

## CITY OVERVIEW

The City of Pomona derived its name as the result of a community-wide contest held in 1875 to select a name for the City. Solomon Gates submitted the winning name, Pomona, the Roman Goddess of Fruit. Reverend Charles F. Loop had a 5½ foot statue of the goddess made in Italy at a cost of \$9,800 and donated it to Pomona. In 1889 John C. Fremont, a famous U.S. soldier and explorer, unveiled the statue of the goddess amid great fanfare. Over the years, Pomona has nobly represented the meaning of its name. The Pomona Valley has been a fruitful valley in the past and is now fruitful from the strength and efforts of its people. Pomona has been a source of strength and inspiration to the surrounding communities for many years. As the Goddess appears to be looking to the future, we are reminded of the past – our successes and challenges, the present – a review of our talents and opportunities, and the future – the hopes and dreams of the citizens of this City. Many have passed this way and have given much. We would not have expected less. As those who have come before us gave so much, we pledge to give no less than our forefathers expected when they saw the vision of Pomona's destiny. We are Pomona...the City of opportunity and destiny.

## GOVERNMENT

Pomona was founded on January 6, 1888 and became a Charter City in 1911. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of municipal government. The Mayor is the presiding officer of the Council and is elected at-large. The Council on a rotating basis selects the Vice-Mayor. Councilmembers are elected for overlapping four-year terms. Each is elected by district electoral votes and represents the district where he or she resides.

The Mayor and City Council appoint the City Manager who serves as the City's Chief Administrative Officer. The Council also acts as the Board of the Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Authority. City Council / Agency meetings are typically held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's of each month. All meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers and are open to the public; however, should a matter need to be discussed separately, the Council may opt at the start of the meeting to hold a closed session. Upon completion of the closed session typically by 7:00 p.m., the meeting is open to the public.

## LOCATION

The City of Pomona is located at the southeast end of Los Angeles County and borders San Bernardino County's western boundary and is just five miles north of Orange County. Pomona covers an area of approximately 23 square miles and enjoys a dry sub-tropical climate with an average temperature of 64° Fahrenheit with an average annual rainfall of 16.96 inches.



## GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

Pomona is a full service city with fire services provided by contract with the County of Los Angeles. City Hall is located in the Civic Center complex in downtown Pomona. The County of Los Angeles Consolidated Fire District maintains eight fully staffed stations supported by fire prevention, community relations, state-of-the-art communications systems, and county command, control and administrative personnel.

The City provides parks, recreation and cultural activities, community development programs, parkways, medians, tree maintenance, water, sewer and refuse utilities, public safety, and general administrative services. The Community Services Department operates 26 parks, 13 community centers, 3 senior citizen centers, 2 public pools, a portable stage, 9 lighted tennis courts, 22 basketball courts and 31 ball fields (19 lighted). The City of Pomona Public Library maintains over 286,817 volumes and more than 8,282 in audiocassettes, compact discs, and other multi-media material.

