



## **AGENDA**

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Saturday, February 14, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**

**SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**  
**Monday, February 14, 2009 – Immediately Following the Special City Council Meeting**  
**Hillside Conference Room**

**Meeting Location**  
El Cerrito City Hall – City Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Sandi Potter – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson  
Councilmember Greg Lyman

Councilmember/Agency Chair William C. Jones, III  
Councilmember/Agency Vice-Chair Ann Cheng

**9:00 a.m. ROLL CALL**

**CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – led by Mayor Potter.**

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

(Comments are limited to 3 minutes and to items listed on the Special City Council Meeting Agenda only.)

**3. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Consent Item 3A**

**A. El Cerrito High School Proclamation**

Approve a proclamation commending the West Contra Costa Unified School District in partnership with the El Cerrito Community on the completion of the new El Cerrito High School on the occasion of El Cerrito High School's Grand Opening Celebration on February 27 and 28, 2009. The new El Cerrito High School enhances this City's history and its built environment, all of which contribute significantly to making the City of El Cerrito a desirable community in which to live, work and raise a family.

**4. CITY COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRIORITY SETTING WORKSESSION**

City Council discussion of priorities, goals and budget.

**5. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

*(Held over from the meeting of January 20, 2009)*

- A. Mayor Potter Assignments: Arts & Culture Commission; Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Alternate, Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference, Disaster Preparedness Council, East Bay Delta Housing & Financial Agency, Human Relations Commission, League of California Cities East Bay Division Alternate, Pension Board, Temporary Permits Committee, Underground Utilities Committee, West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Association, West County Regional Library Board Delegate, and West County Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Alternate.
- B. Councilmember Abelson Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), General Assembly Delegate, Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference Alternate, League of California Cities East Bay Division Delegate, Committee on Aging, Environmental Quality Committee, Park and Recreation Commission, Pension Board Alternate, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Delegate, and West Contra Costa County Mayors and Supervisors Association Alternate.
- C. Councilmember Cheng Assignments: Design Review Board, Economic Development Board, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate.
- D. Councilmember Jones Assignments: Disaster Preparedness Council Alternate, Planning Commission, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field JPA; Temporary Permits Committee; Underground Utilities Committee, West County Regional Library Board Alternate, and West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Delegate.
- E. Councilmember Lyman Assignments: Crime Prevention Committee, Financial Advisory Board, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field JPA Alternate, Tree Committee and West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Alternate.

**6. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**7. CONVENE SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*(Comments are limited to 3 minutes and to items listed on the Special Redevelopment Agency Meeting Agenda only.)*

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION  
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Property:** 6500 Stockton Avenue  
**Agency Negotiators:** Scott Hanin, Executive Director  
Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager  
Lori Trevino, Redevelopment Agency Manager  
Karen Tiedemann, Agency Counsel

**Negotiating Parties:** West Contra Costa Unified School District  
**Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms

**RECESS INTO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION**

**POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**8. ADJOURN SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

- *In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, (510) 215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).*
- *The Deadline for agenda items and communications for the 03/02/09 regular meeting is Monday, 02/23/09 by 12 noon, City Clerk's Office, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA. Tel: 215-4305 Fax: 215-4379, email [cmorse@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:cmorse@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us)*
- **IF YOU CHALLENGE A DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING. ACTIONS CHALLENGING CITY COUNCIL DECISIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE TIME LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 1094.6.**

## *City of El Cerrito*

### *Congratulating the El Cerrito High School Community on the Grand Opening of El Cerrito High*

WHEREAS, El Cerrito High School opened on January 6, 1941 and has been a vibrant and enthusiastic part of the El Cerrito Community; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Seville Group, Incorporated; WLC Architects, Incorporated and Lathrop Construction, construction was initiated on September 18, 2006 and the new facility opened on January 5, 2009, under the supervision of principal, Jason Reimann; and

WHEREAS, students and staff members have been working and studying inside temporary portable buildings for more than three years; and

WHEREAS, El Cerrito High School now offers a 209,000 square foot facility featuring a new 600 seat theater, state-of-the-art classrooms and science labs prewired for LCD projectors and televisions, a practice gym and large gym, a weight room and dance studio, a health clinic, a radio classroom, a cafeteria and library; and

WHEREAS, the state-of-the-art buildings represent the community's investment in education; and

WHEREAS, the buildings incorporate many environmentally friendly and energy efficient elements including solar panels on the school's roof, energy efficient ventilation and heating systems and other environmentally-friendly devices to conserve energy.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of El Cerrito does hereby commend the West Contra Costa Unified School District in partnership with the El Cerrito Community on the completion of the new El Cerrito High School which enhances this City's history and its built environment, all of which contribute significantly to making the City of El Cerrito a desirable community in which to live, work and raise a family and congratulates the Community on the occasion of the El Cerrito High School's Grand Opening Celebration on February 27 through February 28, 2009.

Dated: February 14, 2009

Presented: February 28, 2009

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Sandi M. Potter, Mayor