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CITY OF EL MONTE HOSTS TOWN HALL MEETING TO REVIEW MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

El Monte, Calif. – Open to all residents, the City of El Monte held its first Town Hall Meeting regarding the budget for 2010 on Thursday, March 18 at the El Monte Community Center at 7 p.m.

The Town Hall Meeting informed residents of current City issues and updated them on the mid-year budget adjustments that have been made as part of a Budget Recovery Action Plan. In addition to the budget adjustments, the City also reviewed new management practices and goals that will help maintain the new recovery plan.

“This town hall was designed to communicate to the community the actions that the City Council is taking to keep El Monte fiscally solvent,” said El Monte Mayor, André Quintero. “It is the City’s goal to not only communicate with its residents about the budget, but also to be as transparent as possible to ensure that residents are aware of what decisions are being made regarding the city’s finances.”

All residents were given the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions regarding any issue about El Monte. City staff answered questions and residents were given the opportunity to meet and greet the City staff members both before and after the meeting.

Informational booths from various departments were also available for the public.

The Town Hall Meeting was attended by Mayor André Quintero, Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Wallach, Councilwoman Emily Ishigaki, and Councilwoman Norma Macias.

Also in attendance were City Manager Rene Bobadilla, Chief of Police Tom Armstrong, Assistant Chief Steve Schuster, Deputy City Manager for Administrative Services Lettie De Dios, Economic and Redevelopment Director Jesus Gomez, Interim Deputy City Manager for Community Development Minh Thai, Human Resources Amelia Ayala, Deputy City Attorney Richard Padilla and Assistant Fire Chief Tony Iacono.

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