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City Manager René Bobadilla To Remain In Montebello

Montebello, CA - Following extensive review and deliberations, City Manager René Bobadilla announced his decision to remain at the helm as City Manager for the City of Montebello until 2026. Terms of his new contract have been offered by the Montebello City Council and accepted.

Mayor Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne stated, "I am very pleased we've been able to come to mutually acceptable terms that have convinced Mr. Bobadilla to remain with our Montebello City family and continue leading our City's operations and staff. I look forward to working with him and his leadership team on all the great programs and projects me and my colleagues are considering."

"It is with a great deal of humility and gratitude that I've decided to remain with the City of Montebello. The support and confidence expressed to me by all members of our current City council for the hard work and results our staff and leadership have contributed to put this City on positive footing have provided the assurance that we can continue to build on our momentum. We have and will continue to do good things for the City and its residents."

Bobadilla added that he is grateful for the opportunity, interest and consideration afforded to him by the great City of Santa Monica. He expressed regret for this matter becoming public but maintains his respect for Santa Monica City Council members, their process and protocols. He wishes them every success in managing their unique municipal challenges and opportunities.

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Bobadilla added, “While this was a very difficult decision meant to be private until appropriate, I sincerely appreciate the vote of confidence and support the Montebello Council has made and the terms of their offer demonstrate their desire to continue building on the collaboration and cooperation we’ve been able to establish. This is the right decision for me and my family at this stage of my career and I genuinely thank the Council for their commitment and backing as we enhance our partnership for the benefit of our residents and the community.”

“We are very appreciative of the progress, results and stability René has brought to our City and the positive financial footing he’s put us on,” said former mayor and current City Council member Salvador Melendez. “This is a very good outcome for us as a council, as a City and for the residents of Montebello.”

About Montebello

Founded in 1920, Montebello is located eight miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Its history dates back to the days of the indigenous Tongvan peoples and Franciscan missionaries. Today it boasts a full array of civic services including parks and recreation, police, fire and one of the region’s largest public transportation systems, [Montebello Bus Lines](#). The city has a multi-cultural population of approximately 62,000 residents covering a footprint of approximately eight square miles. For more information visit www.cityofmontebello.com or follow us on [Facebook](#), Instagram and [Twitter](#).

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