



CITY OF BALDWIN PARK

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Baldwin Park Joins LA County Cities Seeking Injunction Against Zero Bail Policy

BALDWIN PARK, CA - The City of Baldwin Park will join more than a dozen Los Angeles County cities in filing a lawsuit to stop the County's implementation of its new "zero bail" policy. Enacted on Oct. 1, the County policy eliminates cash bail for many misdemeanor and felony offenses.

"The wellbeing of our community and residents is our top priority," said Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada. "We support criminal justice reform and strive to eliminate socioeconomic disparities in the justice system. In order to do so, reform must be well thought out and implemented correctly. The County's current policies hinder our ability to maintain our safe community, and we cannot support such policies that may put our community at risk."

The Baldwin City Council voted unanimously at its Oct. 4 closed session meeting to authorize the City to join the other communities seeking a permanent injunction against the new court policy. Baldwin Park joins the cities of Whittier, Arcadia, Artesia, Covina, Downey, Glendora, Industry, Lakewood, La Verne, Palmdale, Santa Fe Springs, Vernon and Beverly Hills in the lawsuit.

First approved in July by the Los Angeles County Superior Court, the new bail policy requires that the majority of nonviolent offenders be cited and released within 24 hours of their arrest, instead of being held in jail on bond. Under the policy, arrestees will be released at the location of arrest or booked and then released. Higher-level offenders would be subject to non-financial pre-arraignment release terms and conditions.

The City will continue to update the community as the injunction request proceeds and new information becomes available.

About the City of Baldwin Park

Baldwin Park is a nearly seven-square-mile, suburban community of 72,000 residents in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. As the hub of the San Gabriel Valley, Baldwin Park is known for its ease of access and mobility, young and diverse residents, and vibrant, growing business community. For more information, visit baldwinpark.com or follow Baldwin Park on Facebook (@BaldwinParkCAGov), Instagram (BaldwinPark_CAGov), and Twitter (BaldwinParkCA_).

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