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WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION TO DENOUNCE PANDEMIC- RELATED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ASIANS AND ASIAN AMERICANS



The Westminster City Council has unanimously passed a resolution denouncing xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The resolution also affirms the city's commitment to combating hate crimes targeting Asians and Asian Americans.

The City Council recognizes a racially inclusive community is essential to the health and safety its residents. Anyone who experiences or witnesses a hate crime or threat is advised to contact the Westminster Police Department (9-1-1 for emergencies or the non-emergency dispatch line at 714-548-3212).

[Click here for the full press release and resolution.](#)

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LAW ENFORCEMENT VETERAN ROY CAMPOS SERVES AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

City Manager Marwan Youssef has appointed Roy Campos to serve as the interim chief for the Westminster Police Department.

With over 44 years of law enforcement experience, Campos began his career as a police student worker for the Los Angeles Police Department before he was hired by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a deputy sheriff in 1978. Campos graduated first in his class and earned the Honor Cadet distinction.

In 1979, Campos was hired as a police officer by the Downey Police Department where he served for over 30 years, promoting through the ranks. In 2005, Campos was selected as the city's police chief.

Since his retirement in 2009, Campos has served as the interim police chief in the cities of Signal Hill, Irwindale, and Bell. Campos also served as the interim police chief for Westminster from June 2016 through February 2017.

"I look forward to working with Chief Campos," said Youssef. "He has a wealth of knowledge and experience, and he knows the organization well from serving as our interim chief four years ago."

Campos is serving in the interim while the city seeks a permanent chief.

Coronavirus Update



Current Status (3/14/21): Red Tier

- **Dance Studios, Gyms, Fitness Centers, Yoga Studios, and Climbing Walls**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 10% capacity
- **Funeral Homes**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 25% capacity
 - No food/beverages permitted
- **Libraries**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Movie Theaters**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- **Museums and Zoos**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 25% capacity
- **Restaurants**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
 - Wineries, breweries, and distilleries (where meals are not served): outdoor only with modifications, reservations required, 90-minute time limit, seating/tables only, limited hours (service for on-site consumption close by 8:00 pm)
 - Does not include bars where meals are not served, which must remain closed in the red tier
- **Places of Worship**
 - May remain open indoors with modifications, limited to 25% capacity
- **Retail (Includes Bookstores, Florists, Grocery, Home and Furnishing Stores, Jewelry, Sporting Goods, etc.)**
 - Indoor capacity can increase to 50%
- **Shopping Malls and Swap Meets**
 - Indoor capacity can increase to 50%
 - Food courts can open with limited capacity of 25% or 100 people (whichever is less)
 - Closed common areas
- **Hair Salons and Barbershops**
 - May remain open indoors with modifications
- **Personal Care Services (e.g. Nail Salons, Body Waxing, Tattoo Parlors, Piercing Studios, Skin Care and Cosmetology, Massage Services)**
 - May remain open indoors with modifications
- **Weddings**
 - Ceremonies can take place indoors with modifications at 25% capacity
 - No food/beverages permitted
- **Youth and Adult Recreational Sports**
 - Some outdoor moderate-contact sports permitted. Higher-contact outdoor sports may be permitted, subject to additional requirements. Guidance available at [COVID19.ca.gov](https://www.COVID19.ca.gov).

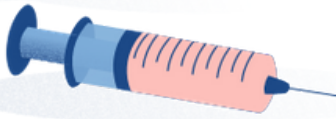
For more information, visit www.COVID19.ca.gov or call the COVID-19 Hotline at (714) 834-2000.

[WWW.WESTMINSTER-CA.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.WESTMINSTER-CA.GOV/CORONAVIRUS)



Vaccines are in very short supply.

Get Notified When It's Time to Book Your Appointment.



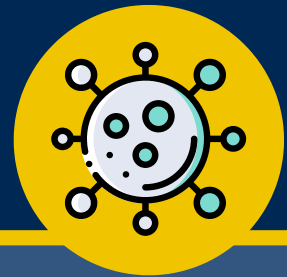
Questions about COVID-19 or the vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000.

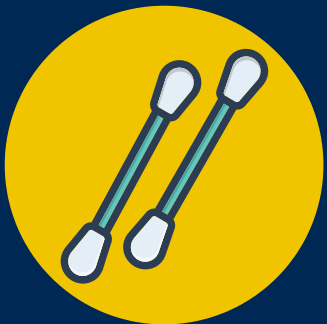
The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAQs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., seven days a week.



FREE



Saliva At-Home Test Kits & Nostril Swab At-Home Test Kits



FOR ALL ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS
[Click here to order yours!](#)



BUSINESS RESOURCES

SBA's COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

Business' applying for the U.S. Small Business Administration COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) may check to see if the business meets the low-income community eligibility requirement using the map [here](#). For questions about the EIDL, call 800-659-2955 or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.



California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

NEW rounds are coming!

[Click here for more information.](#)



Check out our "[Local Business Resources](#)" page for information and resources available through local agencies and non-profit organizations!



HIRING NOW



POLICE OFFICER I

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Full-Time
- Closes: Continuous

POLICE OFFICER RECRUIT

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Part-Time Hourly
- Closes: Continuous

CROSSING GUARD

- Department: Community Services
- Job Type: Part-Time
- Closes: Continuous

For more information, visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster

BUDGET UPDATE: *JULY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020*

Sales Tax and Transaction Use Tax

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q2 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q2 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Sales and Use Tax	\$15,133,600	\$5,611,056	37.10%	\$5,664,357	(\$53,301)
Transaction Use Tax	11,883,000	4,566,083	38.40%	4,551,873	14,210
	\$27,016,600	\$10,177,139	37.70%	\$10,216,230	(\$39,092)

Expenditures

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q2 Actual 2020-21	% of 2020-21 Budget	Prior Years Q2 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Expenditures	\$64,507,329	\$38,236,366	59.30%	\$36,737,448	\$1,498,917

Current revenue projections for FY 2020-21 are in line with budgeted numbers with the exception of sales tax/transaction use tax which is projected to be higher than budgeted.

Sales tax and transaction use tax receipts totals shown in the table above represent four months of receipts from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). Projections anticipate FY 2020-21 receipts to be slightly above the actuals received for FY 2019-20. This is still a very early estimate as we have only received the 4 months of receipts for FY 2020-21; however, the increase would be \$2.3 million higher than budgeted.

General Fund expenditures are tracking on budget. Expenditures for the 2nd quarter of FY 2020-21 are \$1.5 million over the prior fiscal year at the same time. This is due to the increase in PERS costs and OCFA contract costs.

At this time, revenue and expenditures are tracking within budget so no budget adjustment was necessary. The next update will be provided after nine months of revenue and expenditures, for the period of July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

Council Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting - March 24

Regular Meeting - April 7

Regular Meeting - April 21

*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference.
[Click here to view agendas.](#)

Virtual Meetings



In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of attending the meeting, members of the public may view the meeting live in one of the following ways:

- [City of Westminster YouTube Channel](#)
- [City of Westminster Streaming Video Online](#)
- Westminster WTV: Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 42, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99



To view the meeting via zoom, submit e-comments to address the city council, or submit a speaker request, visit www.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Eviction Moratorium EXTENDED

On January 29, 2021 the Governor signed legislation to extend the eviction moratorium and assist tenants and small property owners impacted by COVID-19.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners, but those unpaid amounts cannot be the basis for an eviction, even after the moratorium ends.

[Read more here.](#)



Affordable Housing

Looking for an affordable rental unit in Westminster? Click below for a list of affordable rental opportunities. All properties are privately managed. To inquire about availability, rental rates and income qualifications, please contact the respective property management team.

[City of Westminster - List of Affordable Housing](#)

For additional affordable housing opportunities throughout Orange County, the County of Orange maintains a list of affordable units which can be found at ochousing.org.

Fair Housing

If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the [Fair Housing Foundation](#) provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminster.

[Sign-up for virtual workshops](#) to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord.

For assistance, call Fair Housing Foundation at (800) 446-3247, or email at info@fhfca.org.



CALIFORNIA'S COVID-19 RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

Need Help With Unpaid Rent?

The California COVID-19 Rent Relief program is designed to help low-income Californians through the payment of unpaid rent to landlords.

Who can apply?

- Landlords
- Renters

How it Works

- **Unpaid rent**

Landlords who participate in the program can get reimbursed for 80% of an eligible renter's unpaid rent between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, if they agree to waive the remaining 20% of unpaid rent during that specific time period.

Eligible renters whose landlords choose not to participate in the program may apply on their own and receive 25% of unpaid rent between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021. Paying this 25% by June 30, 2021 can help keep you in your home.

- **Future Rent**

Eligible renters can receive future rent assistance equal to 25% of their monthly rent. Combined with the assistance available for unpaid rent, future assistance will help renters stay housed once the eviction protections in SB 91 expire on June 30, 2021.

- **Utility Assistance**

Eligible renters may also receive assistance for unpaid utilities and future payments. Unpaid utilities accumulated from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 will be compensated at 100% of cost, limited to a total of 12 months. Applications must include all required information, along with necessary verification items. Once an application has been successfully processed, both the landlord and renter will be notified about the application status.

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program is not on a first come, first served basis. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. For all applications received, the state will first review and commit funds to applicants who are eligible and meet the priority requirement having income at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) to ensure those most in need receive assistance.

- **What Can I Do to Get Ready?**

- Find out if you are eligible to apply
- Gather the paperwork/information you will need to apply
- Monitor the website for updated information



WESTMINSTER CROSSING

45 New Affordable 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments in the City of Westminster

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE STARTING MARCH 10, 2021

Apartment Amenities:

- Fully equipped kitchens (refrigerator, dishwasher, range, garbage disposal)
- Carpet
- Hard flooring
- Private bathrooms

Community Amenities:

- Community Room
- Art Studio/Maker Space
- Tot Lot
- Fitness Center
- Homework Room
- Outdoor
- Lounge/Recreational Area – patio furniture/seating & lawn games

ACCESSIBLE UNITS AVAILABLE!

Mobility/Hearing/Sight impaired households will have priority for accessible units.

For up to date information, call (714) 880-4888

Telephone Device for the Deaf: (888) 877-5379 or California Relay Service (711)

BRE #654405



Apply online by visiting:

www.WestminsterCrossingApartments.com

Unit Size	Household Size	Rent 30% AMI	Rent 50% AMI	Rent 60% AMI	Rent 70% AMI
1 Bedroom	1-3		\$1,144	\$1,384	
2 Bedroom	2-5	\$618	\$1,302		\$1,940
3 Bedroom	3-5	\$674-\$900	\$1,433		\$2,232

Maximum Gross Annual Income (effective 4/1/2020)

Household Size	30% AMI*	50% AMI*	60% AMI*	70% AMI*
1	\$26,910	\$44,850	\$53,820	
2	\$30,750	\$51,250	\$61,500	\$71,750
3	\$34,590	\$57,650	\$69,180	\$80,710
4	\$38,430	\$64,050	\$76,860	\$89,670
5	\$41,520	\$69,200	\$83,040	\$96,880
6	\$44,580	\$74,300		\$104,020
7	\$47,670	\$79,450		\$111,230
8	\$50,730	\$84,550		\$118,370

Minimum monthly income is 1.5 x rent

There is no minimum income requirement for applicants in possession of a Tenant Based Section 8 Voucher. Rent, income limits, and occupancy requirements are subject to change based on regulatory requirements.



All applicants must meet certain underwriting guidelines. This project is subject to the requirements of several funding sources, which have made it feasible. The above information reflects these requirements to the best of management knowledge but is subject to change if required for compliance with law or regulation.





City of Westminster 2021-2029 **HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element. Watch [these videos](#) below to learn more about what a housing element is!



Why is the City updating its Housing Element?

Each city and county in California is required to have a Housing Element and update it at least every eight years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, types of housing available within the City, housing affordability, and homelessness. Once the Housing Element is updated, it must be approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Updating our Housing Element will ensure that we meet State requirements, and make Westminster eligible for State grants and other funding sources. It will also give our elected and appointed officials clear guidance on housing issues facing Westminster. [Click here for more information about our Housing Element Update.](#)



Hours of Operation

**Monday through
Friday**

**Appointment Only:
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

(714) 903-1331

The Westminster Family Resource Center (WFRC) serves low-income families residing in the City of Westminster and surrounding cities in Orange County. The WFRC has become the centralized information and referral point for the community. With the assistance of bilingual staff and various partners, individuals can create linkages with necessary resources such as food trolleys, counseling services, enrichment programs, and other services to help strengthen their families. [Click here](#) for more information regarding programs and services.

**Westminster Family
Resource Center**



**Located at Sigler Park
7200 Plaza St.
Westminster, CA 92683**

Partners





The  **NAMI** Orange County
National Alliance on Mental Illness

The OC W&RMLine
 Emotional Support & Resources 24/7
Call or Text: (714) 991-6412

 **NAMI** Orange County
National Alliance on Mental Illness

HOW TO GET SUPPORT IF YOU ARE LIVING WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS

IF YOU ARE AFFECTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS, YOU ARE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION WITH MANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS. **WONDERING HOW TO GET HELP?** PEER-TO-PEER IS A 10-WEEK PROGRAM DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU.

CLASSES EVERY THURSDAY ONLINE VIA ZOOM

**MARCH 25 - MAY 20, 2021
 6:30PM - 8:30PM**

Seats are limited! To sign up, please visit NAMIOC.ORG or contact (714) 544-8488



Funded by: OC Health Care Agency (OCHCA), Behavioral Health Services, Prevention & Intervention, Mental Health Services Act/Prop. 63



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WESTMINSTER

NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE

HOPPY SPRING

MARCH 27TH

9AM

(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)
Ages 3-12 years

DRIVE THRU EVENT
8200 WESTMINSTER BLVD.
(PARKING LOT OFF JACKSON ST.)

- Grab & Go Spring Activity Bags
- Easter Eggs
- Treats
- Wave Hello to the Easter Bunny



Westminster Community Services & Recreation Department • 714.895.2860 • www.westminster-ca.gov



Virtual Recreation Center



Your place to find fun resources and activities to keep you and your family entertained, active, and informed!

Check back weekly 
for themed activities!



WOW

WIFI ON WHEELS

MARCH 2021

DEMILLE ELEMENTARY

15400 VAN BUREN STREET,
MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655

TUESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

FRYBERGER ELEMENTARY

6952 HOOD DRIVE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

WEDNESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

SCHMITT ELEMENTARY

7200 TRASK AVENUE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

THURSDAYS, 9AM-4PM

WILLMORE ELEMENTARY

7122 MAPLE STREET
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

FRIDAYS, 9AM-4PM

SID GOLDSTEIN FREEDOM PARK

14180 ALL AMERICAN WAY
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

SATURDAYS, 9AM-NOON

FREE WIFI!

GET CONNECTED!

OCPL.ORG/WIFIONWHEELS



Westminster Library is closed until further notice for remodeling.

**Holdings may be picked up at Garden Grove Main Library
(11200 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840)**



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT

Dedicated to Beautifying the City of Westminster



60
DISCARDED SHOPPING CARTS
REMOVED
JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28



BEFORE & AFTER

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

ALLEYWAY ADJACENT TO BEACH BLVD.



20
HOMELESS
ENCAMPMENT
REMOVALS

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



Household hazardous waste includes products that are corrosive or toxic and can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances. These products require special care to prevent fire, injury, or pollution of the environment.



Household hazardous waste includes cleaning products, aerosol cans, pesticides, batteries, paint, lighter fluid, and gasoline.



**Orange County
Fire Authority**

ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



Use and Storage

- Keep flammable liquids away from heat sources and open flames, such as hot water heaters and fireplaces.
- Don't smoke while using any type of flammable product, including nail polish, polish remover, alcohol-based hair products, and similar cosmetic items.
- Follow instructions on the labels of all flammable liquids and other hazardous products carefully to prevent accidents or injuries at home.
- Keep hazardous products in their original containers, and never remove labels or instructions.
- Never mix hazardous products. They might react, ignite, or explode when combined.
- Never leave household hazardous products or waste within reach of children or pets.
- Go green! Look for environmentally friendly products or search online for simple recipes using natural ingredients.

Disposal

- Never dispose of household hazardous waste in your regular trash. Once in landfills, these products can potentially contaminate our source of drinking water.
- Never dump household hazardous waste on the ground, down storm drains, or into toilets, drains, or sinks. It can seep into groundwater and waterways, contaminating lakes, the ocean, and local beaches.
- Orange County residents can dispose of household hazardous waste items for FREE at any Orange County House Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
 - Irvine: 6411 Oak Canyon
 - San Juan Capistrano: 32250 Avenida La Pata
 - Anaheim: 1071 N. Blue Gum Street
 - Huntington Beach: 17121 Nichols Street
- For more information, visit oclandfills.com.

Did you know...

City Hall's temporary hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. by appointment only. [Click here to schedule an appointment](#). Staff will also be available during office hours for electronic and telephone services. For general assistance, call (714) 898-3311.

There will be no street sweeping scheduled from March 29-31. [Street sweeping](#) is only scheduled for the 1st-4th weeks of the month.

You can drop off mattresses for free at the Midway City Sanitary District site Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

14451 Cedarwood Ave.
Westminster, CA 92683

For more details, call (714) 893-3553.

Need to pay your water bill in person? City Hall is currently closed to the public, but you can visit our Corporation Yard!

Westminster Corporation Yard
14381 Olive St.
Westminster, CA 92683

(714) 894-3796

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm

The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!



[Click here to subscribe!](#)

OTHER NEWS

APRIL 10th
2021



**CleanUp
EVENT**

14451 CEDARWOOD STREET
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

8AM - 12PM
OR UNTIL BINS FULL

CALL (714) 893-3553
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Waste DISTRIBUTION
(by container)



75% 20% 5%

ORGANICS ONLY IN GREEN CART, NO RECYCLABLES!


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Midway City Sanitary District



**Download the Free
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The App features City information and includes an easy way to report issues like potholes or graffiti.

iPhone  Android



**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES &
RESOURCES**

[www.projectwestminster.com/
coronavirus-updates](http://www.projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates)



**405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

OCTA.NET/405MAP

