



# CITY OF MERCED

City Council Chamber  
Merced Civic Center  
2nd Floor  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

## Minutes

### City Council/Public Finance and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority

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Thursday, February 28, 2019

6:00 PM

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#### Tenaya Town Hall

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

**Clerk's Note:** The Town Hall Meeting was held at the Tenaya Middle School 760 W. 8th Street, Merced, CA 95341.

##### A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Council Member ECHEVARRIA led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### B. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Mike Murphy, Council Member Kevin Blake, Council Member Jill McLeod, Council Member Matthew Serratto, Council Member Delray Shelton, and Council Member Fernando Echevarria

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Pro Tempore Anthony Martinez

#### C. OPENING COMMENTS

##### C.1. Mike Murphy - Mayor

Mayor MURPHY welcomed everyone to the Town Hall and had the Council Members introduce themselves.

**Clerk's Note:** Mayor Pro Tempore MARTINEZ arrived at 6:44 PM.

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Avery LYNCH, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue.

Landon LYNCH, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue.

Olivia LYNCH, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue and having a "drunk tank" for people to sober up in rather than using the hospital.

Damien, Merced - spoke on a youth sports voucher program.

Mark LOPEZ, Merced - spoke on a youth sports voucher program.

Fernando, Merced - spoke on youth activities for low income families.

Jessie ORNELAS, Merced - spoke on a youth sports and recreation voucher program, youth participation in decisions regarding Measure Y funds, and improving Police and Community relations.

Shavon ROACH, Merced - spoke on a youth connect app.

Ernie AMEZCUA, Merced - spoke on adding line markers on streets specifically on 15th Street from M Street to R Street and 14th Street from M Street to O Street. He also spoke on the homeless issue and suggested the City look into tiny homes for the homeless.

Joel KNOX, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue, low-income multi-family units with on site managers, and sewer line street patching.

Merced Resident - spoke on a nuisance property located by East 11th Street and D Street and the homeless issue and the crosswalk on 16th Street by N Street.

James SYNDLER, Merced - spoke on City outreach for resources to the public and the homeless issue.

Cecilia MENDOZA, Merced - spoke on the street sweepers not sweeping her street.

Daniel PALLIDO, Merced - gave an update on the Merced Youth Soccer Association and asked Council for 50% use of the McNamara soccer fields.

Aaliyah, Merced - spoke on mental health counseling for Police Officers and the homeless issue.

Victor SEGUIN, Merced - spoke on issues with his neighbor on Anderegg Avenue. He asked about the meeting dates and time for the Measure Y Oversight Committee.

Chris JENSON, Merced - spoke on investing in the youth, the homeless issue, and contracting local vendors.

Isai PALMA, Merced - spoke on youth sponsorships, the homeless issue, and improving Police and Community relations. He also asked if there will be a Measure Y Oversight Committee.

Claudia CORCHADO, Merced - spoke on improving Police and Community relations and traffic issues concerning pedestrian versus vehicle accidents.

Eric MOORE, Merced - asked about the status of CP-42 (proposed City Park).

Ignacio RODRIGUEZ, Merced - spoke on the need for overpasses over the railroads, repairing streets, and tree maintenance.

Kristi SMITH, Merced - asked about a City loan to help her fix up her home so she can rent out a room and who can take care of the tree roots in her yard.

Rebecca, Merced - spoke on the homeless trespassing on her property.

Cheryl GRANT, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue.

Gloria SANDOVAL, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue, absentee landlords, and rent control.

Alyssa CASTRO, Merced - spoke on youth participation and asking Council to seek the youth out.

## **E. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

## **F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.