

CITY MANAGER UPDATE – September 2015

Greetings to all residents, businesses and visitors of the City of Jurupa Valley,

I would like to share with you some legislative news that has occurred this month up in Sacramento. As many of you are aware, when we became California's newest city on July 1, 2011, Governor Brown signed legislation, SB 89, which eliminated all Motor Vehicle License Fee funding to our city. This resulted in a fiscal loss to our annual budget by over 25% to the tune of approximately \$5.5 million per year. Your City Council, City staff, Senator Richard Roth, and Assembly Member Eric Linder have all been working diligently ever since to find a mechanism to rectify the catastrophic loss of our funding and right the wrong that was done to Jurupa Valley.

Recently, I am happy to report, we have had some success! The Governor had directed his staff to work with both houses of the state legislature to address key issues regarding the dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies, and correction of various local government funding issues statewide. The Governor in particular included funding in the state budget this year to address some of the loss of revenue Jurupa Valley had suffered from SB 89. Your legislators worked very hard to come up with final implementation legislation, SB 107, which would resolve many of these statewide funding issues. Included in SB 107 is language that provides for one time funding to be provided the County of Riverside, in exchange for the County retiring the approximately \$22 million in first year service cost reimbursements and deferred revenue neutrality payments owed to the County by our City. This level of funding provides a substantial reimbursement of the funding we have lost so far from SB 89, funding that had been intended to pay those obligations to begin with had the state not taken that funding away. Governor Brown signed this legislation into law on September 22nd.

What does this mean for Jurupa Valley? Foremost, the passage of and signing of SB 107 will now eliminate all of the City's outstanding debt, relieving this significant burden on moving forward. Secondly, this also allows the City to remove the cloud of disincorporation from over our heads, as we now have a clear path forward to well into the future. However, we are not done yet. We are still actively engaged in restoring the ongoing annual funding that was taken away, funding that 478 cities in the state did not lose, which will allow the City to greatly improve ongoing citywide services.

Unfortunately, also sent to the Governor's desk was SB25, the legislation Senator Roth authored to restore the annual loss of funding that our city, as well as Menifee, Wildomar, and Eastvale, all sustained from SB 89. Unfortunately the Governor vetoed this bill, and Senator Roth has fully committed to continue the effort to restore this lost annual funding. I can assure you that we will join Senator Roth in continuing to work towards full restitution of these lost funds as we move forward.

Have you heard? "El Nino" is coming! How prepared are you for the upcoming rainy season? Please take a few minutes and walk your property and correct any items that may need attention to ensure water can run off freely, unobstructed and not into your adjoining neighbor's property. If you have a culvert or drainage swale on your property, now is the perfect time to clean and clear debris. There will be sandbags and sand available at Fire Station #16- 9270 Limonite Ave., and Station #18- 7545 Mission Blvd. They are both open from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The City is also working with the Lions Club on their offer to host sandbag pick up at their facility on Limonite Ave. I would also like to recommend that you review your safety procedures and evacuation plans for your home. Please check the City's web site for further information on weather preparations as we move into the late fall and winter months.

The City is actively notifying property owners with reminders concerning clearance of their drainage swales, and we have also identified approximately \$625,000 of projects in the public right of way that we will be addressing in the coming months in order to mitigate some of the habitual flooding areas in the City. City crews are currently working through the City clearing City responsible storm drain culverts and drainage lines in preparation of the predicted significant inclement weather this winter, and is working closely with all other public agencies, including our Sheriff and Fire agencies, for emergency planning and response.

There are several events planned for the upcoming months. I would encourage you to check out the city's website and the community calendar for information on what is happening in Jurupa Valley. The City is seeking volunteers to help support many of the activities planned for our 5th year Birthday Celebration. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Terri Rollings at City Hall (see website). In conclusion, please be sure to contact City Hall for any questions you have concerning City functions, problems that need addressed, or assistance in activities you are engaged in requiring working with City Hall. Contact information and updates can be found on our website at - www.jurupavalley.org

Sincerely,

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