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## MONTEREY PARK MAYOR AND L.A. LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS HOST JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. – Mayor Mike Eng of Monterey Park and the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters will host a news conference on Friday, March 11th at noon to announce the formation of the city’s new Environmental Commission. The Conference will be held at the Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant located at 111 North Atlantic Blvd., at the corner of Garvey Avenue in Monterey Park. The restaurant is located on the top floor. For directions, please phone the restaurant at (626) 300-8833 in Monterey Park.

“We are pleased to join with Mayor Eng and the entire City Council to formally announce the creation of this important City effort,” said LALCV President Andi Liebenbaum. “LALCV is proud to have played a part in encouraging the Council to understand how an Environmental Commission can improve its role in governing the City.”

The Commission – one of the first of its kind in Southern California – will address issues relating to recycling and waste reduction, sustainable practices for construction, water and energy conservation, storm drain issues, and most importantly, outreach to and education of the public.

Mayor Eng has been a staunch supporter of the Environmental Commission. “I believe the Environmental Commission will protect public health and wellbeing and can serve as a model of how other cities in the San Gabriel Valley can integrate an environmental ethic into good government.”

“By adopting a comprehensive plan to address environmental concerns, the City of Monterey Park now has the opportunity to assist residents and businesses in understanding the important role they play in guiding decisions regarding clean air, reduced pollution, greater recycling, and other environmentally focused issues,” stated Liebenbaum.

The Monterey Park City Council formally approved of the Environmental Commission at their meeting on February 16. The Council voted unanimously (5-0-0) in favor of its approval.

The Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters took the unusual step of suspending its own rules in order to support the measure and provide testimony at the February 16 Monterey Park City Council meeting. The League is the county-wide political action organization dedicated to supporting candidates and ballot measures that protect the environment. According to Liebenbaum, LALCV was willing to suspend its bylaws, which direct the LALCV Board of Directors to take positions on local electoral politics and not on issues of city structure, because the Environmental Commission represents a landmark opportunity to unite business development, public health, and community education in one arena. “The establishment and operation of an empowered and informed Environmental Commission positions Monterey Park as a leader in Los Angeles County for ensuring that environmental concerns are part of City decisions, agency deliberations, and the public conscience,” noted Liebenbaum shortly after the vote. “We applaud Mayor Eng’s leadership and the strong words of support and enthusiasm expressed by his four Council colleagues. Now, we look to the work of the Commission for the true test of its value.”

For more information on the LALCV, visit [www.lalecv.org](http://www.lalecv.org).

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