



# City of Monterey Park News Release

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## Monterey Park City Council Directs Staff to Explore Options for Permanent Data Center Ban

Monterey Park, Calif. — February 5, 2026 — At its January 21, 2026 meeting, the Monterey Park City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance establishing a 45-day moratorium on data center development in the City. The ordinance temporarily prohibits the acceptance or processing of data center applications while the City evaluates long-term policy options. The ordinance was brought forward at the request of Council Member Vinh Ngo, District 5.

At its February 4, 2026 meeting, the City Council directed staff to return at the March 4, 2026 City Council meeting with additional options related to prohibiting data center uses and future land use planning possibilities. This direction includes evaluating potential zoning regulations that may be adopted by the City Council, as well as the possible development of a ballot measure to prohibit data centers throughout the City and potentially expand residential options within Saturn Park.

The City Council expressed interest in reviewing residential-oriented land use alternatives within the Saturn Park Innovation/Technology Zone, consistent with prior Council actions and in response to public input supporting additional housing opportunities in the area.

The City Council is expected to consider extending the moratorium at the March 4, 2026 meeting to allow additional time for staff and the City Attorney to prepare and present these options. Any extension of the moratorium or future policy actions will be subject to public discussion and City Council approval.

To review publicly available documents related to Monterey Park's data center regulations, please visit <https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/datacenter>.

Once the March 4 meeting date is noticed and the agenda is published, it will be available at <https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/1251/Agendas-Minutes>. City Council meeting videos may also be viewed at this page. Residents who wish to receive City Council agendas by email may sign up at <https://montereyparkca.portal.civicclerk.com/>.

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