

May 25, 2007

Ernest Gutierrez, Mayor
City of El Monte
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA 91731

Dear Mayor Gutierrez:


8-1 As an organization, (PEMIA), Park El Monte Improvement Association has been proud to focus on our city's parks. We urge the city to support the proposed El Monte Transit Village Project.

8-2 Improvements to Pioneer Park will greatly enhance our ability to enjoy park and open space along the Rio Hondo. The sports fields and surrounding park area will be upgraded and more user friendly for the community. Citizens of El Monte will have a new, easy access gateway that not only connects us with other communities along the Emerald Necklace Project, but also invites users to benefit from the bike and walkways along the Rio Hondo.

8-3 The community and other community organization have been involved in the Planning of Transit Village. We are pleased that our concerns have been addressed and incorporated into the project. However, we cannot stop here. PEMIA will continue to provide input as to newly formed support programs, detailed design, and future management of park land. Also, your approval of this project should kick start a long-term commitment between the community and the City of El Monte to focus on parkland improvements.

8-4 We believe that the Transit Village project would be an important asset to our community for years to come. Park El Monte asks that you consider the value of this project, support its approval, and work with the community, community organizations to address objectives for the future. Please feel free to contact me or any of our directors supporting this letter at the number listed below.

Sincerely,


Albert F. Ramirez
President

cc: City Council
Planning Commission

RESPONSES TO COMMENTS
LETTER #8
PEMIA (PARK-EL MONTE-IMPROVEMENT-ASSOCIATION)

- 8-1 Your comment is noted and will be made available to the City's decision-makers prior to a decision on the proposed project.
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