



# 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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Tuesday, February 26, 2019

6:00 PM

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#### Multicultural Arts Center Town Hall

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MURPHY called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**Clerk's Note:** The Town Hall Meeting was held at the Multicultural Arts Center 645 W. Main Street, Merced, CA 95340.

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

Council Member MCLEOD 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 7:03 PM.

#### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne EISENHART, Merced - asked about alley reconstruction and quiet zones. He also spoke about Restore Merced.

Matt ST. PIERRE, Merced - spoke on Restore Merced and asked the City to continue to invest in Restore Merced.

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Adam GONZALEZ, Merced - spoke on his experience working with Restore Merced and the opportunities it has provided him.

Aubrey JOHNSON, Merced - spoke on safety and cleanliness of the bike paths and youth programming.

Jolene COOK, Merced - asked about the homeless camp at Highway 59.

Martha ARMAS-KELLY, Merced - spoke on the homeless youth and adult counts that were conducted and displaced homeless youth.

Norma CARDONA, Merced - spoke on homeless youth, improving Police and Community relations, housing shortage, rent inflation, and business programs for first generation low income students.

Isai PALMA, Merced - spoke on the housing shortage, rent inflation, the Bicycle Advisory Commission, and improving Police and Community relations. He also asked about Measure V dollar allocation to the City and alternative transportation.

Allen BROOKS, Merced - spoke on improving Police and Community relations.

Ron COOK, Merced - stated his support for Restore Merced and encouraged the City to invest in the program.

Dr. SANDOVAL, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue, the housing shortage, and rent inflation.

Sol RIVAS, Merced - spoke on improving Police and Community relations.

Ronnie DEANDA, Merced - spoke on the history of the Cease Fire Program community walk.

Mike MALONE, Merced - spoke on the City's financial responsibility, economic development in the City, communication, and maintaining a positive mindset.

Eli SAX, Merced - spoke on LGBTQ+ awareness.

Gloria SANDOVAL, Merced - spoke on the homeless issue.

Catherine SHURE, Merced - spoke on affordable housing.

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Lee LOR, Merced County Supervisor - spoke on local government, the efforts to end homelessness, and Kids Discovery Center.

Colton DENNIS, Merced - spoke on improving the arts in the City.

#### **E. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting.

#### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.