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Governor Signs Important Law Helping the City of La Puente

Sacramento – Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a measure to help the [City of La Puente](#) further utilize newly acquired funding from the County of Los Angeles to benefit the overall livelihood of residents in the city. [Senate Bill 361](#), authored by [Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D. \(D – West Covina\)](#), allows La Puente to use this much-needed money in order to jump-start improvement projects, such as lighting, traffic lights, construction of community centers and land for parks. The bill passed through the California State Legislature with unanimous bipartisan support which will give the city the opportunity to revitalize its space and enhance livability for its 40,000 residents.

“I thank Governor Brown for recognizing how important this bill is to help the city of La Puente grow and thrive,” said **La Puente Mayor Valerie Munoz**, speaking for the City Council. “This new authority is a win for the city that improves our community and enhances the well-being of our residents through much-needed community projects.”

SB 361 expands the authority of the City of La Puente’s Landscaping and Lighting District (District) to perform duties pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (1972 Act) in California state law, in addition to the district’s existing authority to perform specified lighting maintenance under the Improvement Act of 1911 (1911 Act). In July 2016, the County of Los Angeles agreed to cede control of County Lighting Maintenance District 1744 to La Puente, which is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the city, and grant the city the fund balance in excess of \$10 million. SB 361 provides authority to the city to utilize these funds for aesthetic improvements to the city allowed under the 1972 Act, including landscaping, in addition to lighting maintenance.

“SB 361 provides tremendous opportunity for the City of La Puente,” said **Senator Hernandez**. “Granting additional authority to the city to utilize this funding allows the city to give its residents greater access to green space, faster response to lighting needs, and generally enhance the overall community living environment.”

“The sentiment at City hall is carbonated joy. The City of La Puente is grateful to Senator Hernandez for his efforts locally and in Sacramento. His support was instrumental in the realization of SB 361,” said **La Puente City Manager David Carmany**. “We are excited to put these dollars to work for our community. It’ll help keep La Puente verdant and make our lights shine.”

The La Puente City Council approved Resolution No. 17-5333 on February 28, 2017 affirming support of SB 361.

For questions or to learn more about La Puente, contact City Hall at (626) 855-1500.

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