



# CITY MANAGER COMMUNITY REPORT

April 2017

## Message from the City Manager

On Monday, May 8th, at 1:00 P.M. the City Council will hold a strategic planning workshop to determine the City's vision, mission, and core values statements.

As part of that process, the City of Banning held a Community Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, April 18th to receive input directly from residents on the City's strengths, weaknesses, and what they thought the City's priorities should be going forward.

I want to personally thank all the residents who participated in those discussions, as the information they provided will play a key role in helping the City Council determine key needs and priorities for the City.

The City Council will also be conducting a Mid-Term Budget Workshop on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 2:30 P.M. right before their Regular City Council meeting to discuss potential adjustments to the two-year budget cycle. This mid-term review is important because it will allow the City to measure financial progress and ensure that the budget accurately reflects the current needs of the City.

## City of Banning Joins Nextdoor

The City of Banning has joined the Nextdoor community to share information and updates that directly impact neighborhoods around Banning. There are currently ten active neighborhood pages in the City and that number continues to grow. The City is already very active on social media through Facebook and Twitter, and we are excited to begin engaging residents through Nextdoor as well.

## City Council Meetings Report

The Banning City Council met on April 11th and 25th and took action on several items including:

- Received the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports and Independent Auditor's Report that verified all of the City's departments are in good financial standing.
- Directed staff to begin efforts to close the Banning Airport. The airport has seen a steep decline in air traffic and a recent study showed that other land uses would be more beneficial for the current airport site. The process to close the airport will take several years to finalize.
- Scheduled a workshop to discuss utility rates, which will take place on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about how the City's rates and tiers are developed and structured.
- Honored long-time resident Bill Dickson for his service to the community, including service on the Parks and Recreation Commission, as a San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board Member, and for his volunteer work as "Santa Claus" at numerous annual community events during the holidays.

