



## PRESS RELEASE

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**Subject: Resignation of Councilmember Steve Simonian from the La Habra City Council**

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La Habra City Councilmember Steve Simonian has submitted a letter of resignation from the La Habra City Council, effective Friday, April 5, 2024, due to a desire to address minor medical issues and spend more time with family.

Councilmember Simonian first served on the La Habra City Council from 1998 until 2010, during which time he served four terms as Mayor. He was again elected to the City Council in November 2020 and his seat is up for election this November.

Councilmember Simonian began his career in public service in 1966 as a police officer for the City of Montebello and achieved the rank of Chief of Police for that City from 1987 to 1998. From 1998 to 2000, he worked as Assistant City Manager and Interim Police Chief for the City of Bell Gardens. From 2000 to 2006, Councilmember Simonian served as Chief of the Bureau of Investigations of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office under District Attorney Steve Cooley. After leaving the District Attorney's office, he opened his own businesses as a public management consultant, until being hired by Bell Gardens in 2008 to come back as their City Manager until his final retirement in 2011.

Over the years, Councilmember Simonian has served on the Board of Directors of many organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club of La Habra, the Inland Valley Humane Society, the Montebello Police Foundation, the Montebello/Commerce YMCA, the Friends of the Montebello Unified School District and the Beverly Hospital, and the Rotary Club.

The La Habra City Council will consider options to fill the vacant City Council seat at an upcoming Council meeting in February 2024.

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