

**CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 31, 2025 – 3:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Calaycay called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Assemblymember John Harabedian.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

COUNCILMEMBER: CALAYCAY, LEANO, MEDINA, REECE, STARK

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER: NONE

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Pirrie, City Manager; Jeremy Swan, Director of Community Services; Brad Johnson, Director of Community Development; Jeremy Starkey, Director of Finance; Melissa Vollaro, Director of Recreation and Human Services; Shelley Desautels, City Clerk

DISCUSSION WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN HARABEDIAN

1. Welcome

The City Council and City Manager Pirrie welcomed John Harabedian, 41st District Assemblymember.

2. Public Comment

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

City Clerk Desautels announced no written public comment had been received.

Douglas Lyon spoke about the loss of two oil refineries and encouraged the legislature to relieve the erroneous and burdensome regulations placed on refineries. He also encouraged the State to give back local planning control.

Vickie Nobel, Claremont resident, spoke about the City's Housing Element and encouraged State officials to work with transportation agencies regarding the influx of new residents with additional attention paid to the area of Indian Hill Boulevard and the 10 Freeway.

Lissa Petersen, Claremont Wildlands Conservancy, spoke about the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park and the positive impact it has had to the region.

Bryan Trunik, Claremont resident, spoke about living next to the 10 Freeway and highlighted the need for a sound wall. He asked Assemblymember Harabedian to work on changing State housing laws as he believes the laws are being abused.

Russ Binder, Claremont resident, spoke about Senate Bill 79 and encouraged money be used to build housing where the people are and use public transit to cities like Claremont.

Unidentified speaker spoke about State housing policies and how they disproportionately impact historically marginalized communities.

Nona Tirre, Claremont resident, spoke about increased fire risks and questioned if the Assemblymember has plans to help educate homeowners on fire protection.

Unidentified speaker spoke about the State's mandate for high density housing without any focus on infrastructure improvements, like widening of the Indian Hill Boulevard and the 10 Freeway underpass.

Lisa Pion-Berlin, President and CEO of Parents Anonymous Inc., spoke about the lack of State funding and shared that due to the lack of funding, Parents Anonymous is not able to serve the region to its full capacity.

There were no other requests to speak.

Mayor Calaycay closed public comment.

3. Discussion with Assemblymember John Harabedian Related to Items of Interest and Concern Within the City of Claremont

The City Council, Assemblymember Harabedian, and staff discussed the State Budget, legislative updates, south Claremont improvements, open space acquisitions and access, and local control.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Calaycay adjourned the special meeting of the Claremont City Council at 4:55 PM. The next regular meeting of the Claremont City Council will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:30 PM, in the Claremont Council Chamber.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk