



# CITY OF BALDWIN PARK

## Media Advisory

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### **Groundbreaking Ceremony for Susan Rubio Zocalo Park & Civic Center Plaza on Thursday, October 27**

**What:** The City of Baldwin Park will break ground on the Susan Rubio Zocalo Park & Civic Center Plaza – a significant milestone in the City’s downtown revitalization plan – this Thursday, October 27 at 11 a.m. During its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, the Baldwin Park City Council approved the plans and construction agreement for the 2.75-acre park, which will be located directly northwest of Baldwin Park City Hall at the intersection of Pacific and Maine Avenues to Sterling Way.

“After more than two years of pandemic, the Susan Rubio Zocalo Park is a symbol of recovery for the City of Baldwin Park,” said Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada. “Through this passive park and plaza, the Baldwin Park City Council remains committed to fostering an economically thriving downtown in Baldwin Park and ensuring every resident feels welcome to enjoy their downtown.”

In March, Senator Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park), a former Baldwin Park City Council member, announced she had secured \$6 million in the state budget to cover more than half of the cost of the \$11.1 million park project.

“This public open space has been many years in the making and made possible through the tireless efforts of so many people in the community, who came together to support this vision,” said Senator Susan Rubio. “I’m grateful to the community and its leaders for their support and I look forward to a time in the near future when this park is a gathering place for our families.”

Susan Rubio Zocalo Park & Civic Center Plaza, the first major park to be built in Baldwin Park in decades, will include a walkable plaza and new passive park with art pieces, decorative lighting, pavilion, retail building, monument sign, water conservation features and ADA compliant, accessible pedestrian walkway, bike lanes and wayfinding signage.

The park and plaza and beautification projects improve the aesthetic and usability of the City’s downtown, which now seamlessly connects to the Baldwin Park Transit Center, providing increased and easier access to transportation alternatives.

The Susan Rubio Zocalo Park & Civic Center Plaza project is expected to be completed in spring 2023.

**Who:** Dignitaries in attendance include: State Senator Susan Rubio; Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada; and members of the Baldwin Park City Council.

**Where:** Baldwin Park City Hall courtyard, 14403 E. Pacific Ave., Baldwin Park, CA 91706. Parking is available in the parking structure located at 3851 Bogart Avenue, Baldwin Park, CA 91706.

**When:** Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 11 a.m.

### **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](http://baldwinpark.com) or follow Baldwin Park on Facebook (@BaldwinParkCAGov), Instagram (BaldwinPark\_CAGov), and Twitter (BaldwinParkCA\_)

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