



Proclamation

In Recognition of Melvin "Mel" Shannon

WHEREAS, the La Habra City Council feels it is very important to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedicated public service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Melvin "Mel" Shannon began his distinguished career with the City of La Habra in 1981 as an Accountant in the Finance Department, and over the course of 44 years has exemplified dedication, integrity, and excellence in public service; and

WHEREAS, through his steadfast commitment and exceptional performance, Mel steadily rose through the ranks, serving as Finance Manager, Assistant Treasurer, and Deputy Director of Finance, before being appointed Director of Finance in 2014; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mel played a pivotal role in shaping and strengthening the City's financial operations, and was instrumental in the successful completion of the Civic Center Improvement Project in 2017, which included the remodeling of multiple facilities and the construction of the new City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Mel has been the recipient of numerous recognitions, including the prestigious City Manager's Award on two occasions, two-time Employee of the Year, and two-time Department of the Year—honors that reflect the respect and admiration of his colleagues and leadership; and,

WHEREAS, Mel's contributions extended beyond Finance, as a longtime member of the La Habra Employees Association Board, where he helped organize employee events such as the annual awards banquet, and the ever-popular bowling night, where his team "The Money Team" captured three championships; and

WHEREAS, Mel's spirit of camaraderie and creativity inspired the Finance Department to victory in multiple holiday decorating contests, winning the Halloween and Christmas contest titles, bringing festive cheer and unity to City Hall year after year; and

WHEREAS, beyond his professional accomplishments, Mel is known for his warm personality, sense of humor, and love for concerts, plays, and sporting events shared with family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of La Habra does hereby commend and honor Melvin "Mel" Shannon for his extraordinary service and leadership, expresses its deepest gratitude for his contributions, and extends best wishes for a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2025.

Rose Espinoza
Mayor

Attest: Rhonda J. Barone, CMC
City Clerk