### **City of Garden Grove WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO** March 9, 2017

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Scott C. Stiles, City Manager

Members

#### **DEPARTMENT ITEMS** I.

A. ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Bill Murray provides information on the City's annual Compost Giveaway on Saturday, April 8th beginning at 8:00 am.

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS Items of interest are included.

City Manager

#### City of Garden Grove

#### INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Scott C. Stiles

From: William E. Murray

Dept:

City Manager

Dept: Public Works

Subject:

ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Date:

March 8, 2017

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To provide information regarding the City's annual Compost Giveaway.

#### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On Saturday, April 8, 2017, the annual Compost Giveaway Event (event) will be held at the Municipal Service Center. This drive thru event, which is hosted by the City's waste hauler, Republic Services, will provide up to 60 gallons of free compost to Garden Grove residents. The event begins at 8:00 am and will continue until supplies run out. The purpose of the event is to close the loop on this material that has been diverted from the landfill and is ready to be used for gardening. The event has historically received a large turnout every year, serving approximately 200 households. Information is currently available on the City's website.

If you need additional information, please contact Raquel Manson at extension 5554.

WILLIAM E. MURRAY P.E. Director of Public Works

Attachment: Compost Flyer



April 8, 2017

8:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. (or until compost runs out)

### GARDEN GROVE PUBLIC WORK'S YARD

13802 New Hope Street, Garden Grove

Republic Services together with the City of Garden Grove will be giving away FREE compost to residents to say thank you for participating in our green waste recycling program. Because this event is so popular, we have a "while the supplies last" and a limit of 60-gallons per household. No plastic bags please.



GARDEN GROVE





DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THIS EVENT, RESIDENTS SHOULD EXPECT LONG LINES.

PLEASE BRING YOUR I.D.

## **NEWS ARTICLES**

## 'Brookhurst Place' development

## taking shape, in phases

#### Rental apartments under construction; more planned

By Loreen Berlin

The development at Brookhurst Triangle, designated "Brookhurst Place," is well underway.

The project is at the junction of Garden Grove Boulevard, Brookhurst Street, and Brookhurst Way.

"It's great to see the first phase of 180 rental apartment units coming to market by this summer," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones. "Phase two will be for sale condominiums and then phase three will add 200,000 square feet of brand-new restaurants and retail opportunities at the intersection where Little Saigon, the Korean Business District, and downtown all come together."

The 180 luxury apartments are on three-acres of the property. When the entire project is completed there will be 670 mixed-use condo/apartments. The last building will contain a retail center, making a total of six buildings on the site, with 272,000 square feet of open space and 65,000 square feet of commercial space.

The project is the city's largest mixed-use development, encompassing 14 acres of 670-plus market apartments along with commercial and open space.

The area at Brookhurst Street, Garden Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Way has been sitting as a patch of dirt for more than 20 years. Part of that area was formerly a car dealership that was

home to the first Isuzu vehicles that came into America in 1981 and another car dealership at the corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Street.

The final OK to move ahead on the project came in March of 2015. Before that, the city was waiting for the state to release redevelopment property and money it had taken from cities statewide.

Now, there will be a winding path of more than 1-mile for walking around inside the development area and it has been touted as a place where people can go to live and work.

It's a significant project for the Garden Grove community.

Mayor Jones said the project goes back a long time, back to when he was still serving on the Planning Commission.

"I've seen the project go through many hands, so this is an exciting time. I thank city staff for their support in helping with the development."

The City of Garden Grove will sell the rest of the property for \$18 million once phase two begins.

However, not all of that money goes to Garden Grove. With the dissolution of redevelopment agencies statewide, Orange County gets a sizable amount of that money to distribute to other agencies.

Still, the project will help the city financially.

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Photo by Loreen Berlin

"Brookhurst Place" features 180 rental apartment units well underway as construction continues along Brookhurst Way, Brookhurst Street and Garden Grove Boulevard. Next to be built are "for sale" condominiums, then phase three will add restaurants and retail opportunities.

"The residential units alone are expected to bring an approximate \$550,000 a year in property taxes, "said Senior Project Manager Greg Blodgett with the city's Economic Development Department.

Blodgett said it's unclear how much sales tax the city will get because no retailers have been finalized, but most of the businesses will be smaller, independent stores and restaurants, some of which may

have influences banking off the nearby Korean Business District and Little Saigon.

"Throughout Orange County we see successful mixed-use projects being constructed. It's a positive for the city," said Blodgett. "We've taken a property that was blighted and created an environment with residential and community spaces, and a lot of great things for the city. It's a starting point for the area.'



Photo by Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove business owner Ric Lerma, second from left, was named Citizen of the Year at the Cypress American Awards at Disneyland Hotel on Saturday. With him on stage, from left, are Cypress College President Robert Simpson, Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and Cypress College Foundation President Phil Wendel.

## Local honored at Americana Awards

#### Ric Lerma of Garden Grove named Citizen of the Year

#### By Loreen Berlin

held Saturday evening at the serves, for their spirit of giving.

of well-deserving people who give to others in a way that touched Americana Citizen of the Year."

their hearts and in turn touched The Cypress Americana Awards the hearts of those who watched Ric Lerma was honored as the and heard their individual stories Disneyland Hotel honors local on large screens at the front of citizens from the eight cities it the ballroom, and then watched as Cypress College President Robert Once again, it was a group Simpson presented each of the recipients with a ceremonial clock reached beyond themselves to with the college's name, "2017

Garden Grove business owner. Citizen of the Year for Garden Grove during the 42nd annual

"We are each other's keepers," said Lerma in the video presentation. "God puts us in each other's paths to help one another."

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Who inspired Lerma? He credits his good friend Andy and his fiancée:

In his write-up in the awards booklet, Lerma said he has a passion for helping people in need and he has done that personally and through the organizations he's affiliated with such as Catholic Big Brothers, St. Columban Church, Knights of Columbus Council No. 4581 and the Garden Grove Host Lions Club.

Lerma has also devoted time to the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association board and the Garden Grove Downtown Business Astwo years.

Over the past several years, Lerma has provided \$2,000 golf gift certificates for the annual Boys & Girls Club auction and the Garden **Grove Community Foundation** board, where he currently serves as vice president.

Currently, Lerma serves on the Garden Grove Hospital and Medical Center board and the Garden **Grove Community Foundation** board, where he is vice president; he has also served on the board of directors of the Strawberry Festival and has been involved with the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.

He has supported the police by serving on the advisory board.

"Garden Grove is a diverse community and the board allows sociation as president for the past the police chief to get feedback on important policing issues,"

he said.

Also, through his service, he was awarded the Silver Spoon Award for his lengthy community involvement.

Born in North Carolina and raised in South Carolina, Lerma's family came to Garden Grove, where he attended junior high school and Garden Grove High School, followed by Cypress College, where he studied aeronautical science.

He is married to Susan Kelhi who was born in Hollywood and raised in Orange County. They are the parents of eight children.

"My parents gave me a terrific work ethic as a child and my mother gave me a wonderful gift early in life: God and my Catholic faith. These are forever in my heart."

## Hundreds protest after lawmaker silenced on Senate floor

Sen. Janet Nguyen was removed from chamber while speaking on war, Tom Hayden

#### By Brady Rhoades

Hundreds took to the streets of Westminster on Saturday to protest what they say was a violation of the free speech rights of State Sen. Janet Nguyen, who represents Westminster, Garden Grove and other cities.

"We are outraged," said Garden Grove City Councilman Phat Bui, who is also a leader of the Vietnamese American Federation of Southern California which, along with the Federation of Vietnamese American Communities of the USA, helped organize the Westminster demonstration—on Bolsa Avenue—as well as another one at the state capitol earlier this week.

The protests came about two weeks after Sen. Nguyen, a Republican, was physically removed from the chamber while she delivered a speech criticizing late state lawmaker Tom Hayden for his anti-war activism. Sen. Nguyen accused Hayden of siding with communists intent on oppressing millions of Vietnamese people.

Senate Democrats say Nguyen violated parliamentary rules and was warned to stop speaking before she was ordered to leave by presiding Sen. Ricardo Lara, a Democrat. They also say that Nguyen was "impugning" the character of Hayden.

The Senate had honored Hayden and his legacy of 18 years as a state representative just two days before Sen. Nguyen attempted to give her speech.

Sen. Nguyen, who called Saturday's protest a "historic day," said she was merely trying to give some "historical perspective" on Hayden.

Democrats insisted that the incident was caused by Nguyen's choice to use what's known as a "point of personal privilege"



State Sen. Janet Nguyen

to close the session — a choice they said was inappropriate. Dan Reeves, chief of staff to Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León, a Democrat, told reporters that Nguyen had been offered the chance to speak at a different time.

"She got exactly what she wanted, which wasn't to speak," Reeves said. "She wanted to cause a scene for her district."

Many Democrats echoed that sentiment, saying Sen. Nguyen was grandstanding.

The incident has become national news.

Sen. de Leon last week ordered a three-person panel to get to the bottom of what happened, and report findings to the Senate Rules Committee.

Did Sen. Nguyen violate one or more rules? Or did she have a right to offer up her views on the controversial subject of the war, and Hayden?

"That process will work itself out," de Leon said last week. "Se-

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## PROTEST:

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curing the facts so that they can be presented to this committee and we can work through it."

Many of those at the Westminster protest were Vietnamese-Americans. Many others – of many different ethnicities – were veterans of the Vietnam War.

"She has every right to speak," said Roy Blount, a Vietnam War veteran. "What is our country coming to when an elected official can't even speak her mind without everyone getting offended and shutting her down?"

Bui said he has received hundreds of phone calls and emails from Garden Grove and Westminster residents who support Sen. Nguyen and denounce the actions

of Senate Democrats.

"It was a clear violation of free speech," he said. "Her speech represents the views of many of us."

Supporters of Sen. Nguyen are demanding an apology from Sen. de Leon. And they want Sen. Nguyen to be allowed to finish her

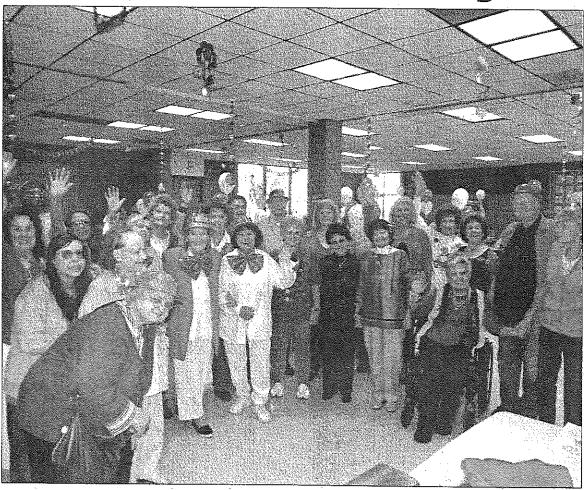
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speech in the Capitol.

In a prepared statement, the Vietnamese American Federation of Southern California and the

Federation of Vietnamese American Communities of the USA stated: "We demand an apology from Senate Leader Senator Kevin De Leon for the abusive treatment against Senator Nguyen! He has not apologized to Senator Nguyen or to our community for silencing us. We cannot allow this to continue! We, the representatives of the Vietnamese American community, collectively unite to bring the public together to support Senator Janet Nguyen's right to free speech and right to be the voice of our community. We cannot let our voice be shut down for fighting against Communism and Communist supporters like Senator Tom Hayden. Senator Nguyen was only speaking the truth and was dragged from the Senate with no respect for her and our community."

# Seniors to celebrate St. Patrick's Day



Courtesy photo

Garden Grove seniors are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a fun-filled event that includes Irish tradition, themed beverages, and dancing to live music provided by "The Serenaders." The free event will take place at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., on Wednesday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The event is sponsored by CareMore. For more information and reservations, call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at 714-741-5253. Here, locals celebrate St. Patrick's Day, 2016.

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#### GG workshop

The City of Garden Grove's Economic Development Division will host a free Trade Connect Introductory Workshop from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on April 5 at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 1:1300 Stanford Ave.

A networking reception will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information or to register, visit www.tinyurl.com/IntroGG.

City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1212

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden aGrove, CA 92840 to Provide 60 New and Unused First Spear CPC Active Shooter Kits per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, March 30, 2017. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: March 1, 2017

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB Purchasing Agent City of Garden Grove 11222 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, CA 92840

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#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CITY HALL THIRD FLOOR TRAINING ROOM AT 11222 ACACIA PARKWAY, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE \* INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

#### THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., MARCH 23, 2017

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-098-2017 A request to construct and operate a 60'-0" tall wireless telecommunication facility designed as a non-stealth mono-pole, along with related ground-mounted equipment within a 225 square foot equipment enclosure. The site is at 14271 Corporate Drive in the PUD 104-81 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on March 23, 2017 If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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#### Dean's Listers

Two Garden Grove residents have been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the fall semester.

Students recognized for this honor include are Chloe M. Jin and Thao Thanh T. Nguyen.

Each school and college at Boston University has its own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as carry a full course load as a full time student.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research.

With more than 33,000 students, BU is the fourth-largest private university in the country and a member of the American Association of Universities (AAU); a nonprofit association of 62 of North America's leading research-intensive institutions.

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Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1213

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, second floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide Laboratory Sample Testing and Water Chemical Analysis for the City of Garden Grove. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website by registering as a vendor. Questions can be directed in writing to Sandy Segawa at sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. Proposals received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: March 3, 2017

Sandy Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB Purchasing Agent City of Garden Grove 11222 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, CA 92840 Orange County News 17-60153 Publish Mar. 3, 10, 2017

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS MAGNOLIA STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT NO. 7254

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids to furnish material, equipment, and labor for THE "Magnolia Street Rehabilitation from the SR 22 Freeway Off Ramp to Garden Grove Boulevard, City Project No. 7254" will be received in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California, 92840 until 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened in the 1-South Gonference Room in City Hall (1st floor).

The proposed project generally consists of Roadway rehabilitation by full depth reclamation and cement treatment; Asphalt paving; Cold milling; Replacement of PCC sidewalk, curb, curb & gutter, stamped concrete, drive approach, cross gutter, alley apron, bus pad, local depression, and handicap ramps; Installation of catch basin inlet filters; Adjustment of utility covers to finish grade; Storm drain improvements; Water main improvements; Installation of traffic striping, raised pavement markers, and signage; Reestablishment of centerline ties and monuments; and Installation of irrigation and landscaping.

Project Limits: Magnolia Street from 22 E/B Off-Ramp to Garden Grove Boulevard

Engineers Estimate: \$2,200,000

The plans, specifications and contract documents may be purchased from SABP Reprographics for the price of Ninety Five dollars (\$95). The price does not include tax or shipping if needed. The documents may be made available for "will call" or shipped directly to you. Please contact:

SABP Reprographics
2372 Morse Avenue
Irvine, CA 92614
www.sabp.com
949-756-1001 (ask for the Digital Bond Department)
Alternatively, you can e-mail your order to workorder@sabp.com

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Mr. Nick Hsieh P.E., Associate Engineer, (714) 741-5190.

Date: March 1, 2017

Publish Dates: March 3, 2017 and March 10, 2017

/s/Teresa Pomeroy, CMC City Clerk

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#### Garden Grove

The city has partnered with the Port of Los Angeles to host a Trade Connect Introductory Workshop from 1 to 4:30 p.m. April 5 at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. The workshop will cover the fundamentals of exporting.

Chris Haire 714-796-6979 chaire@scng.com

> Register March 3, 2017

#### Garden Grove

Garden Grove Unified School District students in grades four through six will participate in the district's 30th annual Spelling Bee at 9 a.m. March 15 at the Edgar School/District Meeting Center, 6202 Cerulean Ave. One student per school will compete.

Chris Haire 714-796-6979 chaire@scng.com

> Register March 4, 2017

#### Garden Grove

Construction is underway on a new Starbucks at Euclid Street and Garden Grove Boulevard, an arterial intersection for the city — near both the 22 freeway and Historic Main Street. The Starbucks will have a drivethrough.

Chris Haire 714-796-6979 chaire@scng.com

Register March 6, 2017

#### Garden Grove

Garden Grove Unified School District students will have their artwork on display Saturday, Monday and March 14 in The Courtyard on the Village Green, 12732 Main St., for the 39th annual Student Art Exhibit.

Chris Haire 714-796-6979 chaire@scng.com

> Register March 7, 2017

#### **Garden Grove**

The Garden Grove Unified School District board recently approved a resolution reaffirming its goal of having safe and welcoming schools — namely supporting students regardless of nation of origin or immigration status.

Chris Haire 714-796-6979 chaire@scng.com

> Register March 8, 2017

#### **Garden Grove**

The city received 137 public records requests in the first two months of the year, 73 in January and 64 in February, according to Garden Grove's online tracking system. The city averages 62 requests a month.

Chris Haire 714-796-6979 chaire@scng.com

> Register March 9, 2017

## Garden Grove nhận đơn chương trình tài trợ tân trang nhà mobile home

March 3, 2017



Tòa Thị Chánh Garden Grove. (Hình minh họa: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV**) – Garden Grove thông báo Chương Trình Tà Tân Trang Nhà Mobile Home hiện nay đang nhận đơn và sẽ chấm dứt nhận đơn ngày 1 Tháng Mười, dành cho cư dân có thu nhập thấp, hội đủ điều kiện mượn n tân trang nhà mobile home. Sự trợ giúp của thành phố dựa trên căn bản thứ tự đơn, hay cho đến khi hết ngân khoản.

"Cư dân phải có thu nhập thấp và ở dưới mức 80% lợi tức trung bình của quận h (county 80% AMI); có lịch sử tín dụng trung bình và có tỷ số nợ và thu nhập dư 45%," ông Tim Throne, đại diện Ban Phát Triển Cộng Đồng Garden Grove, nói vi nhật báo Người Việt.

"Số tiền tài trợ tối đa là \$60,000 và thường cần từ hai đến ba tuần để biết kết qu ông nói thêm.

Theo Bộ Gia Cư và Phát Triển Đô Thị (HUD), thu nhập thấp ở mức 80% của lợi trung bình hàng năm được quy định là \$46,000 cho gia đình một người, và \$52,6 cho hai người.

Ngòai ra, điều kiện để đơn được cứu xét là căn nhà mobile home phải ở trong th phố Garden Grove. Ứng viên phải là người cư ngụ trong nhà trong suốt thời gian nợ, và hội đủ điều kiện hiện tại về thu nhập.

Mọi sửa chữa và tân trang phải theo luật thành phố và các tiêu chuẩn xây dựng nhất, và tránh các rủi ro về sức khỏe và an toàn mà chỉ thành phố có quyền quy định.

Chương trình do CalHOME tài trợ qua Bộ Gia Cư và Phát Triển Cộng Đồng Califor

Mọi chi tiết, xin gọi ông Tim Throne (714) 741-5789 hay qua email: timothyt@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Hoặc vào Home Improvement Guidelines của t web: http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us. (L.N.)

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## Little Saigon: Garden Grove sắp chi \$5.3 triệu để sửa đường, sẽ có kẹt xe

Đằng-Giao/Người Việt

March 2, 2017



Đường Magnolia từ đường Trask đến đường Garden Grove sắp được sửa, (Hình: Đằng-Giao/Người Việt)

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)** – Sau khi sửa sang lại đường Brookhurst nă ngoái, thành phố Garden Grove lại chuẩn bị sửa hai đoạn đường trên hai con đươn thuộc khu Little Saigon là đường Magnolia và đường Westminster.

Theo kế hoạch, đường Madnolia sẽ được tu sửa ở đoạn từ đường Trask đến đườn Garden Grove và đường Westminster sẽ được tu sửa ở đoạn từ đường Bowen đế đường Euclid.

Cả hai đoạn đường này đều rất cũ, mặt đường quá khô cằn, có nhiều vết nứt, lo vì những vết vá víu, vừa cũ, vừa mới chẳng chịt ở nhiều nơi.

Ông Bill Murray, giám đốc Sở Công Chánh Garden Grove, nói: "Đoạn đường Mag từ Trask đến Garden Grove dài nửa dặm. Ngân sách cho công trình là \$3.5 triệu Chúng tôi sẽ làm lại toàn bộ mặt đường và trồng lại cây ở giữa và hai bên đườn

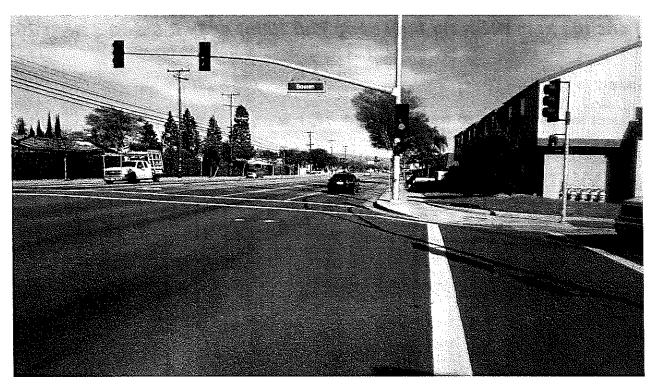
Về đoạn đường Westminster, từ đường Bowen đến Euclid, ông Murray nói: "Đoại đường này dài khoảng ba phần tư dặm và tốn \$1.8 triệu vì không cần trồng lại c

Tuy thành phố vẫn đang ráo riết xúc tiến kế hoạch xây dựng, nhưng vẫn chưa q định ngày khởi công chính thức vì vẫn đang chọn lựa công ty thầu xây dựng.

Ông Scott Stiles, tổng quản trị thành phố, nói: "Công trình này được Hội Đồng T Phố thông qua hồi Tháng Mười Hai năm ngoái. Hiện giờ, chúng tôi đang lên kế h vẽ sơ đồ công chánh và sơ đồ cây cối cho đoạn đường Magnolia."

Ông cho hay, trên đường Magnolia có nhiều cây xiêu vẹo, có thể ngã bất cứ lúc I

Ông nói: "Như đường Brookhurst, sau khi sửa xong, hai đoạn đường này sẽ tốt v toàn cho cư dân trong 20 năm tới."



Đường Westminster từ đường Bowen đến đường Euclid nằm trong kế hoạch tu sửa. (Hình: Đằng-Giao/Người Việt)

Những đoạn đường này cần được sửa chữa vì chưa được chăm sóc trong suốt 20 theo ông Murray.

Ông Murray tiên liệu việc kẹt xe sẽ phải xảy ra, cũng như trong lúc sửa đường Brookhurst năm ngoái.

Ông nói: "Xe cộ sẽ bị kẹt, có thể bằng hoặc tệ hơn năm ngoái."

Năm ngoái, từ đầu Tháng Chín đến cuối Tháng Mười Một, cư dân phải chịu đựng kẹt xe trầm trọng vì sửa đường Brookhurst, cũng thuộc Garden Grove.

Ông Stiles nói: "Tôi mong mọi người hiểu rằng xây dựng đường xá là một đầu tu dài cho tương lai. Những bất lợi nho nhỏ bây giờ không thấm gì so với một con c sạch đẹp và an toàn cho cả 20 năm tới."

Ông kết luận: "Khoảng đầu Tháng Sáu cho đến Tháng Chín là trễ nhất, thành ph có hai đoạn đường mới tinh."

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#### City Seeks Part-Time Seasonal, Non-Seasonal Recreation Staff | City of Garden Grove

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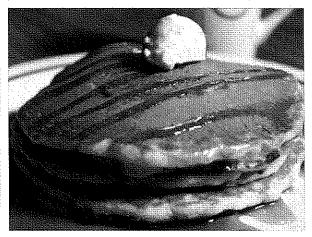
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The City of Garden Grove's Economic Development Division will be hosting a free Trade Connect Introductory Workshop, in partnership with the Port of Los Angeles. The workshop takes place on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, from 1,00 p.m. to 4,30 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located a...

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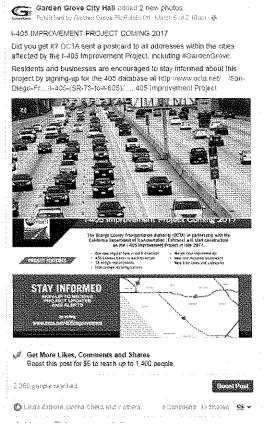
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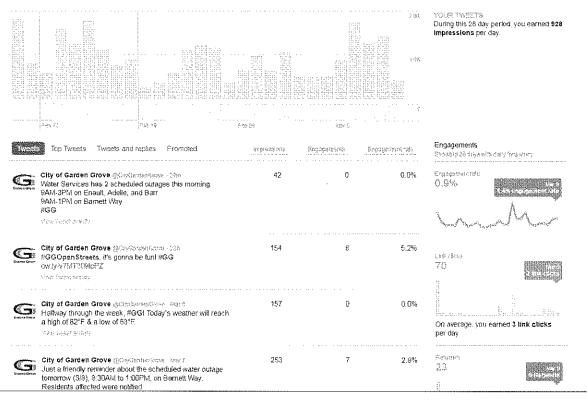


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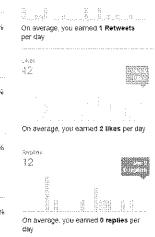
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#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

#### March 9, 2017

- 1. Calendar of Events
- 2. Minutes from the March 9, 2017 Zoning Administrator meeting.
- 3. Agenda for the March 16, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.
- 4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated February 23, February 24, March 3, and March 6, 2017.



#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9, 2017 - March 22, 2017

Thursday	March 9	9:00 a.m 10:30 a.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Pancake Breakfast Senior Center Dining Room
		9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting CMC Constitution Room
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
Thursday- Sunday	March 9-12		One More Productions presents "Always Patsy Cline", Gem Theater
Friday	March 10	8:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.	City Council Special Meeting Sheraton Hotel, 12221 Harbor Blvd.
Saturday	March 11	8:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	Disaster Preparedness Program hosted by Garden Grove C.E.R.T Team Class 1 - CPR/First Aid/AED North Net Fire Training Center 2400 E. Orangewood Ave., Anaheim 92806
Tuesday	March 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	March 15	10:00 a.m Noon	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day Celebration, CMC A Room
Thursday	March 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday- Sunday	March 16-19		One More Productions presents "Always Patsy Cline", Gem Theater
Friday	March 17		City Hall Closed
Saturday	March 18	8:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	Disaster Preparedness Program hosted by Garden Grove C.E.R.T Team Class 2 – C.E.R.T. Organization Terrorism North Net Fire Training Center 2400 E. Orangewood Ave., Anaheim 92806
Wednesday	March 22	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED

#### GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 Third Floor Training Room

Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

9:00 a.m.

#### PUBLIC HEARING - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-096-2017

Applicant:

Island Hospitality Management III, LLC

Location:

11931 Harbor Boulevard

Date:

March 9, 2017

Request:

To operate an existing 118,908 square foot hotel, Residence Inn, with a new State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "48" (On-Sale, Public Place) License for a proposed lounge/bar in the existing lobby area. The site is in the PUD-104-82 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt

pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

Action:

Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Steve Rawlings

Action:

Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1755-17.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

None.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore Recording Secretary



#### AGENDA

#### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### REGULAR MEETING

#### MARCH 16, 2017

#### COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER 11300 STANFORD AVENUE

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS BY THE CITY CLERK

#### REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBER

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS BRIETIGAM, KANZLER, LAZENBY, LEHMAN, NGUYEN, SALAZAR, TRUONG

#### SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

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Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Planning Commission may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 16, 2017
- C. STUDY SESSION: PLANNING COMMISSION ORIENTATION

General discussion of the Brown Act, Conflicts of Interest, Code of Ethics, and related matters and issues within the Planning Commission's jurisdiction.

- D. <u>MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS</u>
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- F. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Feb. 23, 2017 Issue #13

## SB 1 Passes out of Senate Environmental Quality Committee Next Hearing in is the Senate Government and Finance Committee

Sen. Jim Beall's (D-San Jose) SB 1 cleared a major hurdle on Feb. 22, passing out of its second of three policy committees. The measure generates an additional \$6 billion annually for California's local and state transportation network and is supported by the <u>Fix Our Roads Coalition</u>, of which the League is a founding member.

The League continues to support the \$2.2 billion in additional revenue annual for local streets and roads and provisions expanding the streamline review for projects in existing right of way for all cities. State and local roads have a maintenance backlog of \$130 billion and California motorists are spending more than \$700 annually on car repairs due to pothole-filled roads. This backlog is divided between \$59 billion for state highways and \$73 billion for local streets, roads, and bridges. Without additional funding, this shortfall is projected to grow by \$20 billion in the next decade.

SB 1 now goes to the Senate Government and Finance Committee where it will be heard next week. The measure is another step closer to the Legislature meeting Gov. Jerry Brown's April 6 deadline to pass a comprehensive transportation package.

Feb. 24, 2017 Issue #14

IN THIS ISSUE:

Page 5: Reminder: Grant Money for Community Based Transitional Housing Webinar Scheduled for March 2

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$54.3 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds and Loans for Affordable Housing in Los Angeles, Hospital in Chico and School in Santa Cruz

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the <u>California Statewide Communities Development</u> <u>Authority</u> (CSCDA). For more, see Page 2.

Upcoming Legislative Hearings of Interest to Cities Feb. 27-March 7

The Legislature continues to hold a number of oversight and informational hearings on a variety of policy areas of interest to cities. Since the bill introduction deadline on Feb. 17, a number of legislative hearings have started to ramp up. For more, see Page 3.

U.S. Communities Announces New Contract for MRO Products and Online Services

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is excited to announce a new national U.S. Communities cooperative contract for maintenance, repair and operating supplies (MRO), industrial supplies and related products and services. For more, see Page 4.

#### 'CSCDA' Continued from Page 1...

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of \$54,300,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the Casa Ramon Apartments in Orange, and tax-exempt loans for Enloe Medical Center located in Chico and Georgiana Bruce Kirby Preparatory School located in Santa Cruz.

#### **About Casa Ramon Apartments**

Casa Ramon Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 75 multi-family affordable housing apartments by 840 W Walnut, LP. The project sponsor is C&C Development and the Orange Housing Development Corporation (OHDC). Casa Ramon will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide apartments to low-income residents in Orange.

CSCDA, C&C Development and OHDC partnered with RBC Capital Markets to underwrite the \$16.3 million in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Casa Ramon. The project will undergo an extensive interior and exterior renovation ensuring that residents have an updated, safe, and affordable community to call home for years to come. The financing of Casa Ramon will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

#### About Enloe Medical Center

Enloe Medical Center, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, is a 298-bed non-profit hospital with the mission of improving the quality of life through patient-centered care. It is one of two Level II trauma centers north of Sacramento, houses the region's only Level II neonatal intensive care unit and operates the FlightCare air ambulance service. Enloe's comprehensive medical services include cardiac surgery and heart care, neurosurgery, orthopedics, total joint replacement, cancer care, maternity care, women's services and bariatrics.

CSCDA partnered with Banc of America Public Capital Group to provide the \$28,000,000 taxexempt loan for Enloe. The loan will be used to finance the acquisition of an electronic health records system.

#### **About Kirby School**

Founded in 1994, Kirby School is an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit school serving 275 students in grades 6 through 12. Education at Kirby School is characterized by active, personalized learning that promotes creativity and fosters intellectual curiosity. Students thrive in small classes (with an average of 12 students per class) where a knowledgeable, enthusiastic faculty guides their intellectual and personal development.

CSCDA partnered with First Republic Bank and Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP to provide the \$10 million tax-exempt loan for Kirby School. The loan will be used to refinance an existing tax-exempt loan as well as provide new money for several capital improvement projects.

#### Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities<sup>®</sup> and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit <u>CSCDA's website</u> for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

#### 'Hearings' Continued from Page 1...

Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The <u>Senate</u> and <u>Assembly</u> publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the California Channel.

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

#### Feb. 27

#### Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety

Informational Hearing: Justice Reform in California

#### Feb. 28

Senate Joint Hearing of Natural Resources and Water and Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

• Informational Hearing: The Incident at the Oroville Dam: What Happened and What Happens Next?

**Senate Transportation and Housing**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

- SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act.
- SB 3 (Beall) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.
- SB 35 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: affordable housing: streamlined approval process.
- AB 28 (Frazier) Department of Transportation: environmental review process: federal pilot program.

Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

 Informational Hearing: What are the Financial Barriers to Housing Production in California?

#### March 1

#### Senate Governance and Finance, 9: 30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

• SB 1 (Beall) – Transportation funding.

**Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447

• Informational Hearing: Climate and Environmental Research in California

#### March 2

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary

 Budget Hearing: Prop. 64 – Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) (Judicial Branch impacts only)

#### March 3

**Assembly Housing and Community Development**, 10 a.m. – noon, The Milton Marks Auditorium, 455 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco

Informational Hearing: California's Housing Affordability Crisis: Challenges and Solutions

#### March 7

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

 Informational Hearing: California's Housing Crisis: Long-Term & Comprehensive Funding and Regulatory Solutions

#### 'U.S. Communities' Continued from Page 1...

The new contract was awarded to The Home Depot, HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Applied Industrial Technologies, and SupplyWorks, A Home Depot Company through a competitive solicitation process conducted by the lead public agency, Maricopa County, Arizona. The contract term is for five years with the option to renew for five additional one-year periods. To learn more about this new contract and the solutions available, register for a complimentary one-hour webinar.

This contract makes it easier to get the products and services you need under one contract while saving time and money. This multi-award provides public agencies these options when looking for MRO solutions.

<u>The Home Depot</u>: Provides access to millions of products for maintenance, repair, and operations needs and capital improvements; available the same day at one of The Home Depot's 1,960 plus store locations.

- Simple sourcing options available.
- Purchase online, in-store or special order with PCI compliant process.
- Bulk and volume pricing discounts on orders over \$1,500 plus earn a potential 5 percent annual rebate on all Home Depot purchases.

#### Get started with the Home Depot

<u>HD Supply</u>: Provides competitively-awarded MRO products and property improvement services on a single contract.

- Discounts on over 70,000 MRO and property management products are available.
- A tiered rebate based on your agency's annual purchases and early pay invoice discount for HD Supply credit accounts.

#### Get started with HD Supply

<u>Applied Industrial Technologies</u>: Provides access to more than 6 million products from more than 4,000 trusted manufacturers.

- Expert ability to evaluate operations and suggest improved products or processes.
- Local support and inventory with more than 550 facilities and a robust, nationwide sales force.

#### Get started with Applied Industrial Technologies

<u>SupplyWorks, A Home Depot Company</u>: Supplies a full spectrum of maintenance and hardware products.

- Team of over 700 national and local facility maintenance experts with a reputation for integrity and dedication, ready to serve.
- Problem-solving expertise and smart solutions including: Stockwise Inventory Management Solutions, SupplyWorks In-Site For Education, and SupplyWorks Assessment Tool for Restrooms (SWAT).

#### Get started with SupplyWorks

To learn more about this contract for MRO products and online services, register for one of the 30-minute webinars. If you are unable to attend one of the webinar dates, <u>contact U.S.</u> <u>Communities</u> for additional information.

#### Webinars

Wednesday, March 15, 8 a.m. Register online

Thursday, March 16, 10 a.m. Register online

For additional information on MRO products and online services or the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance visit <a href="www.uscommunities.org">www.uscommunities.org</a> or contact <a href="mailto:Amanda Cadelago">Amanda Cadelago</a> with the League at (916) 658-8226.

#### **About U.S. Communities**

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

## Reminder: Grant Money for Community Based Transitional Housing Webinar Scheduled for March 2

The League of California Cities<sup>®</sup> and Department of Finance (DOF) will host a webinar to inform cities of a grant opportunity for siting Community Based Transitional Housing. Registration is now open for this free, one-hour webinar scheduled for Thursday, March 2.

Cities and counties are eligible for grants under the new Community-Based Transitional-Housing Program. Established by <u>SB 837</u> in June 2016, the program provides \$25 million in grants for cities or counties that agree to site transitional housing connected with support services for recently released offenders. Individual grants can be up to \$2 million, depending on the size of the facility, and priorities will be provided for applications with local matching contributions.

To ensure that cities are fully aware of this program and have a chance to consider taking advantage of it, we are hosting a webinar to enable DOF to explain the program in greater detail, and be available to answer your questions.

DOF's FAQ's for the Community Based Transitional Housing grant program has additional information.

Applications will be accepted on a first come basis over a two-year period that begins Oct. 1, 2016. DOF will stop accepting applications when the \$25 million appropriation is fully awarded even if that occurs prior to Oct. 1, 2018. The <u>application</u> is available on DOF's website.

#### **Webinar Details**

Thursday, March 2, 1-2 p.m.

Register online by Monday, Feb. 27, 5 p.m. Webinar log-in information will be sent that day.

Typically, League webinars only allow one connection per city but due to capacity, each member city can have two connections to make it easier to participate. The webinar is free for members and League partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100.

Please direct day-of questions to Sarah Nowshiravan.

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California Supreme Court Finds City Employee Communications on Personal Electronic Devices and Accounts May be Subject to Disclosure under California Public Records Act where Communications Pertain to Public Business

Court Further Clarifies that Cities May Reasonably Rely on City Employees to Search Personal Accounts and Devices for Communications Regarding Public Business

The California Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision Thursday, March 2 in <u>City of San Jose v. Superior Court (Smith)</u>, holding that city employee communications pertaining to public business may be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act (CPRA) even if stored on a personal electronic device or in a personal account inaccessible by the city. For more, see Page 2.

## Affordable Housing Funding Bills Passes out of Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

Measures Move to the Senate Governance and Finance Committee

The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on Feb. 28 approved two major pieces of the "California Rebuild" package — Sen. Toni Atkins' (D-San Diego) SB 2 and Sen. Jim Beall's (D-San Jose) SB 3. The League supports both measures because they help begin to create a fund for much needed affordable housing in California. For more, see Page 2.

Bills in Committee and Legislative Hearings of Interest March 6 – 15

The legislative committee hearings are beginning to ramp up now that the Feb. 17 bill introduction deadline has past. Expect to see the schedule become busier in March and April. For more, see Page 3.

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The case arose from a CPRA request local resident Ted Smith filed with the city of San Jose. Smith sought various records, including voicemails, emails, or text messages regarding city business, sent or received on private electronic devices by the mayor, certain members of the San Jose City Council, and their staff. The city disclosed responsive records accessible through city equipment or servers (i.e. a city email account), but did not disclose records accessible only through a private account (i.e. a personal email account).

San Jose took the position that records accessible only through a private account did not meet the definition of public records under the CPRA because they were not "prepared, owned, used, or retained" by the city. The California Supreme Court disagreed. The Court held "that a city employee's writings about public business are not excluded from CPRA simply because they have been sent, received, or stored in a personal account."

Nonetheless, the Court noted that an agency's search for public records "need only be reasonably calculated to locate responsive documents" and affirmed that agencies "may develop their own internal policies for conducting searches."

The Court also addressed employee privacy concerns raised by local government associations, including the League, in friend-of-the-court briefs, by clarifying that cities may reasonably rely on city employees to search their own personal accounts and devices for communications regarding public business.

The Court offered guidance to cities on how to administer such searches, noting that other state and federal courts have approved of allowing public employees to conduct their own searches and segregate public records from personal records, so long as they had been trained to distinguish between the two.

The League will be working with its Public Records Act committee to provide additional guidance to our members in light of this decision.

The League wishes to thank Shawn Haggerty and HongDao Nguyen of Best, Best & Krieger for drafting the League's friend-of-the-court brief in this case.

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<u>SB 2</u> allocates 50 percent of the proceeds to local governments to address housing needs at the local level. This measure will also help leverage additional federal, local and private investment including nontraditional funding sources such as tax increment and innovative preventative services.

As a companion measure, <u>SB 3</u>, The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018, authorizes a \$3 billion general obligation bond to fund existing and highly successful affordable housing programs and infill infrastructure projects.

The funding in SB 3 is allocated to the housing programs that were funded in Proposition 1C of 2006 in the following amounts:

- \$1.5 billion to the existing Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) to assist in the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing for persons with incomes of up to 60 percent of the area median income.
- \$600 million to the Transit-Oriented Development and Infill Infrastructure Account, which the bill creates within the Fund, and allocates as follows:
  - \$200 million for the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program;
  - \$300 million for the Infill Infrastructure Financing Account for infill incentive grants to assist in new construction or rehabilitation of infrastructure that supports highdensity affordable and mixed-income housing; and
  - \$100 million for the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) Program Fund to make grants to cities and counties to assist qualified first-time home buyers with down payments.
- \$600 million to the Special Populations Housing Account, and allocates as follows:

- \$300 million to the existing Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Fund; and
- \$300 million to the Local Housing Trust Fund to provide matching grants to local public agencies and nonprofit organizations that raise money for affordable housing.
- \$300 million for the existing CalHome Program to provide direct, forgivable loans for mortgage assistance.

The League testified in support of SB 2 and SB 3. Both move to the Senate Governance and Finance Committee. A hearing date has yet to be announced.

Cities are encouraged to submit a letter of support for these measures. Sample Letters are available here: <u>SB 2 (Atkins) sample letter</u> and <u>SB 3 (Beall) sample letter</u>.

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Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The <u>Senate</u> and <u>Assembly</u> publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the <u>California Channel</u>.

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

#### March 7

Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 113

 SB 5 (De Leon) California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. League Position: Watch

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **SB 35 (Weiner)** Planning and Zoning: affordable housing: streamlined approval process. *League position: Oppose.*
- Informational Hearing: California's Housing Crisis: Long-Term & Comprehensive Funding and Regulatory Solutions

#### March 8

Senate Governance and Finance Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

· HOT SB 1 (Beall) Transportation funding. League position: Support.

#### March 15

Senate Governance and Finance Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act. League position: Support.
- SB 37 (Roth) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments. *League position: support*.

## League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$12 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Bell

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the <u>California Statewide Communities Development</u> Authority (CSCDA).

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of \$12,000,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for The Salvation Army Bell Oasis Apartments in Bell.

#### **About Bell Oasis Apartments:**

Bell Oasis Apartments is the new construction of 65 affordable housing units by The Salvation Army.

The benefits of the project for the city of Bell and Los Angeles County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income tenants;
- The project consists of 64 studio units and one manager's unit;
- The project will have an on-site community director and will be LEED Silver certified; and
- The project will provide permanent housing for the homeless community.

CSCDA and The Salvation Army partnered with U.S. Bank and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide \$12 million in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

#### Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit <a href="CSCDA's website">CSCDA's website</a> for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

#### Submit Session Ideas for the 2017 Municipal Finance Institute Submissions due by April 12

The League of California Cities  $^{\$}$  is now accepting session ideas for the 2017 Municipal Finance Institute which will be held Dec. 13 – 14 in Newport Beach. This two-day event is geared towards finance officers, city treasurers, city managers and all city staff who assist these professionals in their stewardship of public resources and focuses on current issues and timely topics that will assist officials in their daily roles and operations within their city.

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome;
- The Program Planning Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information;
- Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind; and
- · Proposals must be submitted online.

For more information or to request a copy of last year's program, please contact Katie Sacco.

## California Financing Coordinating Committee Offers Free 2017 Infrastructure Funding Fairs Statewide

<u>The California Financing Coordinating Committee</u> (CFCC) will be hosting several free funding fairs throughout the state between April and September.

These events are designed to provide information about currently available infrastructure grant, loan and bond financing programs and options. Attendees will also have an opportunity to speak directly with program staff about specific projects and issues affecting their communities.

Representatives from public works, local governments, and California Native American Tribes are encouraged to attend. This includes city managers and planners, economic development and

engineering professionals, officials from privately owned facilities, water and irrigation district managers, financial advisors and project consultants.

CFCC agencies fund primarily the following types of infrastructure projects:

- Drinking water;
- Wastewater;
- Water quality;
- Water supply;
- Water conservation;
- Water use efficiency;
- · Energy efficiency; and
- · Flood management.

#### 2017 Funding Fairs Schedule

#### April 5\* Sacramento

California Rural Water Association 1234 North Market Blvd Register online

\* The Sacramento workshop will be webcast.

#### May 2 Redding

Redding Library-Community Room 1100 Parkview Ave Register online

#### June 6 Tulare

Southern California Edison Energy Education Center 4175 South Laspina Street Register online

#### July 19 Monterey

Monterey Recreation Hilltop Park Center 871 Jessie Street Register online

#### Aug. 29 San Bernardino

California State University
San Bernardino Campus
College of Education, Room 105
5500 University Parkway
Free Parking
Register online

#### Aug. 30 San Diego

Regional Water Quality Control Boards 2375 Northside Drive. Suite 100 Register online

Please visit the CFCC's website for more information or to register for one of the funding fairs.

For questions, please call (916) 447-9832 x1029.

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San José Mayor Sam Liccardo and Orinda Council Member Amy Worth Joined Sen. Jim Beall and others to Urge Passage of Transportation Funding Package Resounding Message was "The longer the Legislature delays, the more we pay"

Monday morning Sen. Jim Beall (D-San José) joined San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Orinda Council Member Amy Worth or county, business or labor leaders in San José at a press conference focused on the urgent need facing California's local and state transportation system. The March 6 press conference marks one month until the April 6 deadline set by Gov. Jerry Brown, Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-South Gate) to pass a transportation funding package.

If winter 2017 has driven home one lesson it is that infrastructure must be regularly maintained to prevent small problems from becoming larger and more expensive to fix. For far too long, California has neglected regular road maintenance and upkeep and the Fix Our Roads Coalition has been holding media events to talk with reporters about the dire status of local streets and roads.

The coalition, of which the League of California Cities® is a founding member, supports a transportation funding package that would raise at least \$6 billion annually. That is what is needed to begin to make a dent in the enormous backlog of transportation maintenance and improvement projects. At the same time, Fix Our Roads is also recommending accountability provisions to give taxpayers confidence that new revenues will be spent on transportation projects only. Sen. Beall's SB 1 and AB 1, a companion measure by Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley), are both supported by Fix Our Roads.

Monday's press conference comes just two days before SB 1's March 8 hearing in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee. This will be the third and final Senate policy committee hearing for SB 1 before heading to the Senate Appropriations Committee. In recent weeks the bill passed out of the Senate Transportation and Housing and Senate Environmental Quality committees.

Mayor Liccardo expressed his optimism that there is now momentum to pass a real transportation funding solution. "We're thankful to the Governor, the Senate President pro Tem and the Speaker for their leadership. All three leaders have said that they will work to pass a transportation funding bill before April 6. We are here to keep them to that promise."

Council Member Worth stressed what is at stake without investment in this system. "If the Legislature fails to act, in just 10 years that unmet funding need of \$73 billion will grow by \$20 billion for local streets and roads. That is just fiscally irresponsible. We urge legislators from both sides of the aisle to support a transportation funding package.

#### Additional speakers included:

- · Sen, Jim Beall:
- Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, California State Association of Counties president and Alameda County Transportation Commission board member;
- Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Dave Cortese, who is also chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission;
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group President and CEO Carl Guardino;
- · California Alliance for Jobs Executive Director Michael Quigley; and

 Mark Kyle, Operating Engineers Local 3, director of Government Affairs and Public Relations.

The 10 a.m. press conference brought out press from throughout the Bay Area region including:

- San Jose Mercury News;
- Bay City News Service;
- San Jose Business Journal;
- Sing Tao Daily;
- World Journal;
- KCBS-AM;
- KGO-AM;
- KTVU-TV (Fox);
- KGO-TV (ABC);
- KPIX-TV (CBS);
- KNTV-TV (NBC);
- KSTS-TV (Telemundo); and
- KTSF-TV (Asian language).