



**IN RECOGNITION OF
LA HABRA'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, based on the “yes” vote of 311 residents, La Habra was formally incorporated into a City on January 20, 1925; the first “Board of Trustees” for the City included G.E. Sutton (later replaced by Albert Launer chosen as the City’s first Mayor), Walter Cooley, Dr. E.S. Boice and L.E. Smith; the City’s police force was established in 1926; its fire department in 1930, followed by the completion of the first City Hall in 1935; and

WHEREAS, over the decades the City continued to grow and progress and, in 1974, was recognized with the All-America City Award and the Bicentennial City Award due to its efforts in the areas of human relations, housing needs, environmental protection, business revitalization, and community services, and continues to foster its reputation for finding innovative solutions to local needs; and

WHEREAS, presently the close knit sub-urban community of La Habra, located in Orange County’s northern-most corner, boasts an area of 7.3 square miles, with a population of nearly 62,000, and operates an economically sound full-service government which provides a full range of public services including police, contract fire and ambulance protection, water and sanitation systems, parks and recreation, street maintenance, senior and social services, child development and youth programs, cultural arts that include the Children’s Museum at La Habra and Phantom Theatre Projects at the La Habra Depot, and is home to the historical corridor “Boulevard of the Bells”, annual Tamale Festival, Corn Festival, 4th of July Spectacular and Love La Habra; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2017, the new City Hall and Council Chamber opened to the public and is spacious enough to hold community events both inside its atrium and at its outdoor plaza. The customer-friendly City Hall provides a variety of government services all in a centralized location and includes a historical photography exhibit that documents the building construction and the City’s history; and

WHEREAS, the City’s identity is deeply rooted in the spirit of volunteerism, innovative leadership and public service, with countless residents, businesses, nonprofit organizations, churches and schools who have helped shaped the City into a place of progress and community by dedicating their time to fostering connections, improving the quality of life, and uplifting all aspects of the community through local programs, outreach and stewardship to create a healthy, attractive, and “Caring Community”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of La Habra does hereby recognize the 100th Anniversary of the City of La Habra, its Centennial, for its rich history, vibrant present, and bright future, and expresses deep appreciation to all who have contributed to the City’s legacy of excellence; ensuring its continued success for future generations.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:

Rose Espinoza
Mayor

Rhonda J. Barone, CMC
City Clerk