



## Report to City Council

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Melissa Walker, Public Works Director/City Engineer

**AGENDA DATE:** October 7, 2025

**TITLE:** APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH SPECIAL EVENT (REPORT OF: PUBLIC WORKS) (DISTRICT 3)

**TITLE SUMMARY:** Approval Of Temporary Road Closures For The St. Christopher Parish "Pilgrimage Of Lady Of San Juan De Los Lagos" Special Event Located On Cottonwood Avenue Between Perris Boulevard and Kitching Street

**DISTRICT:** District 3

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### Recommendation(s)

That the City Council:

1. Approve the recommended temporary road closures for the St. Christopher Parish "Procession Pilgrimage of Lady of San Juan De Los Lagos" special event located on Cottonwood Avenue between Perris Boulevard and Kitching Street; and
2. Authorize the Moreno Valley Police Department and the Public Works Director/City Engineer to make the additional changes or road closure recommendations as needed for the event.

### SUMMARY

The following report recommends approval of temporary road closures for the St. Christopher Parish "*Procession of the Pilgrimage of Lady of San Juan De Los Lagos*" special event in Moreno Valley on Monday, October 20, 2025. The closures will occur from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with the procession taking place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., beginning at St. Christopher Parish and proceeding along Cottonwood Avenue to Kitching

Street. This report also seeks authorization for the Moreno Valley Police Department and the Public Works Director/City Engineer to implement any necessary adjustments or additional road closures related to the event.

## **DISCUSSION**

St. Christopher Parish, located at 25075 Cottonwood Avenue, near the intersection of Perris Boulevard and Cottonwood Avenue, has submitted a special event request to host the “*Pilgrimage of Our Lady of San Juan de Los Lagos*”. This religious and cultural event features a community procession. The pilgrimage is a longstanding Catholic devotional with ties to the Basilica in San Juan de Los Lagos in Jalisco, Mexico. Many communities across the United States hold similar devotions and processions.

The procession will involve walkers, parishioners, and families, many of whom will carry religious banners, sing hymns, and engage in prayer. Participants will travel along an out-and-back route that is approximately half a mile each way. They will gather at St. Christopher Parish, then head east along Cottonwood Avenue to the intersection of Cottonwood Avenue and Kitching Street, near the south lot of Butterfield Elementary School located at 13400 Kitching Street, before returning to the parish along the same route.

To ensure participant safety and minimize any traffic impacts, temporary street closures, coordinated with public safety personnel along the designated route, are essential.

The proposed road closures are as follows:

- a. Temporary hard closure of Cottonwood Avenue, from the intersection of Perris Boulevard and Cottonwood Avenue (near St. Christopher Parish) to the intersection of Cottonwood Avenue and Kitching Street (near the Butterfield Elementary south lot).

The Moreno Valley Police Department will conduct the street closures with assistance from the Public Works Department and will redirect traffic as needed.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve and authorize the recommendations outlined in this staff report. *Staff recommends this alternative as it will allow a thorough process to ensure the safety of all participants.*
2. Do not approve or authorize the recommendations outlined in this staff report. *Staff does not recommend this alternative as it will impede the ability to safely conduct a thorough process for all participants.*

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The costs associated with the road closure will be absorbed within the adopted Fiscal Year 2025/26 Police Department operating budget.

## **NOTIFICATION**

Publication of the agenda.

The applicant will notify nearby businesses. The City will post no parking and road closure signage a minimum of 72-hours prior to the event to provide residents with sufficient notice of the temporary street closures.

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## **CITY COUNCIL GOALS**

Public Safety: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community, control the number and severity of fire and hazardous material incidents, and provide protection for citizens who live, work and visit the City of Moreno Valley.

## **CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Public Safety**
- 3. Library**
- 4. Infrastructure**
- 5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life**
- 6. Youth Programs**

## Report Approval Details

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