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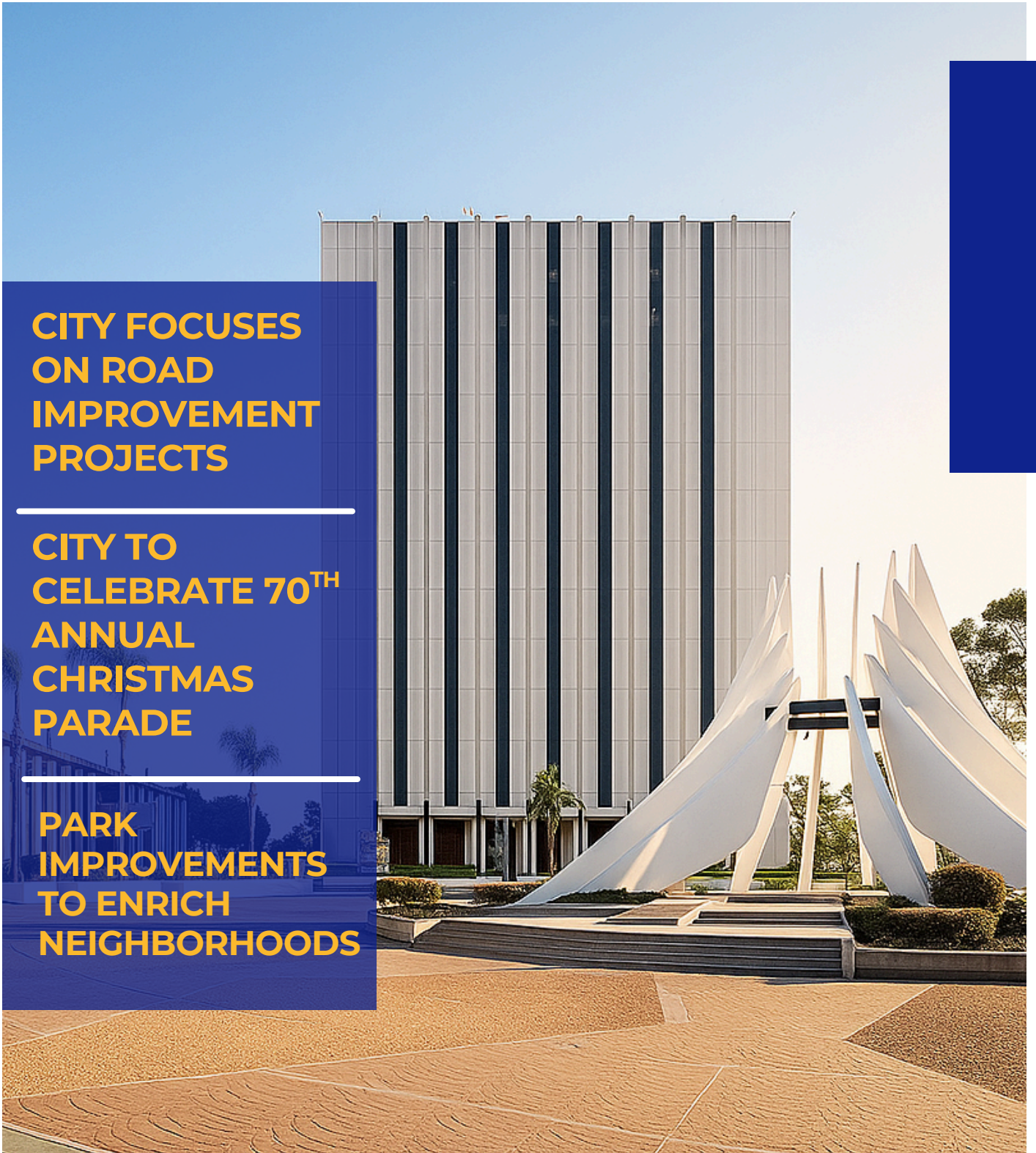
CITY OF COMPTON

NEWSLETTER

**CITY FOCUSES
ON ROAD
IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS**

**CITY TO
CELEBRATE 70TH
ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

**PARK
IMPROVEMENTS
TO ENRICH
NEIGHBORHOODS**



Welcome to the City of Compton
Newsletter!

We're excited to share the latest updates, events, and highlights from across our community. We hope you enjoy what you see and stay connected with the progress happening right here at home.

The Compton City Council remains focused on creating a better place to live, work, and thrive for all residents while also building a stronger, safer, and more vibrant community together.



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Emma Sharif**

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Road Construction

For the fiscal year 2025–2026, the City of Compton has budgeted about \$11.6 million for fixing and maintaining roads.

Wilmington Avenue Safe Street Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement Project

Compton is moving forward with the Wilmington Avenue Safe Street Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement Project, a major infrastructure effort designed to enhance safety and accessibility for all who travel along Wilmington Avenue.



Wilmington Ave. Improvements



Project Improvements

- Safer pedestrian walkways and crossings
- Dedicated bicycle facilities to support active transportation
- Traffic calming measures to improve overall safety
- Upgraded street lighting and signage for visibility
- Enhanced connections to neighborhood streets and community destinations



● Why Road Construction is Important

By investing in these upgrades, the City aims to create a more walkable and bike-friendly environment that promotes public safety, encourages healthy lifestyles, and supports long-term mobility goals.

The Artesia Bridge One Year Later



The Public Works Engineering Department responded immediately—launching an emergency repair project that restored this essential corridor safely and efficiently.

Working closely with the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), the engineering team replaced the damaged bridge spans, upgraded pavement and railings, and introduced an innovative under-bridge security system designed to prevent future fire incidents. The custom-designed steel and precast concrete barrier walls, supported by helical pile foundations, represent one of the first applications of this technology in public infrastructure—showcasing Compton's leadership in modern, resilient design.

Reconnecting Our Community

When a fire from a homeless encampment severely damaged the Artesia Boulevard Bridge, the closure disrupted a critical transportation link connecting residents to Compton College, Metro A Line, and nearby businesses.



Artesia Bridge Update

- The bridge reopened in October 2024, reconnecting the community and improving safety for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians
- In September 2025, the engineering team applied for two major engineering honors—the 2026 Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the 2025 Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association (APWA).



Compton Fire Department

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Graduation

The Compton Fire Department recently celebrated the graduation of 16 participants from its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, including resident, city staff, and youth fire explorers. The course, held at the Fire Department training station over three Saturdays, covers topics like fire safety, disaster preparedness, and emergency medicine operations.



ABOUT THE CERT PROGRAM

The CERT program offers a standardized, nationwide curriculum for volunteer training and organizational development, and is led by professional EMS nurses and firefighters.

Key Instructors

- **Deputy Fire Chief Donald**
- **Battalion Chief Lemus**
- **Fire Captain Gomez**
- **Firefighters Benjamin and Jones**

Fire Safety Reminder



Test your smoke alarm monthly and replace batteries every six months!

New Compton Fire Department Merch available!

If you're interested in helping the Compton Fire Department's Explorers Program visit: 201 S Acacia Ave. to purchase shirts or hats for \$20



Reserve Firefighters Program

- The Compton Fire Department welcomed eight new reserve firefighters.
- The program gives candidates hands-on experience assisting sworn firefighters during 24-hour shifts.
- Participants respond to emergencies, attend training, maintain equipment, and support community outreach.
- The program also offers a path to earn the Firefighter I certification.



Recreation Department



More Improvements

Work is underway at Burrell-McDonald Park. The Youth Soccer Field and Mural Project is made possible by a \$350,000 donation from One Yard and Nike. The project will serve as home to the first-ever Compton FC youth soccer program.

Outdoor basketball courts have also been resurfaced at Kelly, Burrell-McDonald, South, and Cesar Chavez Parks. In addition, a new youth cricket pitch has been installed to support youth programming and promote international sports engagement.

Playground Installations

The City of Compton continues to invest in parks, facilities, and youth programs that enhance recreation, promote health, and strengthen community connections.

New playgrounds are bringing fun activities to parks across Compton. The playground at Lueders Park is all-inclusive for children with all abilities. Updates to the playgrounds at Wilson, Cesar Chavez, and Tucker parks are expected to be completed in 2025.



Tragniew Park Renovation

Planning stages are underway which could include athletic field upgrades, lighting improvements, and enhanced community amenities.

Community Improvement Services



Parking Ordinance Richland Farms

Effective January 2, 2026, the Community Improvement Services Department will begin enforcing Ordinance 2298, approved by the Compton City Council. Ordinance 2298 enacts Compton Municipal Code 12-9, which requires all vehicles parked on a city street within a permitted parking district to display a valid parking permit. Any vehicle parked on the street without a displayed permit is subject to citation. Applications are now available online and in person.

More on Required Parking Permit (s)

Richland Farms is the northern boundary which begins at Alondra Blvd. and continues south to Greenleaf Blvd. The west boundaries begin at Wilmington Ave. and follows east ending along the Compton Creek.

- The preferential parking district is a 24-hour restricted zone.
- Parking restrictions for street sweeping or any other restrictions set forth by the Municipal Code are still in effect.
- Along with the preferential parking permits, guest permits and event permits will be available to eligible residents per Ordinance No. 2298.
- The maximum number of guest permits allowed per dwelling is one.
- The maximum number of preferential parking permits allowed per dwelling is four (two free & two additional that can be purchased at City Hall).
- The maximum number of event permits issued is 20 per event and events are limited to two per calendar year, per dwelling (funeral repasts excluded).

Grants Department

Investing in Compton's Growth

Park Improvement Projects

The Grants Department has invested more than **\$1.5 million** in park improvement equipment at various parks citywide, including Cesar Chavez, Kelly, Lueders, and Wilson parks. Construction is currently underway at Tragniew and Tucker parks.



Housing Rehabilitation Program (HRP)

- The Grants Department is wrapping up phase one of the Housing Rehab Program, which served **10** homeowners contributing over **\$350,000** in much needed home repairs.
- The Grants Department started phase two of the program. Ten new homeowners are in the process of obtaining bids for home improvements. Once completed, the Department will continue with phases 3-6, assisting another 40 City of Compton residents.
- The estimated contribution of **\$1.4 million** will be invested into the Compton's Housing Rehab Program.

Grants Department



City Surveillance Camera

The Grants Department is coordinating with the Community Improvement Services to install additional cameras throughout the City of Compton.

Meals on Wheels



- The City is feeding over **40** seniors through our Senior Meals on Wheels Program. Participants receive **14** meals per week by delivery or pick up. Additional residents continue to sign up daily.
- Residents can pick up meals twice a week at the following parks: Wilson, Tucker, Gonzales, Kelly and Lueders.

Small Business Grant (SBG)

- The City has awarded over 25 small business grants contributing an estimated **\$650,000** into the local economy.
- The Grants Department is developing a **6-8** week business workshop for small business owners and non-profits in the City of Compton.

***For more information regarding any Grant Department Program please contact us at 310-605-5580**

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HELP IMPROVE COMPTON**Join Compton's Clean Team**

Help make Compton a better place by applying to be part of Public Works Street Maintenance Clean Team.

APPLY NOW

Join Compton's Clean Team

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Help Public Works Street Maintenance build a team and improve the overall appearance of Compton.

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

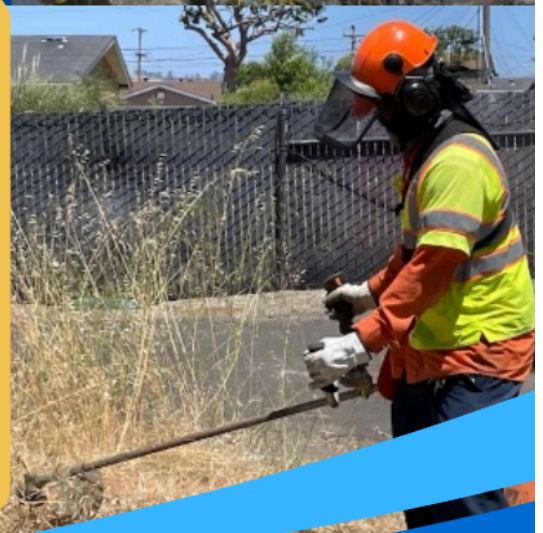
- Compton residents only
- Ages 18-25
- Must qualify as low-to-moderate income
- Must be legally authorized to work in U.S.
- Must pass background checks and physical



Recruitment will remain open until all 10 positions are filled by qualified applicants



<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/compton>



COMPTON COUNCIL MEETINGS



City Council Meetings are held every Tuesday of the month with the exception of the 5th Tuesday of every month.

The estimated scheduled start time of meetings is 5:30 p.m.

Meetings are currently being held at the Dollarhide Community Center:

301 N Tamarind Ave, Compton

You can watch Council Meetings three ways:

1. [YouTube](#) (City of Compton, CA)
2. [City's website](#)
3. Channel 36

**Mayor
Emma Sharif**

Building Relationships Beyond City Limits

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Meeting with Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis

City of Compton Mayor, Emma Sharif had the opportunity to sit down with the Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis and surrounding City Leaders within the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to discuss the impact of recent ICE/CBP raids throughout the region. They had the opportunity to share how immigration enforcement operations have impacted our local communities, local economies, and municipal resources.

Many families in the City of Compton and throughout Los Angeles County have been afraid to leave their homes, send their children to school and many local businesses have lost valuable customers because of the fear to leave their homes.

Mayor Sharif, and surrounding City Leaders shared information they felt may assist their local communities with State support and resources. Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis is committed to sharing this information with other elected leaders in Sacramento, CA.

Nathan Hochman, Los Angeles County District Attorney visits the City of Compton

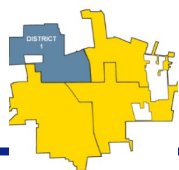
The City of Compton Mayor Sharif partnered with the Compton Branch NAACP to host a Townhall Meeting with Nathan Hochman as our special guest. This was the first time in history a District Attorney has visited our city to have one on one dialogue with our residents. This moment was historic for our community. This was the beginning of building relationships with the DA's Office to better service the community of Compton. Residents had the opportunity to ask questions, give feedback, and was given an opportunity to hear from the DA's Office personally about his concerns and policies he is working on implementing. Through the assistance of the NAACP Compton Branch, the City of Compton is working toward building an open-door policy to address concerns with our Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Addressing Human Trafficking in the City of Compton with Surrounding Cities and Partners

Mayor Sharif has been actively collaborating with neighboring cities, including Lynwood and Long Beach, to address ongoing concerns related to human trafficking along the Long Beach Blvd. corridor. Together, the cities are exploring coordinated strategies to combat this critical issue affecting all three communities.

On October 29, 2025, Mayor Sharif, the City of Compton's Council, and the Compton Human Trafficking Task Force hosted a community meeting addressing human trafficking and discussing the 9 Steps to Highly Effective Collaboration by guest speaker Ken Henry, CEO of Kentagious Collective. The City of Compton is committed to addressing Human Trafficking concerns in the City of Compton collaboratively, and this community meeting is one of the continued efforts to address this concern.





Street Repair Update

Infrastructure remains a top priority in the 1st District. This fiscal year, we completed street repairs on 129th, 131st-136th Streets, Piru Street, and Wilmington Avenue. Next year's projects will include 137th-138th Streets, Central Avenue Frontage Roads, Stanford, Nestor, Kalsman, Sprague, and Dwight Avenue. These improvements make travel safer, support local businesses, and strengthen our community connections.



EMT Program

The Compton EMT Corps will launch its second cohort this December at Neighborhood Housing Services in the 1st District. This five-month program offers EMT training, mentorship, job readiness, ride-alongs, a \$1,500 monthly stipend, and job placement after graduation. Applicants must be 18 or older. Learn more or apply at comptonemscorps.org.



Compton Creek Clean-Up

The Compton Creek is a vital city landmark linking our neighborhoods. Thank you to the Compton Hub City Alphas, Iota Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., for your continued leadership in preserving this important space. Together, we're keeping Compton Creek clean, safe, and beautiful for all.



District 1 Home Renovations

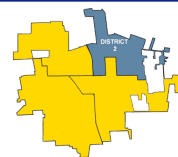
Three District 1 homes recently received grants through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program for major repairs and upgrades: enhancing safety, comfort, and livability. Stay tuned for the next round of funding opportunities.

Small Business Spotlight – Ellis Aquatics

Ellis Aquatics, a proud 1st District business and recent CDBG recipient, provides top-tier care and products for saltwater aquarium and coral enthusiasts. Their dedication to quality and community continues to make our district shine.

**“Remember to eat,
shop, buy Compton.”**

Giving Back During the Holiday Season



**Mayor Pro Tem
ANDRE SPICER
PRESENT**

**Sunday
GIVING
Dinner**

NOVEMBER 23RD

MUSIC-FOOD-DRINK-COMMUNITY

START TIME AND LOCATIONS ARE LISTED BELOW

2PM - 4PM	3PM - 5PM
TUCKER ST	ROSE AVE
MCMILLAN ST	SLOAN AVE
ORCHARD ST	

FOR MORE INFO
CALL US AT (310) 386-6505

Thursday, November 27th / 11am / Lueders Park

**9th Annual
THANKSGIVING
in the Park**

Meet us at Lueders Park on Thanksgiving Day to assemble and deliver 250 hot meals & toiletry bags to our unhoused neighbors.
Volunteers welcome! Donations gladly accepted!

Volunteer/Donate Here: bit.ly/UECthanksgiving25
Questions? Call/Text Sara at 310-625-9571

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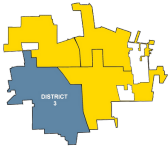
HEALING CALIFORNIA AFRAM

**SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH
9AM - 5PM**

**DOLLARHIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
301 N. TAMARIND AVE. COMPTON 90221**



After the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13, join us at Wilson Park for music, and holiday fun as we continue the celebration with the community!



Community Success: Park Renovations & New Programming at Tucker Park

Burrell-MacDonald Park/ Tucker Park

Exciting improvements continue across the 3rd District! Renovations at both parks are enhancing safety, playground, & overall design creating cleaner, more inviting spaces for families.



**Councilmember
Jonathan S. Bowers
District 3**

LOOKING AHEAD

Councilman Bowers remains focused on street repairs, lighting upgrades, and neighborhood safety through early 2026, continuing to build a stronger, more connected Compton.

“Together, we’re creating safer, cleaner, and more vibrant neighborhoods.”
- Councilman Jonathan Bowers, 3rd District

COMMUNITY UPDATES & EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Senior Roundtable on Nov. 5, 2025 at the Douglas F. Dollarhide Community Center. Your input is guiding senior wellness and transportation improvements citywide.

Join us for the 3rd District Town Hall on Nov. 15, 2025, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at the same location to share updates and discuss future district plans.

Photo: Councilman Bowers speaking with residents.

HELPING FAMILIES: UTILITY ASSISTANCE RETURNS

The 3rd District Office is partnering with PACE to relaunch the Utility Assistance Program, helping residents manage high energy costs this winter.

Coming soon upon release of funding and city approval.

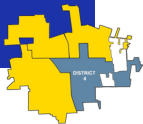
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**Councilmember
Lillie P. Darden
District 4**



The City of Compton continues to enhance neighborhoods, with special focus on the Pocket Park at Compton Boulevard and Bullis Road. Since 2019, the Compton Community Apostolic Church has cared for this park through the City’s Adopt-a-Park program, volunteering regularly to keep it clean, safe, and welcoming. Their dedication, led by Elder Mike Turner, perfectly embodies the spirit of the City’s Clean and Beautify Compton Initiative, inspiring community pride and improvement.

Restoration at its Finest: The Heritage House Reimagined

Compton’s Heritage House, built in 1869, stands as a proud testament to the rich history and cultural heritage of our city. As the oldest house in Compton and an officially designated State Historic Landmark, it serves as a beacon for those who cherish the stories of early settlers and the legacy they left behind.



A Stunning Transformation

The recently restored Heritage House displays architectural features typical of the 19th century, beautifully capturing the design style of that period. This careful restoration has retained the house’s original charm while opening it to the public. Now, the Heritage House stands out in a bright, lively yellow at the northwest corner of Willowbrook Avenue and Myrrh Street, inviting everyone to explore its historical significance.

Community engagement & Educational programs

The city management is eager to introduce plans for various educational programs, workshops, and tours designed to engage community members and visitors alike. These initiatives will offer opportunities to explore the rich history of Compton and highlight the significant role the Heritage House plays in it.

More Than Just a Building

The Heritage House is more than just a building; it represents resilience and acts as a bridge linking our past to the present. Visiting and supporting this historic landmark helps keep Compton’s rich heritage alive for future generations.

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It's a Great Day in Compton!

As your elected City Clerk, I am proud to share the many ways the City Clerk's Office continues to modernize, expand services, & connect with residents. Our mission is to ensure transparency efficiency & accessibility while helping every resident understand that the City Clerks Office is the heart of City Hall.

Strengthening Service and Accessibility

This year, the City Clerk's Office has made tremendous progress in improving how we serve our community. We have processed more than 100 passports this year, providing a convenient and trusted service for families and travelers. The City Charter has been fully translated into Spanish, and City Council agendas are now translated weekly, ensuring every resident can access vital city information in their preferred language. For the first time ever, our office now includes bilingual staff, allowing us to effectively assist all members of our diverse community.

Boards, Commissions, & Transparent Governance

In October, the City Clerk's Office conducted a Boards and Commissions Workshop for the Compton City Council. The workshop outlined best practices for selecting and managing appointees which included development of a Boards and Commissions Handbook, Consistent advertising of vacancies to ensure fairness and inclusivity, A requirement that all board and commission members complete ethics training.

Modernization & Digital Transformation

The Backfile Conversion Project continues to digitize decades of historical paper records, transforming them into searchable electronic files that are easier to access, preserve, and share.

Looking Ahead

The City Clerk's Office is proud to be leading with innovation, transparency, and heart. Every milestone, from hosting our first open house to translating city documents and increasing voter engagement brings us closer to a more connected and inclusive Compton.

We invite you to stay informed by visiting comptoncity.org and subscribing to city updates.

You can also reach our office at 205 S. Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, CA 90220, by phone at 310-605-5530, or by email at contactcityclerk@comptoncity.org.



Zero-Emission Truck Program Meetings



Metro invites you to join us at an upcoming public meeting to learn about the proposed charging depot and expected air quality benefits and provide feedback.

ZET Community Meeting | Wednesday, November 12 (In-Person)

**Lou Costello Jr. Recreation Center, Los Angeles | 6 – 7:30pm
3141 East Olympic Bl. Los Angeles, CA 90023**

Free parking on-site

Kids' activities will be available

**ZET Community Meeting | Tuesday, November 18 (Virtual)
12– 1:30pm. [Register here!](#)**

Metro is advancing the Long Beach–East Los Angeles (LB-ELA) Zero-Emission Truck (ZET) Program as part of the LB-ELA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan. The program will expand charging options for zero-emission trucks—supporting cleaner air, healthier communities, and more sustainable transportation, which includes a proposed electric truck charging depot at the Rio Vista site in Boyle Heights, developed by MN8 Energy.

Compton Christmas Parade Celebrates 70 Years of Community and Holiday Spirit

The City of Compton is proud to present the 70th Annual Compton Christmas Parade, a cherished community tradition that brings residents, schools, local organizations, and visitors together in celebration of the holiday season. This year's parade promises to be one of the most memorable yet, marking seven decades of unity, pride, and joy in the heart of Compton.



The parade runs almost two miles. Starting on Compton Blvd. and Bullis Road. The parade ends at Alameda Street.



70th Annual Compton Christmas Parade

