



CITY OF BALDWIN PARK

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Senator Rubio Secures \$6 Million to Build Baldwin Park's New Zocalo Park – Park & Civic Center Plaza Press Conference

City of Baldwin Park Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilmembers along with Senator Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) will celebrate the Zocalo Park & Civic Center Plaza Project at a press conference held at City Hall Courtyard, 14403 E. Pacific Avenue, in Baldwin Park on Friday, March 11 at 10 a.m.

“The Zocalo Park & Civic Center Plaza will be a social and economic hub for the City of Baldwin Park, the hub of the San Gabriel Valley,” said Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada. “On behalf of the City, we thank Senator Rubio for securing the funding to make this project possible.”

“This park was a dream of mine when I was a Baldwin Park councilmember, and I’m so proud that I was able to secure state money to build it,” said Senator Rubio. “I want to thank Mayor Estrada, the City Council, and staff for pushing this project to the finish line. The residents deserve a park to enjoy the outdoors that they can call their own. Zocalo Park will be that place.”

The plaza is one part of the City's long-standing plan to revitalize Downtown Baldwin Park. In fact, the City first commissioned the project nearly six years ago but had to shelve it due to a lack of funding. Now, Baldwin Park will finance the project using \$6 million from Senator Rubio's Senate Bill 129 (SB 129), which makes funding available to create open/civic space in urban settings in California.

The Zocalo Park & Civic Center Plaza Project will be located in the area northwest of Baldwin Park City Hall at the intersection of Pacific and Maine Avenues to Sterling Way. The project will include a walkable plaza and new passive park with public art, veterans memorial, decorative lighting, pavilion, retail building, city monument signage, water conservation features and ADA compliant access. Baldwin Park City Hall will also receive exterior improvements to complement the design of Zocalo Park & Civic Center Plaza.

The park and plaza will create value for the community as a safe and beautiful place to gather and socialize, enjoy serenity in an urban environment, move and stay healthy and enrich the everyday moments that occur in and around this new hub.

The Baldwin Park City Council approved a professional services agreement with La Cañada Design Group Inc. for architectural and engineering design services for the Zocalo Park & Civic Center Plaza Project at its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 16. The agreement includes conceptual designs for the new City Hall Annex Building, conceptual designs for the City Hall exterior upgrades, a traffic impact study and construction and CEQA documents for the project.

The project's design is expected to be completed in summer 2022. Construction will start this fall and will be completed in spring 2023.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will follow this press conference to mark the end of the downtown beautification project.

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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