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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager
Date: November 15, 2019
Re: City Council Information Report

MAYOR TRAVELS TO WHITE HOUSE



Merced mayor meets at White House to talk about
affordable housing barriers

Merced Mayor Mike Murphy on Wednesday met with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson as part of a group of elected officials from across the county who gathered at the White House in Washington D.C. to discuss the housing crisis.

Murphy said the bipartisan round-table discussion served as a fact-finding meeting for Carson and leaders of other federal agencies.

“I shared with Secretary Carson and the broader group the challenges we have in terms of the housing market,” Murphy said. That included talking about the misuse of well-meaning environmental laws to stop good development and his concerns that building affordable housing can be much more expensive than other housing options.

HANDS-ON SKILLS TESTING

Applicants for the Water Distribution Operator I/II position went through a hands-on practical skills test this Wednesday at Water Well Site No. 2. Ten applicants participated and were graded on their performance at 5 work stations, including common tool and water part identification, water service meter installation procedures, water main leak repair procedures, vehicle & dump trailer pre-trip and operation course, and excavation & forming for a 1' x 1' concrete pad.



BEAR CREEK ARUNDO CLEANUPS

Public Works crews, along with assistance from California Department of Forestry (CDF) crews, will be clearing invasive arundo throughout various locations along Bear Creek (identified below) under an emergency permit from the state Department of Fish & Wildlife starting the week of Nov. 18.



ENGINEERING UPDATE

Water Well site No. 20

Clark Bros., Inc. is clearing land for construction at the site.



Water Well Site No. 21

Assembly of the pump station by Hobbs Construction is underway at the site.



Main & M Street Downtown Improvement Project

AGEE Construction is in the process of the grinding the street as part of the roadway reconstruction work.



SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Please find attached the Support Services monthly report for October.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please find attached an invitation to the Hoffman Security 40th Anniversary celebration.

HOMELESS MEMORIAL SET

Please find attached a flier on the Homeless Memorial planned for noon, Sat., Dec. 21, in Courthouse Park.

NEW BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CEO



The Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of Merced County hosted a reception to welcome their new Chief Executive Office Virginia Hayward. She and her husband come from Simi Valley, where she was CEO of the Simi Valley Boys and Girls Club. The couple are now residing in Mariposa County. The community was well represented at the reception. Council Member Matt Serratto, Assistant City Manager Stephanie Dietz, Parks and Recreation Director Joey Chavez, and Economic Development Director Frank Quintero attended the function. A special thank you is due to Michelle Allison and Nellie McGarry for stepping-in as co-CEO's while the Club was in search for a qualified candidate.

ASSEMBLY HEARING ON HIGH SPEED RAIL

The Assembly Committee on Transportation held an information hearing on High Speed Rail in Fresno on Tues., Nov. 12. Discussion centered on funding for the Valley to Valley connection, ridership, and progress on the construction efforts. Council Member Matt Serratto addressed the Assembly Committee presenting a case on why the Valley to Valley connection should include the City of Merced. Also speaking in support of the Valley to Valley Connection was former Merced College president Dr. Ben Duran.



HIGH SPEED RAIL BOARD MEMBER PEREA VISITS MERCED

Recently appointed High Speed Rail Authority Board Member Henry Perea and HSR Central Valley Project Manager Diana Gomez met with Mayor Mike Murphy, Council Member Matt Serratto, and City staff. Board Member Perea was presented with the background of High Speed Rail in Merced, and the City's desire to relocate the proposed Downtown Station. Following the meeting, Mayor Murphy and Council Member Serratto walked Downtown Merced with Mr. Perea highlighting the current projects under construction and improvements. The tour concluded with a walk-thru at the Merced Transpo Center. The meeting was coordinated by Richard Harmon, Townsend Public Affairs, and included City Manager Steve Carrigan, Assistant City Manager Stephanie Dietz, and Economic Development Director Frank Quintero.



LABOR MARKET INFORMATION – OCTOBER 2019

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 5.8 percent in October 2019, up from a revised 5.5 percent in September 2019, and below the year-ago estimate of 6.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.7 percent for California and 3.3 percent for the nation during the same period. The Labor Market Information reports are attached for your review.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Site Plan Review Committee met and approved a site plan for a new Starbucks's drive-through at R Street and W. Main Street. The developer will be following up with staff regarding building permit application and minor changes to the site plan. Economic Development Director Frank Quintero met with the developers of the Campus Parkway Plaza regarding infrastructure improvements and building permit application timing for Phase 1 of the project. Director Quintero also met with representatives from the Gateway Center project. The development team reported that infrastructure improvements are underway at Coffee Street and Campus Parkway (pictured below). An update on the Sears redevelopment project was discussed with the Office of Economic Development staff led by Seritage's developer.



SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 16 – Field of Honor, Closing Ceremony, Merced College, 2 p.m.

Nov. 19 – Hoffman Security’s 40th, 2301 Aviation Dr. Atwater, 4-6 p.m.

Nov. 19 – DY Project Fundraiser, MultiCultural Arts Center 6-8 p.m.

Dec. 6 – ACE Overcomers Open House, 3374 M St., 4-7 p.m.

Dec. 12 – League of Cities, Christmas meeting, Center Street Grill, 6 p.m.

Dec. 21 – Homeless Memorial, Courthouse Park, noon

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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Support Services October 2019 Monthly Report

	<u>Current</u> Oct '19	<u>Previous</u> Oct '18	<u>2019</u> YTD Total	<u>2018</u> Grand Total
Personnel:				
Recruitment(s)	5	8	49	61
New Hire(s) – Permanent	9	7	44	61
New Hire(s) – Temporary	4	1	52	59
Separations	3	3	61	48
Retired	0	0	8	11
Total Number of Employees	553	546	--	
Full Time	470	452	--	
Temporary	83	94	--	

Insurance:				
Government Claim (s) Filed	5	5	51	84
Subrogation Claim (s) Filed	5	5	35	50
Training - Workshops Offered	5	3	33	42

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Atwater, CA

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Merced, CA 95340



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Homeless Memorial 2019



***Join us to bring
awareness to
the problem of
homelessness
and remember those
who
have paid the ultimate
price.***

Where: Courthouse Park

When: December 21, 2019 12:00-1:00 PM

For Information call Kerri Marlow

(209)233-1657

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Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties
October 2019 - Preliminary
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	---	19,587,500	18,869,200	718,300	3.7%
ALAMEDA	9	860,100	837,600	22,400	2.6%
ALPINE	49	470	440	20	5.2%
AMADOR	19	15,060	14,570	480	3.2%
BUTTE	32	104,400	100,400	4,000	3.8%
CALAVERAS	19	21,610	20,910	700	3.2%
COLUSA	56	11,090	10,280	810	7.3%
CONTRA COSTA	10	571,900	556,300	15,500	2.7%
DEL NORTE	44	9,890	9,400	490	4.9%
EL DORADO	16	92,200	89,400	2,800	3.0%
FRESNO	52	451,400	425,000	26,400	5.8%
GLENN	39	13,270	12,690	580	4.4%
HUMBOLDT	13	64,200	62,300	1,900	2.9%
IMPERIAL	58	73,800	58,100	15,700	21.2%
INYO	13	8,700	8,450	250	2.9%
KERN	54	393,300	369,200	24,100	6.1%
KINGS	55	57,900	54,300	3,600	6.3%
LAKE	36	29,820	28,600	1,220	4.1%
LASSEN	19	10,570	10,230	340	3.2%
LOS ANGELES	41	5,161,500	4,928,500	233,000	4.5%
MADERA	51	61,700	58,400	3,300	5.4%
MARIN	2	143,000	140,100	2,900	2.0%
MARIPOSA	27	7,750	7,490	260	3.4%
MENDOCINO	18	39,520	38,300	1,210	3.1%
MERCED	52	118,600	111,800	6,900	5.8%
MODOC	43	3,230	3,080	150	4.6%
MONO	29	8,400	8,090	310	3.6%
MONTEREY	31	228,200	219,700	8,400	3.7%
NAPA	5	75,400	73,600	1,700	2.3%
NEVADA	13	48,080	46,690	1,400	2.9%
ORANGE	8	1,633,900	1,592,600	41,300	2.5%
PLACER	11	186,900	181,800	5,200	2.8%
PLUMAS	44	7,890	7,500	390	4.9%
RIVERSIDE	34	1,106,100	1,062,800	43,300	3.9%
SACRAMENTO	19	716,000	692,800	23,200	3.2%
SAN BENITO	36	31,400	30,100	1,300	4.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	28	973,500	939,800	33,700	3.5%
SAN DIEGO	11	1,609,400	1,563,600	45,800	2.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	2	591,500	579,900	11,600	2.0%
SAN JOAQUIN	47	327,500	311,200	16,300	5.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	7	143,500	140,000	3,500	2.4%
SAN MATEO	1	467,200	458,700	8,500	1.8%
SANTA BARBARA	16	218,500	211,900	6,600	3.0%
SANTA CLARA	4	1,070,800	1,046,800	24,000	2.2%
SANTA CRUZ	24	144,300	139,400	4,800	3.3%
SHASTA	32	74,900	72,000	2,800	3.8%
SIERRA	34	1,370	1,310	50	3.9%
SISKIYOU	41	17,600	16,810	790	4.5%
SOLANO	24	209,200	202,400	6,800	3.3%
SONOMA	5	264,000	257,900	6,000	2.3%
STANISLAUS	44	244,600	232,700	11,900	4.9%
SUTTER	50	45,200	42,800	2,400	5.3%
TEHAMA	38	26,480	25,340	1,140	4.3%
TRINITY	39	4,730	4,520	210	4.4%
TULARE	57	202,800	186,500	16,300	8.0%
TUOLUMNE	29	21,680	20,890	780	3.6%
VENTURA	24	424,200	410,300	13,900	3.3%
YOLO	19	108,800	105,300	3,500	3.2%
YUBA	48	29,100	27,600	1,500	5.1%

Notes

- 1) Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.
- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2018 benchmark and Census 2010 population controls at the state level.

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 18	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	116,900	116,400	118,300	118,600	0.3%	1.5%
Civilian Employment	109,600	108,100	111,900	111,800	-0.1%	2.0%
Civilian Unemployment	7,300	8,300	6,500	6,900	6.2%	-5.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.2%	7.1%	5.5%	5.8%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.0%	4.2%	3.5%	3.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.5%	3.8%	3.3%	3.3%		

Total, All Industries (2)	86,800	86,500	88,800	89,300	0.6%	2.9%
Total Farm	16,700	15,500	16,600	16,200	-2.4%	-3.0%
Total Nonfarm	70,100	71,000	72,200	73,100	1.2%	4.3%
Total Private	50,500	52,400	51,900	52,100	0.4%	3.2%
Goods Producing	12,700	13,500	13,300	12,800	-3.8%	0.8%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,900	2,800	2,800	0.0%	7.7%
Manufacturing	10,100	10,600	10,500	10,000	-4.8%	-1.0%
Nondurable Goods	8,700	9,000	8,800	8,400	-4.5%	-3.4%
Service Providing	57,400	57,500	58,900	60,300	2.4%	5.1%
Private Service Providing	37,800	38,900	38,600	39,300	1.8%	4.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,900	13,700	13,700	13,900	1.5%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-15.8%
Retail Trade	8,300	8,500	8,400	8,600	2.4%	3.6%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,700	3,600	3,700	3,700	0.0%	0.0%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	4,200	4,300	4,300	4,500	4.7%	7.1%
Educational & Health Services	10,300	11,100	10,900	11,000	0.9%	6.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	6,100	6,000	6,200	3.3%	6.9%
Other Services	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	6.7%
Government	19,600	18,600	20,300	21,000	3.4%	7.1%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	18,900	17,900	19,600	20,300	3.6%	7.4%
State Government	4,000	4,300	4,600	4,700	2.2%	17.5%
State Government Education	3,400	3,700	4,000	4,100	2.5%	20.6%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	14,900	13,600	15,000	15,600	4.0%	4.7%
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