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Honorees (not in order) were: Veronica Moran, Mary Ramirez, Carime Calixto 4 Carla Aguayo, Alma Vilchis, Blanca Hernandez, Giuliana Nucci, Blanca Hernandez, Paola Robles, Ana Madera, Rosa Altamirano, Gabriela Coronado, Monica Hernandez, Amparo Paz, Egleth Nucci, Martha Diaz, Socorro Mendoza, Tanya Esquiuvel, Felipe Perez, Rosalia Ortiz, Lorena Camarillo, Pilar Maldonado, Ruthi Hanchett, Kitty Jaramillo, Adrian Meza, Isabel Flores, Juana Suastegui, Diane Vena, Anjali Tapadia, Alma Chavez, Sonia Garcia, Helen Higgins, Karen Lloreda, Veronica Segura, Dallany Muratalla, Martha Patricia Torres, Gabriela Reyes, Andrea Rios, Todd Harrison, Yolanda Harrison, Z. J. Hahn, Curt Johnston, Curtis Gamble, Bernard Oh, Maureen Milton, and *Fullerton Observer* readers. Also pictured are State Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, Senators Josh Newman, Fullerton Joint Union High School Trustee Dr. Vicki Calhoun, and City Councilmembers Dr Shana Charles and Dr Ahmad Zahra.

Union Pacific Trail Advocates Receive Recognition for Five Years of Unwavering Dedication and Success

State Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, Senators Josh Newman and Tom Umberg, OC Supervisor Doug Chaffee, and Congressmember Lou Correa, on March 16, presented awards of recognition to the many community members who have advocated for Union Pacific Trail Phase II.

Five years of their determination paid off at the January 16, 2024 council meeting where the audience broke out in applause as all councilmembers

voted to use the \$1.78 million California Urban Greening Grant to construct the updated concept plan for Phase II of Union Pacific Trail.

The updated plan of the project envisions the former dusty railroad right-of-way transforming into the Union Pacific Trail and Bike Path connecting various neighborhoods between Union Pacific and Independence parks.

The trail will include a Class I bike lane, a dedicated pedestrian walkway,

lighting, and landscaping stretching to Independence Park on W. Valencia. The landscaping plan includes the planting of 176 new trees, contributing to beauty and environmental sustainability.

The plan also reserves ten feet on each side of the portion of the trail between Highland and Richman for future redevelopment of adjacent properties.

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In-Custody Death

Fullerton Police Department Report

Fullerton Police Officers responded to a restaurant located in the 1300 block of S. Brookhurst Rd on March 6 at 3:01 am regarding two males that were standing at the front of the doors, possibly under the influence of drugs. The reporting party, who was the manager of the business, was concerned for the employees' safety as they began to arrive for work.

Officers arrived on the scene and contacted one shirtless male adult, who was uncooperative with officers' commands. The male began swinging a belt at officers as they attempted to contact him.

Additional officers were requested, and once they arrived, they utilized a taser to attempt to subdue the suspect, which was ineffective.

The suspect continued to act erratically and was uncooperative. Officers then

utilized a less lethal kinetic energy projectile and struck the suspect, allowing officers to take him into custody.

At this time in the investigation, it is believed the suspect sustained a significant injury to the chest area as a result of the use of the less lethal kinetic energy projectile.

Officers began life-saving measures until paramedics responded. The suspect was transported to a local trauma center, where he was later pronounced deceased.

As is standard practice in Orange County, the Orange County District Attorney's Office will conduct an independent in-custody death investigation.

The Orange County Coroner will release the deceased suspect's identity at a later date.

City Hall on the Go

Fullerton City Hall is coming to you. On select Saturdays throughout 2024, Fullerton residents can visit a park within your district to get full access to all city department resources.

City Hall on the Go aims to make local government more accessible, efficient, and responsive to the needs of citizens by providing an opportunity for residents to engage with local officials and city staff, share feedback, and learn about upcoming initiatives or projects affecting their neighborhoods.

Next date and location:

Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 10am – 2pm at the Hunt Library located at 201 South Basque Ave.

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Filing Period for Nomination Papers & Candidate Statements for November Election

July 15 - August 9, 2024

Candidates for Districts 1, 2, and 4 may pull nomination papers beginning July 15, 2024. Candidates must be registered to vote in their district before the City Clerk will issue paperwork. Candidates must file all nomination paperwork and fees with the City Clerk by 5 pm on August 9, 2024. Candidates must make appointments to meet with the City Clerk to pull and file nomination papers. To make an appointment, contact the city clerk's office at cityclerksoffice@cityoffullerton.com or (714) 738-6350.

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