



CITY OF COMMERCE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WELCOME

As I look ahead to both the challenges and opportunities the new year will deliver to the Commerce community, I cannot help but reflect on my time in Commerce as the City Administrator. I celebrated the eighth year anniversary of my first day on the job on January 28th, which coincidentally is also the City's incorporation birthday.

Eight years of anything is a long time and I have lived every minute of it on the job, day by day, intensely and passionately. Those eight years were tumultuous for our nation and the Golden State. By the end of December, 2008 the national economy was reeling from the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. Although the recession by technical definition lasted one full year, the recovery from the recession was slow and lasted nearly five years. For California cities, the recovery from the recession was prolonged with the end of redevelopment directed by the Governor and the State Legislature. California cities had relied on redevelopment for decades as tool to develop blighted areas into thriving economic generators. Redevelopment was a cornerstone for Commerce in revitalizing our community. The end of redevelopment stopped the City from completing its Telegraph Road revitalization project which was years in the making and responsible for the initial success of the Citadel Outlets. The loss of redevelopment also decimated the City's Capital Improvement Program. And, if it were not for the voter approved Measure AA revenues, the City could not proceed to retool and put in place the significant Capital Improvement Plan we have today.

During these last eight years, despite the recession and the end of redevelopment, the City has made progress with significant community investments: The long awaited renovation of the City's Central Library, a 21st century jewel of a library which will serve our community for years to come. The conversion of our municipal transit bus fleet to clean burning CNG fuels. The completion of a CNG public fueling station has been a tangible and key investment in our environment. The construction of an Emergency Operations Center to support our community with a command center to direct our resources to handle emergency events such as the planning for the City's response to "El Niño".

During the last eight years there are some essential people that need to be recognized. The Commerce City Council has been totally responsive and committed to the needs of the Commerce community. The Council are the advocates and fierce protectors of the well-being of this community. Second, part of the reason the City has persevered through these last eight years has been the dedicated public employees serving this community. I have been pleased and privileged to work with them. So as we close out 2015 and reflect on all our great accomplishments, we can also look forward to continuing to serve the residents, businesses and visitors of the great City of Commerce.

As calendar year 2015 drew to a close the City of Commerce, under the policy direction of the Mayor and City Council, completed a successful 12-month campaign of accomplishments for the benefit of Commerce residents. The City's workforce is responsible for the delivery of local government services to the residential neighborhoods and business sectors of Commerce. We are a public service organization of 450 full and part time workers. We provide the Commerce community with a broad array of services which when valued in the context of the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 operating budget is in excess of \$54,631,616.

All of the City's personnel, whether on the front lines of direct services in recreation, public safety, libraries, facilities maintenance, public works, development services and transportation or in the role of supporting services, including finance, human resources or administration are proud of these achievements.

We are committed to the well-being and quality of life of this community. We are indeed privileged to serve the businesses and residents of Commerce.

Jorge J. Rifá, City Administrator



What a GREAT year Commerce had in 2015! Among the many accomplishments, we began the long-awaited Washington Boulevard Improvement Project, brought back the Neighborhood Fix-Up Grant Program to help residents beautify their home and revamped Camp Commerce with new sports, programming and Wi-Fi access, just to name a few. The Commerce City Council is committed to preserving our strong foundation of services and programs while investing in our future through sound budgeting and infrastructure development. This year's Annual Report highlights many of the outstanding programs and services available to residents. This demonstrates why our City provides an exceptional quality of life.

A city as great as ours does not happen by accident; Commerce is special because of the hard work, dedication and cooperation with each stakeholder. It is this collaboration that keeps the city moving forward. The steadily improving economy has enabled the city to address the constraints and deferred facility improvements necessitated by the demise of redevelopment and the recent recession. However, with the passage of Measure AA --the half-cent sales tax approved by Commerce voters in 2012-- more than \$7.6 million has been generated annually to fund essential services. The funds collected allows us to pay for such things as public safety services, maintenance and improvements of streets, sidewalks, public facilities, parks, libraries and other city services that help make Commerce the Model City.

Ours is a City in progress, dedicated to the improvement and beautification of the community through revitalizing infrastructure projects, programs specifically designed to help our residents, and businesses that invest in our future. It is through this spirit of progress that the City's stakeholders have transformed Commerce from a small manufacturing and production town to a vibrant consumer-driven tourist destination, all without losing its small town identity.

Commerce truly stands out as an example of a City dedicated to bringing out the potential in everyone that passes through its threshold. Whether it is through its award-winning library system, its world class Aquatics Center or its free eco-friendly public transit system, Commerce provides an environment where not only the businesses grow, but also its people. This investment in our stakeholders helps us grow to new heights and prosper in this new rising economy.

While our City has changed over the years for the better, there is still room to improve and grow. We are constantly taking action to ensure that the City of Commerce will remain the ideal location for residents, businesses and consumers. Be sure to keep a close watch on our progress and expect great things in the future.

It has truly been one great year for Commerce. From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank all of the community stakeholders that made 2015 a great year! We are extremely optimistic about 2016 and will continue our dedication to improve the quality of life for all who live, work and visit in Commerce.

Sincerely,
The Commerce City Council



The Administration Department continues to aspire to the highest ideals of public service by consistently maintaining and improving the numerous City programs and services, which benefit all who live and work in Commerce. It is through the City Council's leadership that the Department is able to implement policies and programs, which improve upon the quality of life and betterment of the community.

In 2015, the Administration Department was involved in a great number of projects, community activities, and initiatives that focused on providing efficient and effective public services. However, it is important to mention that many of the Department's accomplishments are attributed to the unrelenting cooperation and support from our city departments, as well as other local community and business organizations.

Key Accomplishments of 2015

- In conjunction with the Finance Department, presented the City Council with a balanced budget for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year.
- Measure AA, the ½ cents sales tax, generated \$7.3 million in revenue in 2015, which has been critical to the City's continued economic development and infrastructure needs.
- The Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project is underway. The project will provide significant improvements to the City as well as the region.
- Participated and represented the city at local and regional meetings of interest to the city:
- Washington Blvd Coalition Eastside Transit Group (led by Arellano Associates/Metro)
- Goldline Coalition
- Gateway Cities Council of Governments
- COG Managers Committee on Sustainability
- COG City Managers Steering Committee
- COG Economic Development Working Group Meeting
- S.E. Water Coalition Policy Board
- I-5 Administrative Entity
- I-5 Policy Board
- Commerce Refuse to Energy Authority
- JPA Gaming/California Cities for Self Reliance
- Oversight Board Meeting
- Mayor's Business Relations Meeting
- Measure AA Committee



The City Clerk is the Election Official for local elections in the City of Commerce and is charged with administering elections in a manner that assures public confidence in the accuracy, efficiency, fairness and transparency of the election process. The City Clerk's Office serves as the liaison between the public and City Council and provides related municipal services and promotes open government and the democratic process by preserving and maximizing the public's access to City records.

With an emphasis on customer service, the City Clerk's Office focused on electronic access and paperless initiatives to increase information availability to its customers. Improvements have been made to the service delivery of legislative documents through the implementation of an agenda automation process using Laserfiche for a paperless document imaging solution.

Key Accomplishments of 2015

- Developed and implemented citywide records management program. This included establishing a Retention Policy and Records Retention Schedule for all City Departments to provide guidance for managing and maintaining records including the disposition and destruction authority processes.
- Conducted March 2015 election, created candidate manual, ballot processing, signature verification, election filings and canvassing of March 2015 Election results. Voter turnout increased from 21.3% in 2013 to 23.2% in 2015. Voters that cast their ballot through Vote by Mail also increased from 32% in 2013 to 45% in the 2015 election.
- Reorganizing and inventorying City records allowed for the destruction of 150 boxes of obsolete and legally permitted records to be destroyed.
- Completed and processed 215 public records requests from a variety of sources including accepting and processing subpoenas.
- Completed 41 sets of City Council minutes, 7 sets of Measure AA Advisory Board minutes, 4 sets of Oversight Board minutes, processed and recorded 142 resolutions and ordinances, and processed and recorded professional services agreement and contracts.
- Provided secretarial services to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency, the Commerce Community Development Commission and Measure AA Advisory Board.



The Public Information Office maintains three divisions within the Administration Department and is responsible for cable channels 3 and 32, printing and graphic services, the Report to the People, the content of the City website and social media as well as collaborating with city departments on event planning.

Media Division:

The Media Division is responsible for press releases and media contact, newsletters, speeches, commendations, event photography and marketing for the city.

- Increased social media activity on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Flickr.
- Assisted the Department of Public Works and Community Services with 2015 Eddy Awards Most Business Friendly City Finalist Entry
- Collaborated with the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Veterans Day Ceremony. Spearheaded the Veterans Resource Fair.
- Collaborated with the Department of Public Safety and Community Development for the 2015 Health Fair and Abilities Walk. Spearheaded the Mammogram Mobile Unit.

Graphics, Printing and Mail Services Division:

The Graphics, Printing and Mail Services Division creates artwork, newsletters, brochures, reports, stationery, announcements, posters and other printed material for city departments to increase community awareness and promote events and programs.

- Special Report to the People in cooperation with the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District
- Redesigned the Report to the People for 2016
- Created new logo for the Department of Library Services
- Updated and Redesigned cable notices

Cable TV Division:



The Cable TV Division works with all city departments to produce and distribute local programming for the community about city events and services. The Division videotapes special events, city council meetings, sport programs and provides emergency and public information on Landmark TV channel 3 and 32.

- 2015 Year in Review video
- Posting short event video highlights on social media

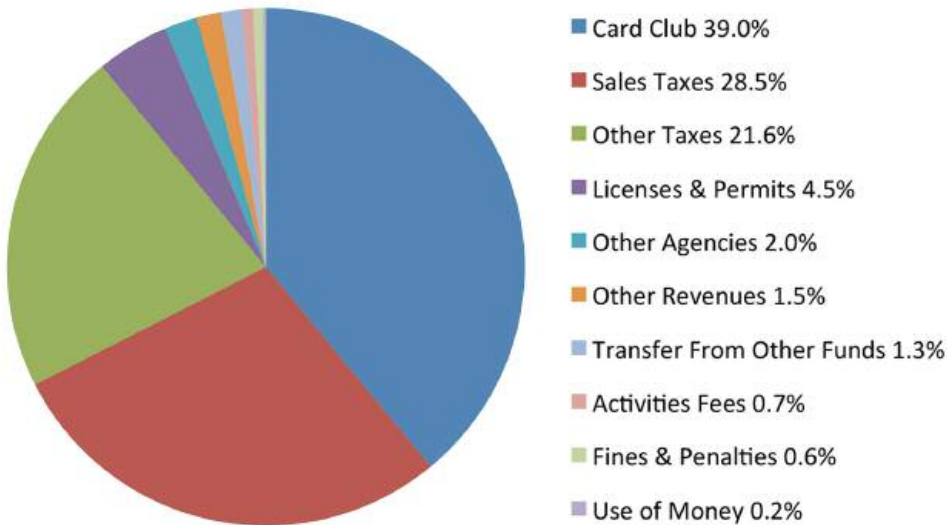


Finance staff secured approval from the State Department of Finance to repay the City's \$17.8 million in loans, including interest, that were made to the Commerce Community Development Commission. The City will receive repayment on interest earnings of nearly \$10 million. This will bring back to the City's General Fund a repayment of \$27 million over 5 years. This is a significant accomplishment, considering the complexity that revolved around the multi-year process of dismantling redevelopment.

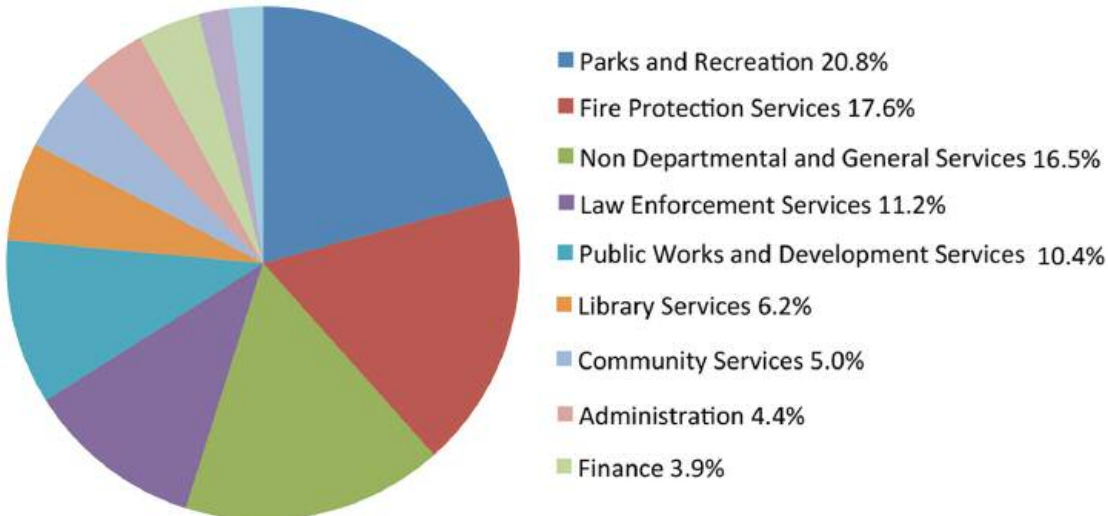
In 2015, the Information Technology (I.T.) Division's mission was to provide the City of Commerce with state of the art technology systems and services. The I.T. Division successfully increased the City's technological capability through the continuous support of the City's email communication systems, network infrastructure, network security, financial systems, multiple databases, City website, web services, wireless technologies, backups systems, connectivity of remote facilities and City wide security camera systems.

The I.T. Division also launched a project titled CityComm Network Architecture Upgrade. To date I.T. has implemented and completed numerous phases of this major project.

2015-16 General Fund Adopted Revenue Budget



2015-16 General Fund Adopted Expenditure Budget



The Human Resources Department assists all City departments in providing unparalleled services to City residents, the business community and the general public by ensuring a safe and rewarding work environment that attracts, retains, develops and motivates professional career employees.

The Human Resources Department has reached a number of significant accomplishments which include: the successful coordination and implementation of a new three year MOU with the City's Full Time and Part Time bargaining units; the reorganization of the Public Safety and Community Services Department; transition to an automated recruitment solution; successfully addressed safety related items throughout all City facilities in accordance to CJPIA safety standards; coordinated the continual success of the City Employee Recognition Dinner, Y.E.S. and Ride Share programs; provided exceptional service to internal staff in recruiting and filling of City positions throughout the City; provided an array of training for all City employees; coordinated a successful Open Enrollment and Benefits Fair; revised several City personnel and administrative policies; and continued to successfully oversee all of the City's Risk Management programs.

Key Accomplishments of 2015

- Created the "Caught in the Act" customer service award program to recognize excellent customer service, Created the "Employee of the Quarter Program" to recognize employees who have demonstrated outstanding service to our community, and formed a partnership with the University of La Verne to host a degree program on site and provide our employees with discounted tuition.
- The Human Resources Recruitment Division conducted 43 recruitments, 10 of which were promotional and 33 open competitive. These recruitments required scheduling 32 oral boards, 14 performance exams and 9 written exams. Nearly 800 applications were screened and reviewed and approximately 1,400 letters were mailed to applicants that resulted in 59 employees being processed and hired.
- Staff's continued efforts contributed to a more efficient use and enhancement to the City's insurance programs such as improving the dental insurance program and saving significant dollars from better utilizing the property insurance program. This resulted in obtaining over \$60,000 from insurance filings.



JUAN MUNIZ

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Employee of the Quarter

for the 3rd quarter of July-Sept 2015, for your dedicated service and professionalism to the City and our residents and businesses.



At the beginning of 2015, Rosewood Main Library reopened its doors after 13 months of renovation. The new library boasts incredible amenities for all age groups. The Department of Library Services partnered again with the Commerce Hotel and Casino and other local community groups for the Commerce Scholarship Program, raising \$80,000 for 53 Commerce residents.

This year also marked the 10th anniversary of the Commerce to College Fair where more than 50 colleges and organizations were on hand to talk to nearly 1,000 middle and high school students and parents about their institutions.

It is these outstanding programs, events and services that earned the Commerce Public Library the title of “Star Library” by the Library Journal. Commerce was rated one of the best libraries in the country based on size, population served and yearly budget. To help fund the City’s programs, the Commerce Public Library applied for and received the following grants totaling \$184,601:



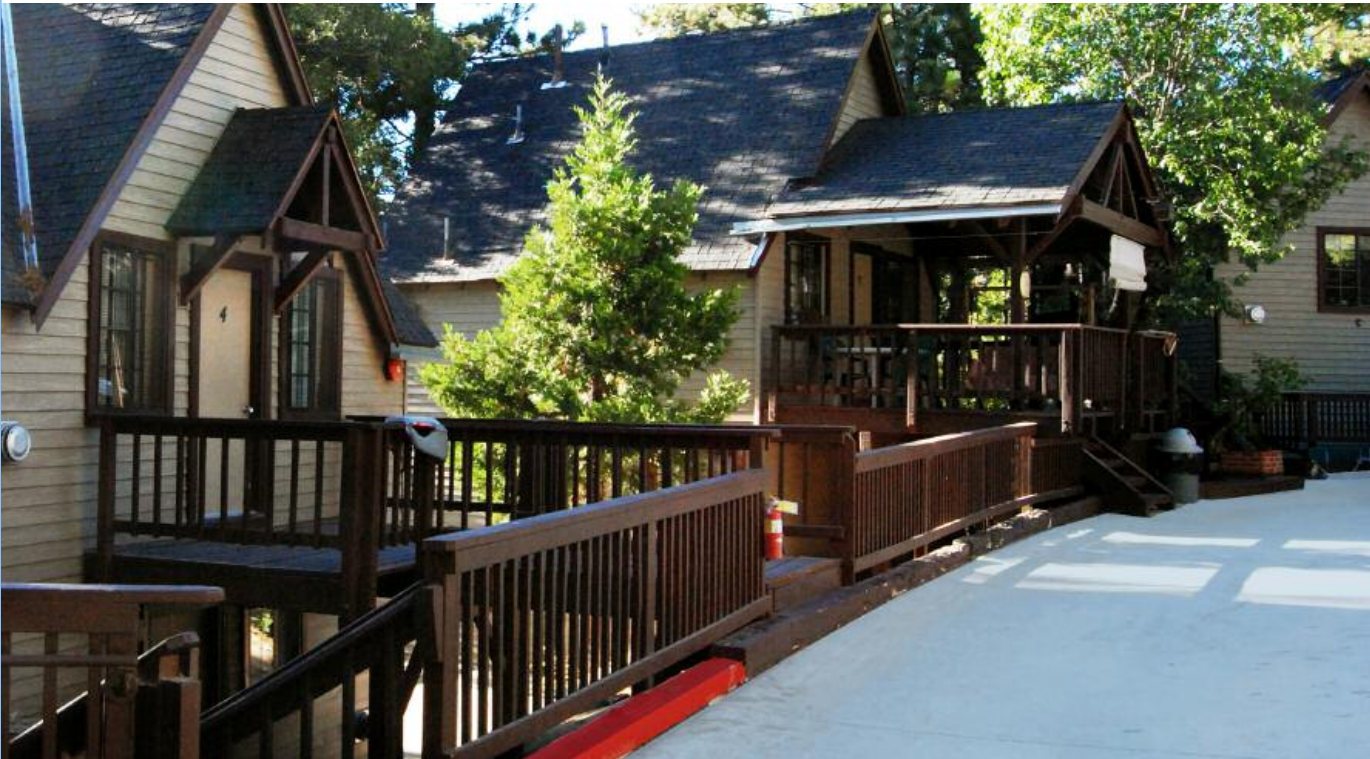
Key Accomplishments of 2015

- CLLS (California Library Literacy Services) Grant for \$28,000 - This grant from the California State Library helps the Library provide reading and writing programs, including the Adult Literacy Program and the successful children’s reading and writing program, Commerce Kids Read.
- The Broadband Project is a statewide initiative that, in Commerce, will make fast Internet (1 GB) possible for the four branch libraries. The approximate amount of the grant is \$100,000 and \$20,000 in one-time grant money from the State Library of California to purchase hardware to support the upgrade.
- LSTA (Library Science and Technology Act) Grant for \$20,000 - This is a federally funded grant administered by the State Library of California that pays for the City’s PACE (Project and Collaborative Education) Program. PACE provides school-age children with the supplies needed for school projects at no cost.
- E-Rate Grant for \$15,101 - This federal grant makes Internet and WiFi service available at all four libraries at a 90% discount.
- InfoPeople Grant for \$1,500 - The Veterans Connect@The Library Project will bring a Veterans Resource Center to the community. In addition to the monetary award, training for staff and materials to promote the program will be provided.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department literally plays an important role in the lives of everyone in our community. This Department touts world class recreation programs for Commerce and industrial residents providing opportunities to acquire new skills, meet new friends, and stay healthy and active. The Parks and Recreation Department oversees a year-round camp in Lake Arrowhead, California, three commissions, four neighborhood parks covering 36.29 acres, seven community centers, 17 operating divisions and 237 employees.



Key Accomplishments of 2015

•Camp Commerce Improvements

- New programs including family game night, family canoeing indoor/outdoor campfire, skits and move night
- New furniture and equipment

•Integrating Special Needs Community

- 3 Special Needs trainings on Autism for Preschool Teachers, Kids Club Staff and Coaches
- Inaugural Abilities Walk during the 2015 Health Fair
- Participated in the World Special Olympics as “Fans in the Stands”
- Incorporating individuals with Special Needs in our swimming, soccer, Kids Club, preschool and day camp programs

•Bandini Park

- New Batting Cage Area
- Mosquito Abatement Project/Walking Path

•EOC Correction of Flood Control Problems

- Preparing for El Niño
- New 4X4 CAT Front Loader to assist Community Services with sandbags

•Bristow Park

- New flooring and murals in the Dance Room
- New flooring in the Boxing Room



In an effort to increase the efficiency of the organization and strengthen the operations of the Community Services Department, the department is now the Public Safety and Community Services (PSCS) Department which includes the Code Enforcement Division. This move created a partnership between Code Enforcement and the Community Services Officers that has increased coverage and the number of cases opened by Code Enforcement staff.

The PSCS Department also developed a Homeless Initiative Task Force to make contact, identify and assist the homeless population. This is a collaborative effort between LA County Sheriff's Department, City Staff and local non-profit agencies. This year the Task Force identified more than 20 encampments throughout the City. Several were cleared within 24 hours.

Key Accomplishments of 2015

- Adding the first annual Spring Job Fair to the very successful Fall Job Fair held in collaboration with the Citadel Outlets.
- In an effort to educate the community about the severe El Niño storms, the Department engaged in an informational campaign about the importance of being prepared. Additionally, the City's Search & Rescue team filled sandbags and distributed them to residents and businesses and will continue to do so until 5,000 bags have been filled.
- Held the first Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon that honored the dedicated work and partnership of City Public Safety employees, City Search & Rescue Team, and L.A. County Sheriff's and Fire Departments. Both, Sheriff Jim McDonnell and Fire Chief Daryl Osby were in attendance.
- The Animal Control Division wrote over 117 citations, transported over 200 animals to the L.A. County Animal Shelter, worked with the L.A. County District Attorney's office regarding 1 animal abuse case and 1 neglect case and began an "Adopt a Pet" Program which includes a Cable TV video to showcase animals available for adoption.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, East Los Angeles Station has made a commitment to provide a superior level of service to the City of Commerce. Our intent is to foster closer, more productive relationships with city leaders, residents and business professionals to ensure that they are provided with an advanced level of law enforcement service. This philosophy rests on the organizational strategy of deploying deputy sheriffs permanently in areas where they can operate as community based problem solvers to interact with the same people on a face-to-face-basis each day. This approach encourages the formal and informal input from citizens, providing the community with a voice in helping set law enforcement priorities while developing creative solutions to community problems.

The East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station is committed to keeping the City of Commerce and its community informed and engaged in our business of providing public safety. Our strategic plan is to develop a disciplined approach, providing community oriented policing, engagement with our community and improving quality of life.

The Sheriff's Department, in a partnership with the City and the Citadel Outlets added two deputy sheriffs to the Commerce team at the Citadel Outlet stores. The rapid growth of the Citadel found a need for deputies who are dedicated in promoting and enforcing public safety for shoppers and merchants.

We are pleased to have seen an increase in community participation through neighborhood watch programs. Community members have shown a renewed interest in being part of the solution and reaching out with neighbors and businesses to address neighborhood concerns.

The city saw an increase in "Quality of Life" concerns this year, particularly a growing homeless population and street racing along the business corridors of the city. As a result, the Community Oriented Policing Team has been working with social service professionals and the city to help address these growing concerns.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is committed to providing excellent public safety service and will continue in our "Tradition of Service" to the City of Commerce.



The Los Angeles County Fire Department proudly provides the protection of Life, Property and the Environment to the residences and businesses of Commerce. The Fire Department provides this service from fire station 22, 27 and 50 located within the City and from fire stations 3, 39 and 163 from adjacent cities. The Fire Department is a regional provider of fire services to many cities in the area. Providing this regional service allows the Fire Department to move additional resources to the City if they are ever necessary.

Over the course of the last year the Fire Department has responded to a total of 2,075 incidents. Emergency Medical responses accounted for 1,151 of the total while there were 194 vehicle accidents, 139 responses to fire alarms, 557 responses to various other types of incidents and 79 fires within the City. The fire equipment located within the City of Commerce will also respond to the surrounding Communities when there is an incident that requires additional resources.

Fire Department personnel are also very active with the community and various events around the City. During the last year the Fire Department was involved with "National Night Out", fire engines and paramedic squads were in attendance at numerous residences and City parks. Staff also hosted students during Student Government Day. Over the course of the year the fire stations conducted 13 tours to various schools and civic groups. During these tours the firefighters also provided information on various fire safety topics. The Fire Department also participated in 49 miscellaneous community services events such as fire extinguisher demonstrations, emergency evacuation exercises and earthquake preparedness presentations.

Another of the other ongoing and very successful programs that the Fire Department personnel are involved with is the Boy Scouts of America Explorer Program. This program is open to anyone between the ages of 15-21. This program mentors and trains young adults who are interested in careers in the fire service. In addition to career counseling, the explorer program teaches young adults to have a sense of responsibility for their neighborhood through on-going community related activities



The City of Commerce was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administrator (FTA), for the purchase of an automated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and associated hardware for the City's transit fleet. This cutting edge technology will eliminate manual data collection by transit bus operators which will significantly improve the timeliness and accuracy of the data collected. It will also allow City staff to quickly analyze the effectiveness of City bus routes and schedules.

Staff successfully secured two new shuttles for those who live, work and visit the City of Commerce. The new Metrolink 26th Street shuttle allows Metrolink riders to shuttle around the City at several key stops. Some of the bus features include a bicycle rack, air-shock absorbers for comfort, reclined seating, luggage compartments and DVD player. Due to the high service demands of the Citadel Express which takes passengers from the Citadel Outlets to Downtown Los Angeles, a second bus was added to the route. The second bus will reduce passenger wait times significantly and increase overall convenience.

The City's LNG/LCNG fuel station continues to be a solid source of revenue averaging approximately \$60,000 per month from outside fuel sales. To help mitigate any potential loss of revenue during a power outage, the City purchased a back-up generator that will allow the CNG station to continue operations.

The City of Commerce received a terminal inspection administered by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and received a terminal rating of "satisfactory" and demonstrated compliance and proficiency in each of the required areas including:

- Drivers records
- Driver's hours of service records
- Driver proficiency and record
- Maintenance program and records
- Random drug and alcohol testing program and record



The Public Works & Development Services Department is responsible for the orderly growth and development of the City, consistent with community-wide values and objectives. The Department is also responsible for the capital improvement and maintenance of the City's streets and public infrastructure. The Department is comprised of three divisions: Development Services, Engineering Services, and Operations.

In 2015, the Public Works & Development Services Department re-organized and hired several key staff members. This re-organization is part of an effort to revitalize the Department which was hit severely during the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency. After several years without a Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Department is now tasked with delivering a \$7.2 million CIP, the \$38 million grant funded Washington Boulevard Project, and approximately \$7 million in Measure AA funded projects.

Key Accomplishments of 2015

Washington Boulevard Reconstruction

Construction of the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project started in Spring 2015. On the eastern end of the project, the street has been widened, along with the installation of new curb and gutters, ADA-compliant ramps, sidewalks, and street lights. On the western end of the project, the street widening operations have begun with concrete pavement installation currently underway. The project is currently on budget and on schedule with construction completion planned for early 2017.

Eastern Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation

Construction of the Eastern Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project was completed in December 2015. The project rehabilitated the pavement on the Eastern Avenue corridor, between Atlantic Boulevard and the City Limit (north of Bandini Boulevard) using recycled pavement materials. The City is estimated to have saved approximately \$500,000 by utilizing the "green" recycled pavement materials.

Establishment of Pavement Management System

In July 2015, the PWDS Department completed the City's Pavement Management System (PMS). Based on the report, the network replacement value of our streets is approximately \$111 million with an average pavement condition index (PCI) of 49 (on a scale of 0 to 100). As a result of the PMS, City Council appropriated \$4 million to jumpstart the effort to significantly improve our City streets.

Citadel 9-Story Parking Structure

Construction on the Citadel's 9-story parking structure was completed in time for "Black Friday" and the holiday season. This structure presents another much needed parking option for patrons of the shopping center.

Green Zone Action Plan Adoption

In October 2015 the City Council adopted the Green Zones Action Plan. Staff is currently analyzing the Plan to determine which items to focus on over the next 12 months, as well as which items are already underway in some manner. Staff is scheduled to update the City Council on this matter in a January 2016.





Project:

Slauson Avenue Sidewalk Improvement & Tree Reforestation Project



Status: *Design near completion* **Cost:** *\$1,850,000*

Summary: The project will provide sidewalk improvements along Slauson Avenue, from the I-710 Freeway to the west of the I-5 Freeway. The project is broken into two phases: Phase 1 (no utility relocations) and Phase 2 (utility relocations needed). The project plans and specifications for Phase 1 are currently being finalized with construction estimated to be early 2016. Phase II of this project is estimated to commence by late 2016.

Project:

Eastern Ave Resurfacing Project



Status: *Construction complete* **Cost:** *\$1,400,000*

Summary: Construction of the Eastern Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project was completed in December 2015. The project rehabilitated the asphalt on the Eastern Avenue corridor, between Atlantic Boulevard and the City Limit (north of Bandini Boulevard) using recycled pavement materials. The City is estimated to have saved approximately \$500,000 by utilizing the “green” recycled pavement materials.



Project:

Repair and Resurfacing of 8 Outdoor Basketball Courts



Status: Complete **Cost:** \$175,000 **Summary:**

Summary: The project repaired, refurbished, and resurfaced seven basketball courts in the City. The basketball courts are located at Rosewood Park (2), Veteran’s Park (2), and Bristow Park (3). Construction was started in May 2015 and was completed on June 24, 2015 being early 2016. Phase II of this project is estimated to commence by late 2016.

Project:

Central Library Façade Improvement Project



Status: Design underway **Cost:** \$660,000

Summary: The project will provide for an exterior renovation of the Central Library with a design that is cohesive with the recently completed interior renovation, as well as with the Senior Library Façade Improvement design. The plans are currently being modified due to scope changes needed to meet the existing budget. The revised plans, specifications, estimate, and 3-D sketch are scheduled to be submitted by architect mid-January.



Project:

Senior Center Rehabilitation & ADA Improvement Project



Status: *Design underway* **Cost:** *\$200,000*

Summary: The project will provide ADA accessibility to the Senior Citizens Center by repairing damaged sidewalk, replacing uplifted concrete slabs, installing ADA ramps, replacing existing ramps and rails, and updating existing ADA signage. Additionally, the project will incorporate water conservation elements such as drought tolerant, California native trees and landscaping, as well as water efficient irrigation, and porous concrete. The consultant returned 75% design plans to staff in mid-November. Staff is currently reviewing the plans prior to submitting for a Building Permit.

Project:

Metrolink Station Parking Lot, ADA, and Lighting



Status: *Construction pending, BNSF permit received*

Cost: *\$330,000 (Total Cost \$660,000)*

Summary: The scope of work for the project includes ADA accessibility improvements, upgrade of the existing lighting to LED, and pavement rehabilitation. Staff received the BNSF Permit for Entry in December 2015. Consultant and Contractor staff will be scheduled to take BNSF safety training, which is a requirement of the permit, prior to the start of work. Construction is scheduled to begin Spring 2016 (pending completion of BNSF safety training by all construction and consultant staff).



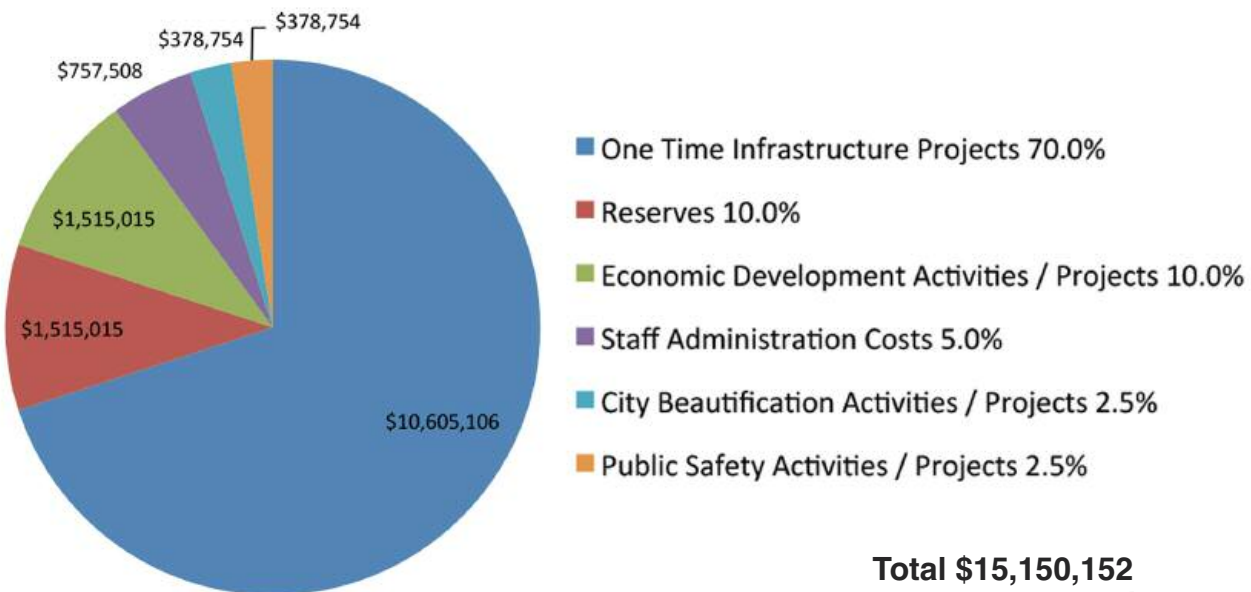
Project:
Railroad Crossing Improvements



Status: Design underway **Cost:** \$61,534 (total Cost : \$ 500,000)

Summary: The project is located on Washington Boulevard at the intersections with Garfield Avenue and Yates Avenue; and at Garfield Avenue at the intersections with Yates Avenue and Malt Avenue. The scope of work includes installation of preemption signals and various concrete improvements. The project will improve safety and reduce traffic congestion along the roadways, across railroad tracks, and through intersections with railroad preemption systems, left turn protection, and camera-controlled left turn signals. Design is currently underway and scheduled to be complete in Spring 2016.

Measure AA Planned Use of Funds Earned as of 6/30/15

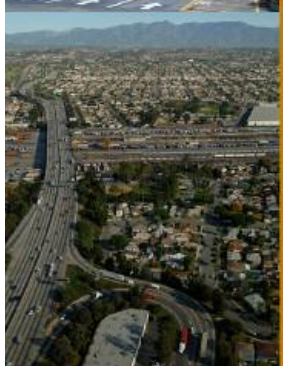




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Commerce City Hall: 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce CA 90040
(323) 722-4805 Web site: www.ci.commerce.ca.us



LOCATION: Six miles south east of downtown Los Angeles.

FREEWAYS: Commerce can be reached from either the Santa Ana (I-5) freeway - southbound exit at Atlantic/Eastern Blvd.; northbound exit at Washington Blvd or the Long Beach (I-710) Freeway - northbound exit at Atlantic North; southbound exit at Washington Blvd.

2014/2015 City General Fund Appropriations: \$56,295,598

Annual Taxable Sales: \$2,198,228,100

Measure AA Annual Infrastructure Budget: \$7,500,000

Incorporated: January 28, 1960

Area: 6.6 square miles

Households: 3,382 (2010 US Census)

Residential Population: 12,823 (2010 US Census Estimate)

Business Employee Population: 44,886

Number of Commerce Business Licenses Issued: 1,738

Assessed Valuation: 4,586,305,197

BENEFITS

- No gross receipts tax
- No local property tax levied
- Low Business License fees
- Active partnership between city and business
- Free citywide bus system with bike racks
- 44 acres of parks with six staffed recreational centers featuring; an aquatic complex, fitness facilities, and a broadcast recording studio
- Four excellent libraries with high-speed Internet access & WiFi
- Metrolink Commuter Station
- Highest level of public safety and fire protection
- Three fully-equipped fire stations
- Monthly city newspaper (Report to the People)
- Free Employment Referral Services
- One-stop permit processing at City Hall
- Camp Commerce recreational facility at Lake Arrowhead
- Air, railway, and port accessible
- High-speed internet access available

ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS

Industrial:	2,676 acres	63.8%	Open Space/Parks/Vacant:	189 acres	4.5%
Circulation:	808 acres	19.3%	Commercial:	139 acres	3.3%
Residential:	279 acres	6.6%	Public:	106 acres	2.5%

CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Lilia R. Leon, Mayor Pro Tem Tina Baca Del Rio
Councilmember Ivan Altamirano, Councilmember Hugo A. Argumedo,
Councilmember Oralia Y. Rebollo
City Administrator Jorge Rifá

PHONE DIRECTORY

Bandini Neighborhood Library

2269 S. Atlantic Blvd.
323/780-1176

Bandini Park

4725 Astor Avenue
323/887-4425

Bristow Park

1466 S. McDonnell Ave.
323/887-4426

Bristow Neighborhood Library

1466 S. McDonnell Ave.
323/265-1787

Rosewood Neighborhood Library

5655 Jillson Street
323/722-6660

Rosewood Park Community Center

5600 Harbor Street
323/887-4427

Brenda Villa Aquatic Center

323/887-4404

City Hall

2535 Commerce Way
323/722-4805

Council Chamber

5655 Jillson Street
323/722-4805

Veterans Neighborhood Library

6134 Greenwood Avenue
562/927-1516

Veterans Memorial Park

6364 Zindell Avenue
323/887-4428

LNG/CNG Fuel Station

5926 Sheila Street
323/887-4419

Public Information Office

323/887-4453

Park Maintenance and City Warehouse

5625 Jillson Street
323/722-4805

Senior Citizens Center

2555 Commerce Way
323/887-4430

Teen Center

5107 Astor Avenue
323/838-4246

Transportation Service Center

5555 Jillson Street
323/887-4419

Cable TV

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