

**MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY  
MORENO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
CITY AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE  
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY  
MORENO VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY  
MORENO VALLEY PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00 PM**

**October 27, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Joint Meeting of the City Council, Community Services District, City as Successor Agency for the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley, Moreno Valley Housing Authority and the Board of Library Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gutierrez in the Council Chamber located at 14177 Frederick Street.

Mayor Gutierrez announced that the City Council receives a separate stipend for CSD meetings.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Mohan.

**ROLL CALL**

Council:	Dr. Yxstian A. Gutierrez	Mayor
	D. LaDonna Jempson	Council Member
	David Marquez	Council Member
	Ulises Cabrera	Council Member

Council Member Jempson stated since the Special Meeting was related to the appointment, the City Attorney recommended she recuse herself.

Council Member Jempson left the dais at 6:05 p.m.

## INTRODUCTIONS

Staff:	Pat Jacquez-Nares	City Clerk
	Steven Quintanilla	Interim City Attorney
	Mike Lee	City Manager
	Brian Mohan	Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
	Michael Lloyd	Public Works Director/City Engineer
	Manuel Mancha	Community Development Director
	John Salisbury	Chief of Police
	Jesse Park	Fire Chief
	Dave Rodriguez	Battalion Chief

Mayor Gutierrez questioned how the Special Meeting came about.

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares reported Council Member Cabrera requested the meeting and Council Member Marquez supported the meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ON THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ONLY

### Alicia Espinoza

1. Expressed support for the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Recounted the appointment Mayor Gutierrez on September 24, 2013.

### Sandra Murphy

1. Expressed her disappointment in Council Members Cabrera and Marquez.
2. Opposed to the appointment of Council Member Jempson.

### Scott Heveran

1. Indicated his support for the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Expressed the need for representation.
3. Supported the appointment of the runners-up for the vacant City Council seats.

### Donovan Saadiq

1. Thanked Parks and Recreation, Mayor Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Baca for replacing the benches at Adrienne Mitchell Memorial Park. Remarked that the lights also require replacement.
2. Expressed opposition to the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
3. Recounted the appointment of Mayor Gutierrez.
4. Chastised Council Members Cabrera and Marquez for failing to heed the advice of staff.

### Bob Palomarez

1. Thanked Police and Fire for the work they do every day.
2. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
3. Criticized Council Members Marquez and Jempson.

### Nina Ramos Hiers

1. Expressed her sympathy for the passing of Mayor Pro Tem Baca.

2. Recounted the appointment of Mayor Gutierrez in 2013.
3. Supported the appointment of Council Member Jempson.

Fred Banuelos

1. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Questioned the motives of the City Council.

Radene Ramos

1. Claimed the 2013 appointment of Mayor Gutierrez included Brown Act violations.
2. Suggested the Brown Act violations be cured and corrected.
3. Supported the appointment of Council Member Jempson.

Rafael Brugueras

1. Criticized the comments made by Radene Ramos.
2. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
3. Reminded Council Member Cabrera of all of the work that he did to help him get elected.
4. Stated his disappointment in Council Member Cabrera's action to appoint Ms. Jempson to the City Council.

Elmer Thomas

1. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Called for the resignation of Council Members Marquez and Cabrera.
3. Praised Mayor Gutierrez for the work he has done for the City.

Roy Bleckert

1. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Accused the City Council of being morally and ethically wrong, and denying the people a voice.

Tom Jerele Sr.

1. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Suggested the implementation of a waiting list of qualified applicants for temporary appointment to the City Council.

Mayra Miramontes

1. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Criticized Council Member Cabrera.

Jasmine Jempson

1. Praised Council Member Jempson.
2. Supported the appointment of Council Member Jempson.

Jackie Jempson

1. Claimed anyone opposed to warehouses was subject to hatred.
2. Suggested that a former opponent of Council Member Jempson is fueled by his two losses to her.

Elena Santa Cruz

1. Stated Council Member Jempson was utilizing public funds.
2. Claimed Mayor Pro Tem Baca's endorsement garnered electoral victories for each Council Member.
3. Criticized Council Members Cabrera and Marquez.

Louise Palomarez

1. Called for the resignation of Council Member Cabrera and Council Member Marquez.
2. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
3. Praised Mayor Gutierrez.

Matthew Chen

1. Declared his candidacy for District 2.
2. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
3. Declared District 1 should have been given the opportunity to run and vote for their representative.

David Lara Telles

1. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Criticized Council Members Cabrera and Marquez.
3. Recounted Mayor Gutierrez's appointment of 2013.

Mrs. McIntosh

1. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Commended Mayor Pro Tem Baca.
3. Criticized Council Member Jempson.

Mrs. Lopez

1. Opposed the appointment of Council Member Jempson.
2. Praised Mayor Gutierrez.
3. Called for the resignation of Council Members Cabrera and Marquez.
4. Expressed disappointment of Council Members Cabrera and Marquez's decision to appoint Council Member Jempson.

Mayor Gutierrez thanked the Public for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns. He stated that on the advice of authorities, he announced that this meeting may be considered an illegal meeting; based on how it had been called and he could not vote on any of the three agenda items because they were being looked at by the District Attorney's office in regard to his colleagues, Mayor Gutierrez respectfully ended the meeting at 7:09 p.m. resulting in no quorum.

Council Member Cabrera asked for clarification regarding the quorum.

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares deferred to Interim City Attorney Quintanilla.

Interim City Attorney Quintanilla confirmed that no quorum exists, as the City Council was now comprised of four Council Members requiring three for a majority. He

explained that Council Member Jempson could not return to establish a quorum because she had a conflict of interest.

Council Member Cabrera remarked that she recused herself and didn't participate in the meeting at all.

Interim City Attorney Quintanilla stated Council Member Jempson couldn't participate in the meeting. He announced that as a quorum does not exist the meeting couldn't continue.

Council Member Cabrera requested confirmation that the next regularly scheduled meeting was on November 16.

Interim City Attorney Quintanilla responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Marquez questioned Interim City Attorney Quintanilla about why the City Council members were not previously advised of Mayor Gutierrez's intent to depart the meeting.

Interim City Attorney Quintanilla asserted that he had no idea Mayor Gutierrez was going to leave the meeting.

Council Member Cabrera questioned Interim City Attorney Quintanilla as to why he quickly followed behind Mayor Gutierrez as he left the meeting.

Interim City Attorney Quintanilla expressed he was trying to convince Mayor Gutierrez to return to the meeting.

Council Member Marquez asked if the meeting was still being televised.

Interim City Attorney Quintanilla reiterated the meeting would have to be adjourned due to a lack of quorum.

Council Member Marquez remarked Mayor Gutierrez stated he received advice from outside counsel.

Interim City Attorney Quintanilla affirmed he did not advise Mayor Gutierrez to leave and he was only able to confirm that he was going to attend the meeting to ensure a quorum.

## **A. BUSINESS**

- A.1. REQUEST TO PLACE ON A FUTURE AGENDA THE RESCISSION OF THE DECISION TO APPOINT DOLORES LADONNA JEMPSON TO FILL THE VACANCY OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISTRICT 1 IN RESPONSE TO THE “BROWN ACT DEMAND FOR CURE AND CORRECTION” LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 22, 2021, FROM CALIFORNIANS AWARE, THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC

No vote was taken due to a lack of quorum.

- A.2. REQUEST TO PLACE ON A FUTURE AGENDA THE CONSIDERATION OF A PROCESS, APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION, TO FILL VACANCY OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISTRICT 1; and

No vote was taken due to a lack of quorum.

- A.3. REQUEST TO PLACE ON A FUTURE AGENDA THE CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL COUNCIL SEAT FOR DISTRICT 1, INCLUDING SWEARING IN OF THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE.

No vote was taken due to a lack of quorum.

**(ITEMS MAY BE DEFERRED BY COUNCIL IF TIME DOES NOT PERMIT FULL REVIEW.)**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On the direction of the Interim City Attorney Quintanilla, Council Member Marquez adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC & CERA  
City Clerk  
Secretary, Moreno Valley Community Services District  
Secretary, City as Successor Agency for the Community  
Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley  
Secretary, Moreno Valley Housing Authority  
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees  
Secretary, Public Financing Authority

Approved by:

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David Marquez  
Council Member  
City of Moreno Valley  
Member, Moreno Valley Community Services District  
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