



## **MINUTES**

### **CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

**August 19, 2025**

**4:00 pm**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY  
MORENO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS\*  
CITY AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY  
MORENO VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MORENO VALLEY PUBLIC FINANCING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MORENO VALLEY PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
MORENO VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Closed Session of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, Moreno Valley Community Services District, City as Successor Agency for the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley, Housing Authority, Moreno Valley Public Financing Corporation, Moreno Valley Public Financing Authority, Board of Library Trustees, and the Moreno Valley Community Foundation Board of Directors was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Mayor Cabrera in the Council Chamber located at 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, California.

\*Mayor Cabrera announced that the City Council receives a separate stipend for CSD meetings

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Ulises Cabrera - Mayor

Elena Baca-Santa Cruz - Mayor Pro Tem

Ed Delgado - Councilmember

Erlan Gonzalez - Councilmember

Cheylynda Barnard - Councilmember

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ONLY**

Roy Bleckert

1. Critical of Council.

**D. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Cabrera announced, per the City Attorney's advice, he will be recusing himself from item D.3 due to potential financial conflict of interest.

**D.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Number of Potential Cases: Two

**D.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Number of Potential Cases: One

**D.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Case Name: Elmer Robin Thomas Jr. v. Ulises Cabrera, et al.

Individual, and City of Moreno Valley, a municipal entity case

Case Number: EDCV25-01650-AB (PVC)

Mayor Cabrera recessed the City Council to the Training Room, second floor, City Hall, for their Closed Session at 4:07 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca-Santa Cruz reconvened the City Council in the Council Chamber from their Closed Session at 5:32 pm.

**E. REPORT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY, BY CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney reported the following: "On D.3, the item dealing with existing litigation known as Elmer Robbin Thomas Jr. Vs Ulises Cabrera, an individual,

and the City of Moreno Valley, a municipal entity. The City Council voted 3-1, with Mayor Cabrera recusing himself due to a potential financial conflict of interest on this item. The Council voted 3-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Elena Baca-Santa Cruz, Councilmember Ed Delgado, and Councilmember Cheylynda Barnard voting yes; with Councilmember Erlan Gonzalez voting no to offer a settlement to Mr. Elmer Thomas to dismiss the City from the federal case he filed against the City and Mr. Cabrera, and not to indemnify Mr. Cabrera, as he was sued in his individual capacity.

## **F. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Baca-Santa Cruz adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

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M. Patricia Rodriguez  
Manager of the Office of the Mayor and City Council/City Clerk  
Secretary, Moreno Valley Community Services District  
Secretary, City as Successor Agency for the Community  
Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley  
Secretary, Moreno Valley Housing Authority  
Secretary, Moreno Valley Public Financing Corporation  
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees  
Secretary, Public Financing Authority  
Secretary, Moreno Valley Community Foundation

Approved by:

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Ulises Cabrera  
Mayor, City of Moreno Valley  
President, Moreno Valley Community Services District  
Chairperson, City as Successor Agency for the Community  
Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley  
Chairperson, Moreno Valley Housing Authority  
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