

Councilman Martinez Accomplishments 2022–2026

1. Supported

1. Central Library Renovation.
2. \$4 million Senior Center Upgrades.
3. Greenway Trail east extension completion.
4. Police body-worn cameras.
5. Mental Health Evaluation Team.
6. Leffingwell Pickleball Courts installation.
7. Penn Park Playground remodel.
8. Guirardo Park improvements.
9. Kennedy Park ADA improvements.
10. Keep Whittier Prettier community beautification program.
11. Family programs such as
 1. Expanded Adaptive Recreation activities
 2. Rec. & Read library/parks outreach
 3. Cookies with Santa & Tree Lighting
12. Expansion of homeless outreach teams to 7-day-a-week service.
13. Weekend homeless service intake at Navigation Center.
14. Remodeling of Whittwood Branch Makerspace.
15. Parnell Park remodeling project approved
16. Murphy Ranch reservoir replacement.
17. \$750K federal grant for Sierra fields design.
18. \$1M grant for Fire Station 17 remodel.
19. Whittier Public Library bookmobile grant.
20. The Santa Gertrudes paving project.
21. The expansion of community outreach through social media, city newsletters, etc.
22. Old Leggett & Platt approvals.
23. King Richards redevelopment.
24. Completion of commercial buildout at Groves.
25. Parks Master Plan.
26. Colima Bl repaving project.
27. Acquisition of new park space:
 1. First Ave.
 2. Uptown & adjacent to Anaconda
28. Whittier's all electric CRUISER program.
3. Acquired \$200,000 in social services funding to a local nonprofit organization improving the quality of life for special needs adults in Whittier.
4. Acquired \$100,000 grant for the Whittier Museum.
5. Stop sign at the intersection of Palm Ave and Beverly Drive.
6. Installation of parking restrictions sign at Washington and Walnut Ave.
7. Installation of NO left or U-Turn step signs on east and west-bound Beverly Blvd between Norwalk and Pioneer Blvd.
8. Repair of Whittier's historic "College Steps."
9. Maintained partnerships with Whittier College, including:
 1. Science Circus activities for kids.
 2. Whittier Civic Scholars program.
10. Partnership with Whittier Uptown Association for the Wednesday Night Market.
11. Adopted a hybrid voting model combining mail-in ballots with in-person voting options, aiming to increase accessibility and voter participation.

3. Committee and Public Safety Work

1. Ad hoc commissioner of the Citywide Branding Initiative.
2. GFOA (Government Financial Officers Association) and CSMFO (California Society of Municipal Financial Officers).
3. Testified before the Safety Committee, lobbied for, and helped pass:
 1. SB759 crime bill.
 2. Prop 36 crime bill.
4. As a multi-year member of the South East Water Coalition (SEWC), Octavio advocated for safe, clean, affordable drinking water for Whittier and surrounding water districts.

2. Initiated and Successfully Completed

1. Banned commercial truck traffic on Norwalk Bl.
2. Installation of security fence around Bright Ave parking structure.

4. Because of his commitment to Public Safety, Octavio was endorsed by:

1. Whittier Police Officer's Association (WPOA).
2. LA County Firefighters Union Local 1014.