



THE CITY OF
SAN FERNANDO

CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR
JOEL FAJARDO

VICE MAYOR
SYLVIA BALLIN

COUNCILMEMBER
ROBERT C. GONZALES

COUNCILMEMBER
MARY MENDOZA

COUNCILMEMBER
HECTOR A. PACHECO

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Nick Kimball, City Manager
(818) 898-1202

DATE: October 9, 2019

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS MARY MENDOZA TO FILL VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT

SAN FERNANDO, CA – On Monday, October 7, 2019, the San Fernando City Council appointed long-time community advocate Mary Mendoza to fill the seat vacated by former Councilmember Antonio Lopez on September 30, 2019. Mayor Joel Fajardo expressed his support for the City Council's decision:

"I am proud and excited to work with Councilmember Mary Mendoza. She is a lifelong San Fernando resident, a longtime community activist and an upstanding resident. She will make an outstanding addition to the City Council."

The process to fill the vacant seat started with a formal application, which was accepted through 8 a.m. on Monday, October 7, 2019. Eight (8) applications were received by the deadline and deemed eligible pursuant to the submittal requirements. All eligible applicants attended the 6 p.m. City Council meeting in the Council Chambers and were afforded the opportunity to make a three-minute opening statement followed by a 20-minute public question and answer period with the City Council.

After all applicants had the chance to demonstrate their qualifications, Mary Mendoza received three votes to secure the appointment to fill the vacancy.

"I feel honored and blessed by the opportunity to represent the residents of my hometown as a member of the San Fernando City Council. San Fernando is a special community, and I will work hard to make sure residents enjoy the safest and healthiest quality of life possible," said Councilmember Mendoza.

ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT

117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO
CALIFORNIA
91340

OFFICE OF THE
CITY MANAGER
(818) 898-1202

PERSONNEL DIVISION
(818) 898-1220

WWW.SFCITY.ORG

PRESS RELEASE

City of San Fernando City Council Appoints Mary Mendoza to Fill Vacant City Council Seat

Page 2 of 2

Mary was born and raised in the City of San Fernando. She is deeply rooted in the community as five generations of her family, including all of her children, live in San Fernando.

Mary attended Morningside Elementary, San Fernando Junior High, San Fernando High School and Los Angeles Mission College, when it was located in the City of San Fernando. She received her Associate in Arts Degree from Mission College, where she also worked for 43 years. Mary is deeply involved in the community, including as a member of the Las Palmas Senior Citizen Club.

As a City Councilmember, Mary will prioritize the residents of San Fernando. She will work to ensure public safety, protect the City's water resources, improve roads and infrastructure, promote a healthy business environment, and a green community by planting more trees while being a good steward of the community's tax dollars.

Ms. Mendoza's term will run through the certification of the November 2020 election results.

#####