

JAMES "JIM" GOMEZ

Businessman/Councilmember

When I first ran for city council, it was because many of you believed our community was ready for change. You wanted business growth, community events and a stronger future. Over the years, I have worked hard to honor that trust and turn those goals into real progress.

Today, I am standing before you again, not just because of what we have accomplished, but because you have asked me to continue this work. That not only means a lot to me, but what it could mean for our community.

Together, we have made meaningful strides. We have expanded opportunities for local businesses, bringing in more places to shop. Places such as Costco, Walmart, Hobby Lobby and Trader Joe's are a few businesses that have strengthened our local economy while creating local jobs. We have prioritized open spaces that give families and neighbors places to gather and connect, especially with the recent development of Vin Scully Centennial Park. We have taken important steps toward building a safer community where people feel secure, making us one of the safest cities in Orange County.

At the same time, we have invested in the rehabilitation of our streets, improving roads, building water pump stations, ensuring we have an adequate water supply and accessible sidewalks, ensuring safer travel for everyone in our community. I accomplished all this while maintaining a balanced budget each year.

I was honored to be recognized as City Elected Leader of the Year by the Association of California Cities.

These accomplishments did not happen overnight and they were not achieved alone. They are the result of listening to you, working alongside you and staying committed to what matters most for our city.

But there is still more to do. On the heels of our Centennial comes new opportunities and new challenges, but I know that we can overcome them. I am ready to keep building on the progress we have made, to keep pushing for smart development, to protect what makes our city special and to ensure that every resident benefits from the work we are doing.

I am proud of the progress that we have made together and am ready to keep moving our community forward. With your support, I will continue to work hard to deliver the results you deserve and build a future that reflects our potential as a city.

I'm proudly endorsed by our police, firefighters, teachers and parents.