

# AGENDA

Paramount Economic Development Board  
November 5, 2025



Regular Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers  
6:00 p.m.

City of Paramount

16400 Colorado Avenue ♦ Paramount, CA 90723 ♦ (562) 220-2000 ♦ [www.paramountcity.gov](http://www.paramountcity.gov)

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**Public Comments:** Members of the public wanting to address the Economic Development Board, either during public comments or for a specific agenda item, or both, may do so by the following methods:

- **In-person**

If you wish to make a statement, please complete a Speaker's Card prior to the commencement of the Public Comments period of the meeting. Speaker's Cards are located at the entrance. Give your completed card to a staff member and when your name is called, please go to the podium provided for the public.

- **E-mail:** [planning@paramountcity.gov](mailto:planning@paramountcity.gov)

E-mail public comments must be received **15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting**. The e-mail should specify the following information: 1) Full Name; 2) City of Residence; 3) Phone Number; 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item No.; 5) Subject; 6) Written Comments.

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### Notes

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair David Moody

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Board Member Ernie Esparza  
Board Member Linda Timmons  
Board Member Gordon Weisenburger  
Vice Chair Javier Gonzalez  
Chair David Moody

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## MINUTES

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1. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#) October 1, 2025

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

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## REPORTS

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2. [ORAL REPORT](#) It Takes a Planner – A recap of the APA Conference

## COMMENTS

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3. [COMMENTS](#)
  - Board Members
  - Staff

## ADJOURNMENT

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To a meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

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NOVEMBER 5, 2025

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2025.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] APPROVED

[ ] DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 2025**

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Economic Development Board was called to order by Chair David Moody at 6:54 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

### **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Present: Board Member Ernie Esparza  
Board Member Linda Timmons  
Board Member Gordon Weisenburger  
Vice Chair Javier Gonzalez  
Chair David Moody

Absent: None

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Lindsay Thorson, Planning Commission Attorney  
John King, Planning and Building Director  
Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planning and Building Director  
Rick Baptista, Building and Safety Manager  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

## **MINUTES**

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### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 3, 2025**

Chair Moody presented the Economic Development Board minutes of September 3, 2025 for approval.

It was moved by Board Member Timmons and seconded by Board Member Esparza to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Board Members Esparza, Timmons, and  
Weisenburger; Vice Chair Gonzalez;  
and Chair Moody

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Planning and Buliding Director King stated that there are no public comments.

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**REPORTS**

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**2. ORAL REPORT  
NATIONAL  
COMMUNITY  
PLANNING MONTH**

Planning and Building Director John King presented an oral report highlighting October as National Community Planning Month. The presentation recognized the work put in by members of the Economic Development Board and staff in supporting the local community through Planning. Key elements that help shape Paramount through Planning include guiding development in the community, land use planning, community engagement, zoning regulations, and policy implementation.

On behalf of staff, Planning and Building Director King thanked the Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and Economic Development Board for everything that they do.

There was further discussion between the Economic Development Board and staff.

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**COMMENTS**

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**3. COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the Board Members or staff.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Timmons at 7:02 p.m. to the next Economic Development Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

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David Moody, Chair

ATTEST:

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Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

ORAL REPORT

IT TAKES A PLANNER – A RECAP OF THE APA CONFERENCE



**To:** Honorable Economic Development Board

**From:** John King, AICP, Planning and Building Director

**By:** Monica Rodriguez, Assistant Planning and Building Director

**Date:** November 5, 2025

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## **SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT – IT TAKES A PLANNER**

### **BACKGROUND**

This report provides a summary of key takeaways from the American Planning Association (APA) 2025 California Conference held in Monterey, CA from September 28 to October 1, 2025. Several staff members of the Planning Division participated in the conference, which served as a valuable opportunity for professional development, networking, and knowledge exchange among planning professionals across the state.

The APA California Conference is an annual event that brings together urban planners, consultants, and students to discuss emerging trends, best practices, and legislative updates impacting planning and development in California. This year's conference featured a wide range of sessions, workshops, and networking events focused on innovation, equity, sustainability, and legislative change.

### **Purpose and Benefits:**

The primary goals of attending the conference included:

- **Professional Development:** Access to accredited sessions that contribute to continuing education requirements for certified planners.
- **Networking:** Opportunities to connect with peers, industry leaders, and potential job seekers from across the state.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Exposure to case studies and presentations on successful and ongoing projects in other cities, offering insights that can be adapted locally.
- **Legislative Updates:** In-depth discussions on new and pending state legislation affecting housing, economic development, climate action, and land use planning.

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF