AND SOTW.	1346ES - Soberanes, [REDACTED]



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El Centro Police Department

24-010558 476 W Main St

Miss B Haven;EL

Burglary Alarm - 459A

Reported : 04/21/2024 14:38:51

Prime Unit :

Disposition : Cancelled

Units Responding :

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
04/21/2024 14:38:51		COVERS FRONT MOTION. PH [REDACTED] NEG RP.	1760EA - Henderson, [REDACTED]
04/21/2024 14:39:21		Names Added : [REDACTED] Caller	1760EA - Henderson, [REDACTED]
04/21/2024 14:42:09		1022 PER ALARM COMPANY	1760EA - Henderson, [REDACTED]
04/21/2024 14:42:49		CAN = CANCELLED 1022	1760EA - Henderson, [REDACTED]

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller	[REDACTED]					



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El Centro Police Department

24-028062

476 W Main St

Miss B Haven;EL

Burglary Alarm - 459A

Reported : 10/28/2024 01:44:01

Prime Unit : E364Montalvo [REDACTED]

Disposition : False Alarm

Units Responding : E364 - Montalvo, [REDACTED]
E358 - Yu, [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
10/28/2024 01:44:01		COVERS FRONT MOTION WITH 2 ACTIVATIONS NEG RP PH, [REDACTED]	1869MT - Tapia, [REDACTED]
10/28/2024 01:44:45		Names Added : [REDACTED] Caller	1869MT - Tapia, [REDACTED]
10/28/2024 02:03:03	E358	OUT WITH THE OWNER WILL BE DOING A WALK THROUGH	1880MR - Richkarday, [REDACTED]
10/28/2024 02:07:37		ALARM CO RECALLED WITH ADDTL ACTIVATIONS THEY WERE ADV PD AND OWNER WERE DOING A WALK THROUGH	1869MT - Tapia, [REDACTED]
10/28/2024 02:18:55	E364	AREA CHECKED C-4	2020NM - Montalvo, [REDACTED]

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller	[REDACTED]					



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El Centro Police Department

24-019621 **1950 S 4th St**

La Fonda;EL

Burglary Alarm - 459A

Reported : 07/29/2024 09:02:19

Prime Unit : E334Ramos, [REDACTED]

Disposition : False Alarm

Units Responding : E347 - Lopez, [REDACTED]
E334 - Ramos, [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
07/29/2024 09:02:19		SUITE #9 COVERS/ FRONT DOOR AT 0851 CONTACT WAS MADE WITH [REDACTED] WHO DID NOT HAVE CORRECT PASSCODE	2231IS - Sandoval, [REDACTED]
07/29/2024 09:04:53		Names Added : [REDACTED]; Caller	2231IS - Sandoval, [REDACTED]
07/29/2024 09:35:42	E334	BUSINESS IN QUESTION IS SMOKESHOP, CHECKED CODE 4, EMPLOYEE ON SCENE ADVISED SET OFF IN ERROR.	0853RR - Ramos, [REDACTED]

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller	VIVENT					



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El Centro Police Department

24-017134 1950 S 4th St

La Fonda;EL

Refusal To Leave - RTL

Reported : 07/01/2024 16:54:39

Prime Unit : E352Machuca, [REDACTED]

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E364 - Montalvo, [REDACTED]
E352 - Machuca, [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
07/01/2024 16:54:39		HMA LSW BB CAP BLU SHIRT & GRY SHORTS SMOKING H&S FROM A PIPE NEG WEAPS SEEN	1869MT - Tapia, [REDACTED]
07/01/2024 16:55:51		Names Added : [REDACTED]; Caller	1869MT - Tapia, [REDACTED]
07/01/2024 16:57:10		Dispatched: E352	1760EA - Henderson, [REDACTED]
07/01/2024 16:57:12		Dispatched: E364	1760EA - Henderson, [REDACTED]
07/01/2024 17:17:12	E352	PER EMPLOYEES NO ONE FROM LOCATION CALLED. AREA CHECKED NEGATIVE SUBJECTS IN THE AREA MATCHING DESCP/NEGATIVE SUBJECTS SMOKING.	1959GM - Machuca, [REDACTED]

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller	[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]	M: [REDACTED]



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El Centro Police Department

24-026392 541 W Main St

Reported : 10/10/2024 10:11:09

Aqua Physical Therapy;EL

Burglary Alarm - 459A

Prime Unit : E324Guerrero,

Disposition : False Alarm

Units Responding : E324 - Guerrero,

E349 - Valle,

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
10/10/2024 10:11:09		BUSN/ PROPERTIES COVERS FIRST BACK DOOR NEG RP	2268LA - Alvarado
10/10/2024 10:12:00		Names Added : Caller	2268LA - Alvarado,
10/10/2024 10:42:48	E324	New Names Added : , M, 1, DOB: CT	2096EG - Guerrero
10/10/2024 10:44:02	E324	FALSE ALARM. EMPLOYEE ADV BUSN CHECKED C4 & ALARM WAS ACCIDENTALLY SET OFF. AREA CHECKED C4 & RP REQ 1152 OF THE AREA DUE TO RECENT 488 OF MAIL FROM LOC. MSG SENT TO CITY UNITS.	2096EG - Guerrero,

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller						
Contacted		Male	Hispanic			C:



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El Centro Police Department

24-027951 541 W Main St

Reported : 10/26/2024 12:02:53

Aqua Physical Therapy

Verbal Disturbance - 415V

Prime Unit : E349Valle

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E349 - Valle,

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
10/26/2024 12:02:53		RP REQUESTING TO SPEAK TO AN OFFICER IN REF TO PAST OCCURED 415V. STATES THE SB WAS UPSET OVER PARKING PROBLEM AND IS CURRENTLY AT PEACE KEEPER SMOKE SHOP	2268LA - Alvarado,
10/26/2024 12:04:43		Names Added : Caller	2268LA - Alvarado,
10/26/2024 12:10:59	E349	OUT WITH THE RP	1880MR - Richkarday,
10/26/2024 12:13:35	E349	OUT WITH BOTH PARTIES.	1880MR - Richkarday,
10/26/2024 12:15:15	E349		1880MR - Richkarday,
10/26/2024 12:17:06		Status - OK for Unit E349;	
10/26/2024 12:22:01	E349	New Names Added : F, 1, DOB: CM	2012KV - Valle,
10/26/2024 12:22:59	E349	ASKED VEH CA T NOT PARK INFRONT OF HIS BUISNESS. BOTH PARTIES WERE ADVISED OF PUBLIC PARKING. C4.	2012KV - Valle,

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller						M:
Complainant		Female	Hispanic			



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El Centro Police Department

25-003982 541 W Main St

Reported : 02/11/2025 01:03:55

Aqua Physical Therapy;EL

Patrol Check - PATROLCK

Prime Unit : E343Villa, [REDACTED]

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E343 - Villa, [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
02/11/2025 01:04:27	E343	[REDACTED]	1550AC - Castro, [REDACTED]
02/11/2025 01:06:32	E343	BUSINESS CHECKED, CODE-4. VEHICLE PARKED OUT IN FRONT OF BUSINESS. BUSINESS APPEARED TO BE CLOSED, ALL STEEL ROLLUP DOORS SHUT, UNABLE TO SEE ANY SUBJECTS INSIDE.	1648EV - Villa, [REDACTED]



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El Centro Police Department

24-025027 425 W Main St
Reported : 09/25/2024 17:32:26

Bank of America ATM Petty Theft Just Occurred - 488JO
Prime Unit : E331Soberanes,
Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E342 - Ruiz,
E331 - Soberanes,

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
09/25/2024 17:32:26		HFA 30-40 YO, ORANGE HAIR LSW; WHI TANK TOP, DEMIN ACID WASHED SHORTS, TT'S ON FACE & CHEST, RAN W/B ON MAIN GOT INTO A GRY VOLKS, SB TOOK \$45 WORTH OF MERCHANDISE, SHE USED A CREDIT CARD AND IT WAS DECLINED MULTIPLE TIMES	0319HJ - Johnson,
09/25/2024 17:35:18		Names Added : ; Caller	0319HJ - Johnson,
09/25/2024 17:38:58		THE BUSINESS NAME IS THE SMOKE SHOP	0319HJ - Johnson,
09/25/2024 17:47:54	E331	New Names Added : , CAL	1346ES - Soberanes,
09/25/2024 17:48:23	E331	Names Updated : Name changed from to 	1346ES - Soberanes,
09/25/2024 17:48:42		SBS ARE GOA	2268LA - Alvarado,
09/25/2024 17:49:11	E331	488. CONTACTED BUSN OWNER AND ADV ON 09/25/24 AT APPROX 1710 HOURS, A HMA LSW	1346ES - Soberanes,
09/25/2024 17:51:27	E331	488. CONTACTED BUSN OWNER AND ADV ON 09/25/24 AT APPROX 1710 HOURS, A HMA LSW WHI SHIRT, SHORTS TOOK MISC ITEMS APPROX \$45.00. SUBJ RAN W/B AND LEFT IN GRY VOLKSWAGON, NEG 1028 PROVIDED/INFO. PER IF SUBJ LOCATED, ONLY REQ MERCH BACK. AREA CHECKED, NEG SUBJ/VEH LOCATED. 1110L	1346ES - Soberanes,

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller						M:
Caller						W:



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El Centro Police Department

24-018636 690 W Main St

Reported : 07/18/2024 12:43:04

Deluxe Vape Shop;EL

City Ordinance Violation - COV

Prime Unit : E333Contreras, [REDACTED]

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E333 - Contreras, [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
07/18/2024 12:43:04		RP/ [REDACTED] THE WALL OFF MAIN ST RP STATES THERE IS A HOMELESS SBS SETTING UP CAMP. UNK ON WEAPONS SB DOES HAVE A SHOPPING CART WITH HIM AND POSS HBD OR UI.	0978DM - Martinez, [REDACTED]
07/18/2024 12:55:41	E333	OUT WITH AN XRAY	1647CP - Perez, [REDACTED]
07/18/2024 12:59:44	E333	New Names Added : [REDACTED] M, W, DOB [REDACTED] CT	2240AC - Contreras, [REDACTED]
07/18/2024 13:00:27	E333	CONTACTED HALL [REDACTED], ADVISED TO MOVE FROM LOCATION SHE COMPLIED	2240AC - Contreras, [REDACTED]

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Contacted	[REDACTED]	Male	White	[REDACTED]	TRANSIENT	



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24-021678 350 W Ross Ave, Ste 1

Reported : 08/20/2024 13:43:48

Smoke 4 Less;EL

Disturbance Of Peace - 415

Prime Unit : E328Flores [REDACTED]

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E328 - Flores [REDACTED]

E347 - Lopez [REDACTED]

E319 - Mandujano [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
08/20/2024 13:43:48		RP REQ TO SPEAK TO AN OFFICER IN REF TO MANAGER REFUSING TO GIVE HER A REFUND. HAD AN OPEN LIVE COULD HEAR RP STARTING A 415V W/ EMPLOYEE.	1741DR - Romero, [REDACTED]
08/20/2024 13:46:38		Names Added : [REDACTED] Caller	1741DR - Romero, [REDACTED]
08/20/2024 13:49:09		2ND RP MANAGER ADV FEMALE IS AT LOC CAUSING 415, RTL.	1741DR - Romero, [REDACTED]
08/20/2024 14:01:50	E328	OUT WITH BOTH PARTIES	2231IS - Sandoval, [REDACTED]
08/20/2024 14:02:05		Update reviewed by dispatcher- Sandoval, [REDACTED]	2231IS - Sandoval, [REDACTED]
08/20/2024 14:03:44		Prime Unit Changed to - E328	PNX1 - System, [REDACTED]
08/20/2024 14:06:58	E328	CIVIL ISSUE. CONTACTED [REDACTED] WHO ADVISED THE STORE WAS REFUSING TO TAKE RETURN. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED OF STORE POLICY AND HER OPTIONS. [REDACTED] WAS SOHW. NFA.	2018JF - Flores, [REDACTED]

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller	[REDACTED]				[REDACTED] El M: [REDACTED]	



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24-014224 350 W Ross Ave, Ste 1

Reported : 06/01/2024 13:35:31

Smoke 4 Less;EL

Suspicious Circumstances - SUSP

Prime Unit : E325Gabat,

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E364 - Montalvo,

E325 - Gabat,

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
06/01/2024 13:35:31		RP IS THE OWNER STATING A [REDACTED] LSW; BLU SHIRT AND WHI PANTS IS ASKING THE RP TO HAVE PD RESPOND DUE TO HIM BEING A VICTIM OF CRIME.	1760EA - Henderson, [REDACTED]
06/01/2024 13:37:20		Names Added : [REDACTED] Caller	1760EA - Henderson, [REDACTED]
06/01/2024 13:38:39		Dispatched: E325	1869MT - Tapia, [REDACTED]
06/01/2024 13:43:40	E325	[REDACTED]	1869MT - Tapia, [REDACTED]
06/01/2024 13:44:11		Dispatched: E364	1869MT - Tapia, [REDACTED]
06/01/2024 13:56:17		ROLL SQUAD SB HAS A SWOLLEN LEFT ANKLE	1869MT - Tapia, [REDACTED]
06/01/2024 14:14:55	E325	New Names Added : [REDACTED] M, W, DOB: [REDACTED] CM	1909RG - Gabat, [REDACTED]
06/01/2024 14:17:35	E325	CONTACTED [REDACTED], ADV HE HAD WALKED FROM THE BOARDER TO EL CENTRO. NEGATIVE CRIME OCCURED. MADE CONTACT WITH SMITH'S BROTHER [REDACTED] WHO ADV [REDACTED] IS BIPOLAR AND SUFFERS FROM DIFFERENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS. [REDACTED] REQUESTED 11-41 AND WAS TOT'D TO AMR. NFA.	1909RG - Gabat, [REDACTED]

Names

Activity	Name	Sex	Race	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller	[REDACTED]				[REDACTED] El	M: [REDACTED]
Complainant	[REDACTED]	Male	White	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	



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El Centro Police Department

24-002848 **350 W Ross Ave,Ste 1**

Smoke 4 Less;EL

Refusal To Leave - RTL

Reported : 01/24/2024 15:19:33

Prime Unit : E343Villa, [REDACTED]

Disposition : Closed Case

Units Responding : E334 - Ramos, [REDACTED]
E343 - Villa, [REDACTED]

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
01/24/2024 15:19:33		SEVERAL SUBJS INSIDE LOC RTL	1741DR - Romero, [REDACTED]
01/24/2024 15:22:18		Dispatched: E343	0978DM - Martinez, [REDACTED]
01/24/2024 15:22:28		Dispatched: E334	0978DM - Martinez, [REDACTED]
01/24/2024 15:30:59		Timer cleared for the Unit "E334; "	
01/24/2024 15:31:03		Timer cleared for the Unit "E343; "	
01/24/2024 15:34:03	E343	CONTACTED [REDACTED] CA DEPT. OF TAX & FEE ADMIN, [REDACTED] ADVISED THEY ARE CONDUCTING A STATE INSPECTION IN REFERECNE TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS. CODE-4.	1648EV - Villa, [REDACTED]

ORDINANCE NO. 25-___

**AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN INTERIM
MEASURE IMPOSING A CITYWIDE MORATORIUM ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AND RELOCATION OR PHYSICAL
EXPANSION OF EXISTING TOBACCO RETAIL SHOPS, AND
RENEWAL OR ISSUANCE OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSES FOR
TOBACCO RETAIL SHOPS WITHIN THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of El Centro (“City”) is a municipal corporation and charter city, duly organized under the constitution and laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City’s police power, the City Council of the City of El Centro (“City Council”) has the authority to enact and enforce ordinances and regulations to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65858 authorizes the City Council to adopt, as an urgency measure, an interim ordinance that prohibits uses which may conflict with a contemplated general plan, specific plan, or zoning proposals that is being considered by the City Council, Planning Commission, or planning staff; and

WHEREAS, the City has received increasing community complaints regarding the proliferation of tobacco retail shops throughout the City and their negative impacts, including the attraction of transient activity, increased criminal incidents in and around such establishments, and deteriorating neighborhood character; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the current overconcentration of tobacco retail shops within the City may contribute to public nuisances and quality-of-life issues that disproportionately impact vulnerable neighborhoods and burden law enforcement and code enforcement resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is further concerned that new tobacco retail establishments, expanding existing establishments and those seeking to reestablish operations after a lapse in business activity or to obtain business license renewals, may exacerbate these issues, absent a thorough policy review and regulatory framework; and

WHEREAS, in light of these concerns, the City Council finds it necessary to conduct a study on the impacts of tobacco retail shops 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 this study period, the City Council desires to adopt a temporary, citywide moratorium on the establishment of new and relocation or physical expansion of existing tobacco retail shops, and renewal or issuance of new business licenses for tobacco retail shops within the City;

WHEREAS, during the moratorium period, as that may be extended by law, City staff will conduct a study on the impacts of tobacco retail shops and consider comprehensive zoning and regulatory measures to address their potential effects on the community;

WHEREAS, if necessary, this moratorium may be extended as provided by law;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is an interim urgency ordinance adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the City by Government Code Section 65858 and is for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare. The facts constituting the urgency are:

1. The City is concerned with the public nuisance and negative secondary impacts caused by the overconcentration and continued proliferation of tobacco retail shops within City, involving the following:
 - a. Over the past several years, the City has experienced a noticeable increase in applications for new tobacco retail establishments, as well as efforts to reopen previously closed or non-operational tobacco retail shops or to in accurate re-characterize such tobacco retail shops as other uses;
 - b. City staff and law enforcement have observed that certain tobacco retail shops are frequently associated with increased calls for service related to theft, loitering, vandalism, and other criminal activity;
 - c. Several tobacco retail establishments have become gathering places for transient individuals, contributing to blight, public nuisance conditions, and negative impacts on surrounding neighborhoods and businesses;
 - d. The concentration of tobacco retail shops in certain areas of the City has raised significant concerns from community members, particularly regarding the potential sale of illegal paraphernalia, and the general decline in community character;
 - e. The City currently lacks comprehensive zoning or regulatory mechanisms specifically tailored to address the siting, density, and operation of tobacco retail businesses, which impedes the City's ability to proactively manage the associated impacts.
2. The City Council desires to investigate and study the land use and public safety impacts of tobacco retail shops and to develop potential zoning, business licensing, or other regulatory tools to address community concerns; and
3. Absent the adoption of this Ordinance, the establishment of new and relocation or physical expansion of existing tobacco retail shops, and renewal or issuance of new business licenses for tobacco retail shops within the city, may pose a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
4. As a result, it is necessary to establish a temporary, forty-five (45) calendar day moratorium on the establishment of new and relocation or physical expansion of existing tobacco retail

shops, and renewal or issuance of new business licenses for tobacco retail shops within the City, pending the completion of the City's study; and

5. In addition, it is necessary to prohibit, as a public nuisance, the establishment of new and relocation or physical expansion of existing tobacco retail shops, and renewal or issuance of new business licenses for tobacco retail shops for the duration of this Ordinance, or any extension thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines, by a four-fifths (4/5) vote, that this urgency ordinance is a matter of citywide importance, is a reasonable and necessary measure designed for the immediate preservation and protection of the public health, safety, or welfare of the community, and is in accord with the public purposes and provisions of applicable State and local laws and requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation.

The recitals and statements of fact set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are true and correct, constitute a substantive part of this Ordinance, and are incorporated herein by this reference. Based on those facts, the City Council finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is necessary as an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety pursuant to, and as authorized by, Section 65858(a) of the California Government Code. Accordingly, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 2. CEQA.

The City Council finds that this Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and it prevents changes in the environment pending the completion of the contemplated municipal code review.

Section 3. Direction; Definition.

It is necessary to establish a temporary, forty-five (45) calendar day moratorium on the establishment of new and relocation or physical expansion of existing tobacco retail shops, and renewal or issuance of new business licenses for tobacco retail shops within the City, pending completion of the City's study of the potential impacts and regulation of such uses, and possible amendments to the City's zoning ordinance and related provisions of the City Municipal Code to ensure that adequate land use controls and business regulations are in place prior to permitting additional tobacco retail shops within the City. To that end, the City Manager is directed to analyze the appropriateness of allowing new or reestablished tobacco retail shops in the City, including but

not limited to, the desirability, concentration, proximity to sensitive land uses, and effectiveness of potential development standards and regulatory controls.

For purposes of this Ordinance:

Tobacco Retail Shop shall mean any retail establishment that sells, offers for sale, or distributes tobacco, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or vaping products, smoking paraphernalia, or any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, rolling papers, pipes, hookahs, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or cartridges.

This moratorium shall not be interpreted as affecting the operation of any:

1. Legally established and currently operating tobacco retail shops that maintain a valid and active business license with the City; or
2. Tobacco retail shops for which a business license has already been issued, and in good faith reliance on such issuance, substantial preparations toward opening have occurred, including but not limited to tenant improvements or substantial financial commitments.

Section 4. Moratorium Established.

In accordance with the authority granted to the City by California Government Code Section 65858, and for the reasons set forth hereinabove, commencing as of the effective date of this Ordinance and continuing thereafter for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days, no approvals may be made or issued by the City, its officers, or employees for any applications for the establishment, expansion or reestablishment of tobacco retail shops, or the issuance or renewal of any business license permits within City limits. For the duration of this Ordinance, or any extension thereof, tobacco retail shops as defined herein shall be considered a prohibited use in all zoning districts of the City, and neither the City Council nor City staff shall approve any related zoning, licensing, or permitting requests for such uses.

Section 5. Prohibition.

No person shall commence the establishment, expansion, relocation or reestablishment of a tobacco retail shop, or apply for or obtain the issuance or renewal of a business license for a tobacco retail shop, within the City limits during the period this Ordinance is in effect, unless otherwise expressly exempted by this Ordinance.

Section 6. Violation as a Public Nuisance.

The establishment, expansion, relocation or reestablishment of a tobacco retail shop, or the issuance or renewal of a business license for such use, within the City during the period this Ordinance is in effect is declared to be a public nuisance and poses a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare. A violation of this Ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be contrary to the public interest and shall, at the discretion of the City, create a cause of action for injunctive relief, as well as any other available civil remedies. Additionally, any

person that violates this Ordinance may be subject to the City's applicable general penalties and administrative remedies.

Section 7. Severability.

The City Council hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, term, or word of this Ordinance be declared for any reason to be invalid; it is the intent of the City Council that it would have adopted all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination of any such portion as may be declared invalid. If any section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections or provisions had been declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 8. Report.

The City Manager is authorized and directed to prepare the report required by paragraph (d) of California Government Code Section 65858, describing the measures taken to alleviate the condition which led to adoption of this Ordinance, for presentation to the City Council no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date; Four-Fifths Vote Required.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption if adopted by at least a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the total membership of the City Council and shall remain in effect for forty-five (45) days from the date of adoption, unless extended by the City Council as provided in California Government Code Section 65858.

Section 10. Publication.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance or a summary thereof to be printed once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption in a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City.

INTRODUCED , PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council as an urgency ordinance at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 8th day of April, 2025.

By _____
Sonia Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

By _____
Norma Wyles, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney

By _____
Elizabeth Martyn, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) ss
CITY OF EL CENTRO)

I, Norma Wyles, City Clerk of the City of El Centro, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Urgency Ordinance No. 25-_____ was duly and regularly adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 8th day of April, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

By _____
Norma Wyles, City Clerk



City Council of the City of El Centro

1275 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

SUBMITTED

ACTION ITEM (ID # 2025-107)

Item: 3.

Meeting: 4/8/2025 3:30 PM

Department: City Manager

Category: Action Item

Prepared by: Norma Wyles, City Clerk

Department Head: Daniel Paramo

DOC ID: 2025-107

Appointment process to fill a City Council vacancy.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The candidate chosen must be available to be sworn in and to attend the subsequent re-organizational meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 21. At the time of his/her appointment, the proposed appointee becomes subject to the Brown Act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRAM 2022-2027 RELATION:

DUE DILIGENCE CHECK FOR CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS: DID THE DEPARTMENT VERIFY CURRENT EL CENTRO BUSINESS LICENSE, CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE, REFERENCE CHECKS, INSURANCE, ETC.:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

As discussed at the March 18, 2025, meeting, the City has gone forward with the appointment process to fill the vacancy on the Council created by Tomas Oliva's resignation on March 4, 2025. An application was posted on various City websites and the vacancy has been noticed and posted as required by law, and more.

The period for applications closed at midnight on Sunday, April 6. As of the date of this staff report, sixteen applications have been received. All have been reviewed to meet the basic legal criteria of residency in El Centro and registration to vote there, as well as being 18 years of age or older.

DISCUSSION:

At the March 18, 2025, meeting, the Council provided guidance regarding the appointment process and indicated that the applications would be ranked to identify the top five (5) applicants to be interviewed.

In order to provide that ranking, the applications have been provided to you confidentially because of the confidential personal information contained in them. A list of applicants is included with this staff report. The Council is asked to rank the top five (5) based upon the information provided in the application, including but not limited to: prior council experience, other service to the community, availability for meetings, April 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm and April 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Those chosen to be interviewed will be provided the schedule and process for the April 16, 2025, interviews. To be considered, each person to be interviewed must be at City Hall, Conference Room A by 5:15 on Wednesday, April 16. The order to be interviewed will be determined by lot. No phones or electronic devices will be allowed in Conference Room A to avoid hearing other candidates' answers. Those who have been interviewed may

remain in the audience.

The Council members have been provided a list of possible questions and may also choose their own questions. Each Council member will ask each applicant one question; the question asked will be the same for each applicant. The applicant will also be allowed three minutes to make his/her own statement.

CONCLUSION:

At the conclusion of the April 16 meeting, the Council will rank the candidates for appointment. The top-ranked candidate will be offered the appointment. If he/she declines, then the next-rank candidate will be notified. Choose a candidate for appointment and notify that candidate.

The candidate chosen must be available to be sworn in and to attend the subsequent re-organizational meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 21. At the time of his/her appointment, the proposed appointee becomes subject to the Brown Act.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. List of Applicants

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

List of Applicants

1. Carlos Ramirez
2. Cheryl Viegas-Walker
3. David Dhillon
4. Edgard Garcia
5. George Grijalva
6. Jason Jackson
7. Luis Minor
8. Michael Antonio Morales
9. Michael Crankshaw
10. Peter Rodriguez
11. Raymond Loera
12. Richard Lopez
13. Richard Ram
14. Scott Blackwall
15. Verna Wow-Wright