

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**August 25, 2016**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

None.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

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



SCOTT C. STILES  
City Manager

**WEEKLY MEMO 8/25/16**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

## CSUF center extends opportunities in G.G.

By **MATTHEW ORMSETH**  
STAFF WRITER

It's hard enough to keep a full-time job, and harder still to study for a graduate degree or a professional certificate at the same time. For some, it's impossible when classes are held during the workday and at a campus nestled in the northeast corner of Orange County, miles away from work and home.

It was for this reason that Cal State Fullerton opened its Garden Grove Center in 1997, said Carol Creighton,

associate dean of CSUF's University Extended Education program.

When the university heard that Fountain Valley-based Coastline Community College was planning to build a satellite campus in Garden Grove, administrators jumped at the chance to establish a Cal State Fullerton outpost there as well.

At the Garden Grove Center, Cal State Fullerton and Coastline classes are offered

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## CENTER

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in the same building.

The Garden Grove Center is more centrally located than the main campus in Fullerton, and easier to reach for many who work in central or southern Orange County.

But location is not the only factor that determines whether a full-time worker can pursue a graduate degree or earn professional credentials. Most graduate and professional development programs require candidates to attend classes in the mornings and afternoons, which could rule out those working during the day. Many of the courses offered at the Garden Grove Center, however, are taught in the evenings, and scheduled specifically to accommodate those working full-time.

Both the center's location and its operating hours are in accordance with the university's commitment to extending opportunities and resources to a broader percentage of the Orange County community, Creighton said.

Creighton described the Garden Grove Center as "self-supporting"; that is, the costs of the programs offered there are covered primarily through tuition fees, rather than money from the state.

Interest in the programs offered at the Garden Grove Center has grown in recent years, and the center typically enrolls around 3,000 students per academic year, Creighton said.

The Garden Grove Center was never intended to be a clone of the main campus in Fullerton. It

serves a percentage of the population in Orange County "discrete and different" from the group at the Fullerton campus, Creighton explained, and the programs offered at Garden Grove are more oriented toward professional development and certification.

The center offers a number of master's degree programs as well.

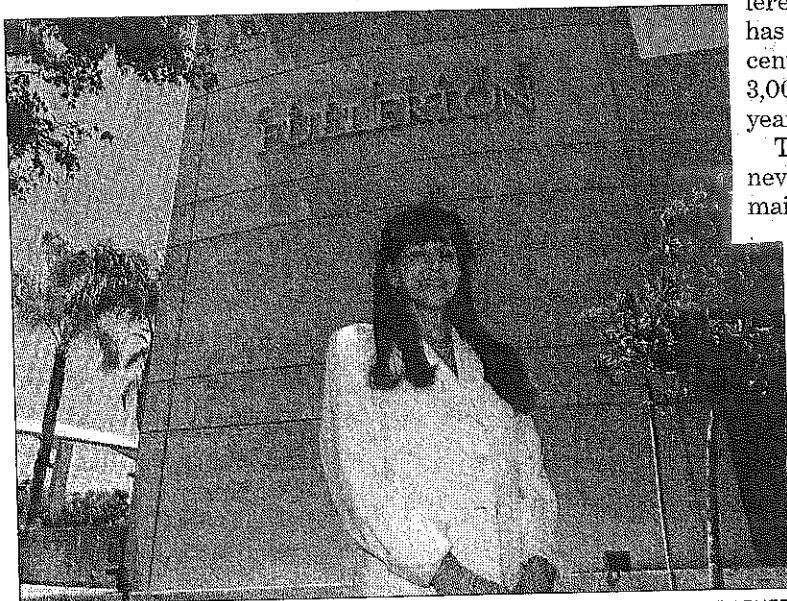
One such program is the master of science in counseling program, which allows candidates to obtain a degree in 3 1/2 years.

The M.S. in counseling program at the Garden Grove Center is the same program as the one offered at the main campus, said associate professor David Shepard, who serves as an adviser to the graduate counseling candidates at Garden Grove. The same instructors teach at both sites, and students study the same material. The difference is that counseling classes at Garden Grove are held in the evenings, while counseling classes at the Fullerton campus are during the day.

For this reason, the Garden Grove Center is a more popular option for many working professionals. Admittance into the program at Garden Grove is no less rigorous than at the main campus.

Despite their often hectic schedules, students at Garden Grove have proved more than capable of balancing workplace obligations and the rigors of pursuing a graduate degree, Shepard said.

"They're remarkably committed to keeping up with it. It's really impressive," Shepard said. "We're aware that it's demanding to have a job and to do this. And at the same time we can't lower our standards because we're turning



SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Toni Bartter is the student services manager and administrator of the Cal State Fullerton satellite campus in Garden Grove.



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**The staff of the Cal State Fullerton satellite campus in Garden Grove includes, from left, Kelly Dela Cerna, Toni Bartter, Donna Shroyer and Mariana Ferrari.**

out people who are responsible, to some degree, for the mental health of their clients.”

While M.S. candidates at the Fullerton campus can choose the number of classes they enroll in each semester and set the pace for the completion of their degree, candidates at Garden Grove are grouped together at the start of the program in “cohorts” – groups of students who travel from start to finish, course to successive course, as a single unit. While the cohort system offers less flexibility than the program at the Fullerton campus, it appeals to some students because it guarantees a specific graduation date, Shepard explained.

Also, cohorts often create strong bonds between students who have gone through the same

classes, taken the same tests and done the same readings at the same time.

“People build a sense of community,” Shepard said.

Candidates enroll in the counseling program at Garden Grove for a number of reasons.

Some are looking to advance their careers but lack the higher-level degrees to do so. Others are considering a career shift, but can’t quit their jobs to return to school full-time.

“For all those reasons,” Shepard said, “we want to make sure that for people in the Orange County area – and that includes also L.A., San Diego – are aware that the program exists so that those people who need to work 8:30 to 5 know that, yes, there is a way to do this.”

## GARDEN GROVE CENTER

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Despite the 11 miles that separate the Garden Grove Center from the university’s main campus, students enrolled at Garden Grove are integrated members of CSUF’s campus community.

“In terms of student organizations, student access to facilities, social functions – they’re all intermixed,” Shepard said. “They’re full-fledged members of the whole program.”

Students at Garden Grove graduate alongside their classmates from the main campus at the completion of the program.

“Their academic records are just like people on campus – they’re very strong,” Shepard said. “It’s a very hard program to get into, and they meet really tough criteria.”

While CSUF can offer a program that allows students to work during the day and study during the evening, the responsibility of meeting the obligations of both a full-time job and an extensive graduate degree program ultimately falls to the students themselves.

“They have to find time somehow to do all the reading that on-campus people do, and they do it,” Shepard said. “It takes a lot of courage and discipline, but they do it.”

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# The King lives! Elvis Festival to take place

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**on Main Street**

Elvis Presley "left the building" for the last time 39 years ago, but he has never left the hearts of his many admirers.

Since 1999, near the date of his death on Aug. 16, 1977, local devotees have gathered to celebrate his life and music.

They are preparing to do it again when the 17th annual Elvis Festival themed "The King Lives On" on Sunday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. comes to Historic Main Street in Garden Grove.

It is presented by the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association and also held in conjunction with the Local Harvest Farmers Market.

The day long festival will feature musical performances by Elvis tribute artists including Kirk Wall of Anaheim, the event's ambassador since its inception. Wall will greet attendees, pose for photos, and perform an Elvis medley to kick off the stage shows at 10:30 a.m. followed later at 12:30 pm with an Elvis concert bluegrass style when he is joined by his band Krazy Kirk and the Hillbillies, regulars at the Birdcage Theater at Knott's Berry Farm.

Other performances include Lil Joe Banuelos, who has been performing as Elvis since age 10, now 22. Along with his Burnin' Love

Band his show will be a focus on Presley's hits from the 1950s and 1960s and starts at 11:15 a.m.

A former Elvis performer at Dollywood, a theme park owned by Dolly Parton in Tennessee, and previous Elvis singing contest winner, Martin Anthony, sings at 11 a.m. which will include gospel, the only music genre for which Presley won a Grammy Award.

A dozen Elvis singers will take over the stage when they compete in KaraokeFest 2016 Crème de la King Finals at 3:15 p.m. All of them are finalists selected from previous qualifying rounds and will vie for the winning spot along with cash awards and prizes.

Other activities include a King of Cadillacs Car Show, stilt walking Elvis and Priscilla, the Ace the Rockabilly Illusionist strolling magic, Abbit the Average Elvis, Pop Up Elvis Trivia Contest presented by Gaslamp Popcorn, opportunity drawings including a private dinner concert with "an" Elvis for up to 20 people, the Jailhouse Rockers of California fan club activities including Elvis Bingo, Elvis memorabilia and collectibles for sale including the final blowout of the Mr. Potato Head Jumpsuit Elvis character and key chains by PPW Toys under license by Elvis Presley En-

## Event will feature plenty of Elvis impersonators and much more



File photo

From left, former Azteca Restaurant J.J. Jauregia, an Elvis statue, current Azteca owner Jennifer Stewart an Elvis impersonator gather on Main Street recently.

terprises and Hasbro, a caricature artist and instant photo booth.

Restaurants on Main Street are joining in the festivities by featuring special Elvis themed food items including a Memphis Mafia Pulled Pork Sandwich and Love Me "Chicken" Tenders from Doug's Downtown Grill; The King's Waffle made with peanut butter and bananas topped with ice cream, caramel, crushed potato chips and bacon bits concocted by Louie's on Main; and a special spiced up Speedway Burrito from Azteca Restaurant.

In addition, Mama Connie's Egg Roll Company, one of the Farmers Market food conces-

sions, will prepare The King's Fool's Gold which is a deep fried peanut butter and banana egg roll with ice cream.

Other food items will be available from the restaurants and Farmers Market vendors.

Your Pad or Mine?, an arts and crafts store on Main Street, will offer an Elvis themed Make and Take Greeting Card making project.

The Farmers Market runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. while the festival continues until 6 p.m.

The festival on Historic Main Street is between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway in Garden Grove. Use the address

of 12911 Main St., Garden Grove on GPS or other map/directions locators.

Festival admission is free, along with free parking available at the nearby Coastline College and Concorde University lots off of Acacia Parkway and Garden Grove Boulevard and at the lot off of Grove Avenue just off Garden Grove Boulevard.

More information is available on Facebook by locating the 17th Annual Elvis Festival page, by sending an email to [elvisfestival@yahoo.com](mailto:elvisfestival@yahoo.com), by calling 714-267-4657 or by checking the website [www.mainstreetgardengrove.com](http://www.mainstreetgardengrove.com).

# Former state senator garners more endorsements

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Lou Correa is running for congressional seat; one of his foes is GG Mayor Bao Nguyen

Congressional candidate Lou Correa, running for the 46th District seat, last week earned the official endorsement of Regional Director of the California Democratic Party Florice Orea Hoffman.

Upon announcing her support, Hoffman released the following statement:

"Lou Correa is the best candidate to represent Orange County in Congress. He's a lifelong Democrat who has spent his entire career focusing on creating policies that lift up working families by stimulating local economic growth, creating new educational opportunities for our youth, and supporting after school and gang prevention programs to make our communities safer. I know Lou will continue to fight for these values in Congress, and I cannot wait to see the work he will do in D.C."

Former state senator Correa responded:

"I am thankful to have the support of the Regional Director of the California Democratic Party Florice Orea Hoffman. Her dedication to promoting and supporting our California community is an inspiration, and I look forward to working with her to develop policies that will make the California dream a reality for all residents. In Congress, I will collaborate with my fellow legislators to create more good-paying jobs, excellent schools and educational opportunities, and safer, cleaner neighborhoods for all."

This announcement comes on the heels of endorsements from scores of major labor groups, organizations and elected officials, including:

Organizations:

- California Democratic Party (CDP)
- California Labor Federation
- United Association Local Union 250: Steamfitters & Refrigeration
- California School Employees Association (CSEA)
- California State Association of



File photo

Lou Correa

- Letter Carriers (CSALC)
- The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA)
- United Farm Workers of America (UFW)
- California Police Chiefs' Association
- Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)
- National Latino Peace Officers Association
- California Small Business Association
- Building Our Leadership Diversity (BOLD) PAC
- International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 36
- International Union of Operating Engineers Local 501
- Santa Ana School Police Officers' Association
- Santa Ana Police Officers' Association
- Anaheim Police Officer's Association Political Action Committee
- Orange County Deputy District Attorneys
- Garden Grove Firefighters Association
- Garden Grove Police Officers Association
- Californians for Humane Immigrant Rights Leadership Action Fund (CHIRLA Action Fund)
- Orange County Business Council

- Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs
- Elected leaders:
- House Democratic leader and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
- House Democratic whip and Congressman Steny Hoyer
- House Democratic caucus chair and Congressman Xavier Becerra
- Congressional Progressive Caucus Co-Chair and Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chair and Congresswoman Linda Sánchez
- Former State assembly speaker and congresswoman Karen Bass
- Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez
- Congresswoman Judy Chu
- Congressman Juan Vargas
- Congressman Alan Lowenthal
- Congressman Pete Aguilar
- Congressman Ted Lieu
- Congressman Tony Cardenas
- Congresswoman Norma Torres
- Congressman Raul Ruiz
- Congressman Ruben Gallego
- Congressman Luis Gutierrez
- Congressman Ruben Hinojosa
- Congressman Filemon Vela
- California's State Treasurer John Chiang
- California's Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson
- California State Senate President Pro-Tem Kevin de León
- California Board of Equalization Chair Jerome Horton
- Former California lt. governor Cruz Bustamante
- California Latino Legislative Caucus Chair and State Assemblyman Luis Alejo
- California Legislative Black Caucus Chair and State Assemblyman Reggie Jones-Sawyer
- California State Senator and former Air Force General Richard Roth
- California State Senator and LGBT trailblazer Mark Leno
- California State Senator and Labor Committee Chair Tony Mendoza

# Three local teens soar to Eagle Scout status

Garden Grove Scouts express gratitude to their families, leaders

By Loreen Berlin

It's been said that the "Lifetime Eagle Scout" is but a small percentage of Scouts enrolled in the Boy Scouts of America program.

However, three Boy Scouts of America in Garden Grove are adding to the rising-number of Eagle Scouts since the inception of the award in 1912.

Scouting groups are sponsored by organizations and/or churches, through volunteers.

Those Scouts are Joshua Baird, Nicholas Cable and Michael Stoughton.

"I think it's great that we have three Eagle Scouts in one troop, Troop No. 225," said Stanford LDS Ward Bishop Kelly Thomer. "Three at one time doesn't happen very often. These three young men will be well prepared for life."

The three Scouts from Troop No. 225 were honored Saturday  
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Photo by Loreen Berlin

Three Eagle Scouts from one Garden Grove Troop were honored Saturday evening. From left, are Joshua Baird, Michael Stoughton and Nicholas Cable.



## SCOUTS:

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evening at the sponsoring LDS Church, Stanford Ward, located at 10212 Stanford Ave., in Garden Grove.

Joshua's Eagle Scout project was constructing a wall-unit for the Mental Health Association of Orange County, which helps the homeless to have a place to store their backpacks.

Nicholas built shelves for the Thomas House Family Shelter, which houses homeless families and helps them become independent again.

Michael cleaned and documented images of headstones at Magnolia Memorial Park as part of a program to archive those interred in the cemetery for families tracing genealogy and a way to build or continue creating an individual's family tree, with QR (Quick Response) codes. This particular cemetery has a lot of history, with several Civil War veterans buried there.

The young men were each given an opportunity to acknowledge a mentor who had helped them achieve their Eagle goal and then to tell about their experience.

"My path to becoming an Eagle Scout was a long one," said Joshua. "I want to thank my Scout leaders for their sacrifice of time and thank them for not giving up on me."

He thanked his parents who worked with him by reminding him to keep on the project.

"I love you and want to make you proud," he said. "I want to thank the members of the Ward for your support and money you donated for my project; you were invaluable to a young man who knew nothing of what he was doing — the experience will benefit

me the rest of my life."

"I made it," said Nicholas. "I'm very happy I made it; I started Scouts when I was a little wild child, but my leaders helped me to grow and shaped me into who I am. Scouting has been an adventure. I learned cycling and hiking and it opened so many things that I can now do, even though it was scary. My leaders helped and encouraged me to become an Eagle — it's been a goal for quite awhile — and I thank my parents for pushing me."

Michael said becoming an Eagle has been an amazing journey.

"I had so many experiences and adventures. I would not be the same person without Scouting," he said. "Scouting has shaped me into being the person God would want me to be and the experience taught me how to live. Even the little experiences I'm grateful for and grateful for my parents pushing me and for everything they do for me. I'm grateful for the leaders and appreciate friends who helped with my Eagle project. I'm thankful for everyone."

Scout leaders along the way included Varsity Coach and Venture Advisor Norman Hauret; Scout Master David Price; Varsity Coach Glenn Davis; Varsity Scout Leader Brian Cable; Assistant Venture Advisor David Baird; and Scout Leader Thomas Stoughton.

"This is a solemn and serious evening for these boys, as the road to Eagle Scout has been a long and difficult one but full of fun and great experiences," said Price. "The parents and Scout leaders of the Eagle candidate's whom we honor tonight have labored long and faithfully to guide them through the Boy Scout program and their efforts culminate this evening in the presentation of the Eagle Award."

# Garden Grove teams ready to rumble!

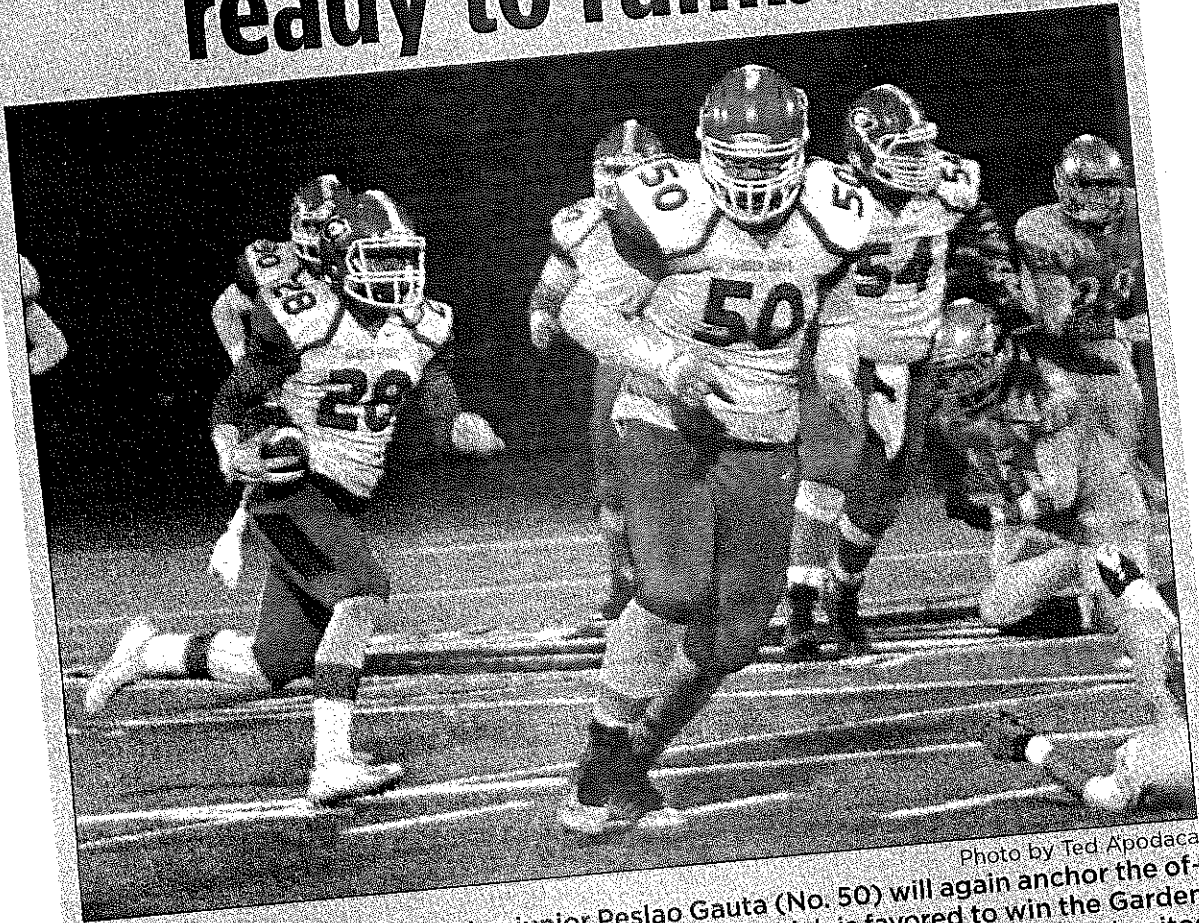


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All-League and All-CIF returning junior Peslao Gauta (No. 50) will again anchor the offensive and defensive lines for Garden Grove High, which is favored to win the Garden Grove League title this season. Stiff competition is expected from Rancho Alamitos High and other teams, however. Most teams start the season this Friday night. For full coverage of local football, see Page 12.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Garden Grove on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

For Mayor:  
Vote for One

Steven R. Jones

For Member of the City Council – District 2:  
Vote for One

John R. O'Neill

For Member of the City Council – District 3:  
Vote for One

Thu-Ha Nguyen  
Clay Bock

For Member of the City Council – District 5:  
Vote for One

Stephanie Klopfenstein  
Demian Garcia-Monroy

For Member of the City Council – District 6:  
Vote for One

Kim Nguyen  
Rickk Montoya

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC  
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden Grove City Council will hold a Public Hearing at their meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, to consider the adoption of a Resolution establishing and amending fees charged for various City services. The proposed action includes the addition, increase, or revision of various fees related to animal control services, community development planning and building services, community services, fire inspection, and police. The proposed fee changes and the data indicating the amount of cost or estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee is levied will be made available to the public for review ten (10) days prior to the Public Hearing during normal business hours in the City Clerk's Office, on the second floor of City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California.

If you challenge the decision of the City Council 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 City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Written comments can be mailed to the City of Garden Grove, Attn: City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92842-3070, or faxed to (714) 741-5205, or personally delivered to the City Clerk's Office at the address noted above. If you have any questions regarding this Notice or the proposed action, or would like more detailed information, please call Ann Eifert in the City of Garden Grove Finance Department at (714) 741-5058.

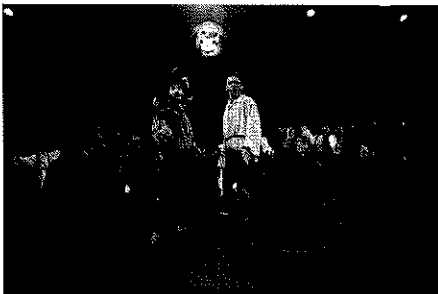
/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC  
City Clerk

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## 'Pirates of Penzance' in Garden Grove mixes classic and contemporary

By ERIC MARCHESE  
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Shakespeare Orange County's outdoor amphitheater staging of "The Pirates of Penzance" is, like SOC's recent original production "Sonnets, Songs, and Sorry, Will's Been Dead 400 Years," a worthwhile introduction to a genre and style younger generations may not know well.

In this case, that's the storied works of Gilbert and Sullivan. And while Sullivan's score for this 1879 comic operetta isn't as inspired as that of the later "The Mikado," the work lends itself well to director Peter Uribe's fluffy, lighter-than-air staging and some inspired silliness.

That concept, of injecting contemporary bits, references and gestures, creates a "Pirates" that's accessible to audiences of all ages for whom Gilbert and Sullivan may be entirely new.

About a century ahead of Monty Python, librettist W.S. Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan created a comical fusion of tender-hearted pirates, wenches, cabin boys, beautiful maidens, a starchy, proper Major-General, and a cadre of bumbling London bobbies.

Uribe's better-than-average cast has four stars of equal weight. Two capture each other's hearts, and ours as well: Colin Martin as Frederic and Jenaha McLearn as Mabel. The other two steal nearly every scene: Alex Bodrero as The Pirate King and Rick Golson as Major-General Stanley.

The modern touches are reasonably minimal in number and fairly restrained, serving more like comedic ornamentation: the pirates burst into hearty choruses of "It's a Small, Small World"; Frederic ends a solo by doing a rock-star windmill motion with his arm; the Pirate King and his band spoof the moves of "Riverdance"; the Major-General's daughters wield pom-poms and become cheerleaders, then execute a Broadway kick line; the London bobbies start blowing soap bubbles.

Other merriment and mockery has Bodrero's Pirate King mimicking Laurence Olivier, Michael Drace Fountain as his first mate, Samuel, speaking like Peter Lorre, and Krysten Crane's Ruth morphing from a frump to a saucy, Tina Fey-like wench and, in the last scene, a proto-punk rock groupie.

Lest purists feel aggrieved by these adornments, not only do Uribe and company respect the work's integrity, they've given it a worthy showcase for today's audiences. Sure, this staging's tongue is planted firmly in its cheek, but never to the exclusion of what made G&S's works immortal.

Amelia Barron's choreography does more than just furnish added visual interest through movement – it takes strong advantage of this youthful cast's agility. Barron's dance scenes are exactly what's called for, whether tight and precise or loose and free-spirited – for example, the choreography for "Climbing over rocky mountain" reflects its lilting melody.

Working from pre-recorded tracks, Laurie Cobb's music direction extracts superlative vocal work from every last cast member. McLearn and Martin easily have the most well-trained voices. McLearn demonstrates time and again her opera-like abilities, and Martin's solid singing meets hers more than halfway.

While all of Mabel's many sisters are pretty young lasses, McLearn's Mabel is a stunner. And while all of the young ladies fall for Frederic, Martin suggests more of a slender, pleasant boy-next-door than a matinee idol.

Bodrero's Pirate King is sublimely idiotic, and the actor's comedic timing is worth a chest full of doubloons. Despite Golson's small, frail frame and high-pitched voice, his Major-General is a fearsome, scholarly, sneering military man not to be crossed – yet never stuffy or remote.

Golson maintains a fine clip in his character's famed, iconic patter song, almost without missing a beat. Jim Berrier's imposing height, Cockney dialect and handlebar mustache define his Sergeant-of-Police, Crane is a buxom, comically tawdry Ruth and Nickie Gentry and Cora Riley shine as two of Mabel's more alluring, and more forward, sisters.

The potential of nearby Disneyland and every aspect of "Pirates of the Caribbean" (film series, theme park ride, etc.) just in itself could have given Uribe and all of Shakespeare Orange County the impetus to go way overboard with their spoofery.

They don't, and their restrained silliness makes it all the more welcome in a fun and frolicsome outdoor summertime staging.

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# There is no wrong place to honor the fallen

Fast-food restaurant in Garden Grove features murals of hometown heroes.

Walking into a newly remodeled McDonald's in Garden Grove is both shock and awe.

On the wall is a mural, but this isn't the usual fast-food restaurant art or even the kind of visuals you see in *any* type of restaurant.

The mural is a tribute to Tibor Rubin, medal of honor recipient, Holocaust survivor and Korean War veteran credited with saving more than 40 American prisoners of war.

On another wall, the homage to hometown heroes continues. The second mural memorializes five Garden Grove police officers killed while on duty.

Some might consider such serious visuals bad business decisions. They might argue, who wants to think about reality while slurping an M&M McFlurry?

But these are bold and brave calls, with the remodeled restaurant that just recently reopened. There is no wrong place or incorrect time to honor those who risked all.

Born in Hungary in 1929, Rubin lived in Garden Grove and died Dec. 5. I was fortunate to spend many hours with Rubin on several occasions and know he would be pleased and proud about the murals.

Of course, this humble Army veteran also would say it wasn't necessary, that there are plenty of others who deserve the honor

## WHITING

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more.

Fortunately, Patti Widdicombe knows better.

Widdicombe is the daughter of a couple who more than a half-century ago sold their cattle farm in Canada, moved to Southern California and spotted an ad in the newspaper that asked, "Would you like to be your own boss?"

They ended up buying and building in Garden Grove the 11th McDonald's franchise in the world.

Eventually, the family built a small empire of five franchises, all in Orange County.

Things worked out OK. Today, there are about 100 McDonald's in Orange County and more than 35,000 on the planet.

### FLOWERS FOR FALLEN

For many people, McDonald's is a vast, faceless corporation without heart, without personality. But walk into Widdicombe's most recently rebuilt McDonald's and you walk into a mom-and-pop operation.

Bob Woelfel is a special-needs guy and the restaurant's official hospitality person. He loves to chat, keeps the restaurant tidy and tells you about the old days when his father worked at a McDonald's and the owner helped the Woelfel family make ends meet by offering free food.

Woelfel's glasses are thick; one eye wanders. Still, his uniform is spotless and his enthusiasm for his job is as boundless as his pride. "I've worked here," he exclaims, "for 29 years."

It's lunch hour and restaurant manager Jeff Gaulrapp moves quickly past several dozen workers. French fries turn gold in crackling oil. Lettuce, sliced pickles, tomato, lettuce and special sauce are at the ready.

Soft drinks are programmed the moment they are ordered and a machine automatically fills plastic cups that march along a turnstile.

Hamburgers are allowed to warm for up to 15 minutes before they are tossed out. But most go almost directly from griddle to

bun to bag to mouth.

Outside, a series of cars churns through the new facility's dual drive-through lanes. Three windows - one for money exchange, one for pickup, one for special orders - help the flow.

"Speed," Widdicombe says, "matters for busy people. We offer convenience and good-quality food."

Sure, it's a company line, and Widdicombe is a cheerleader for McDonald's. But dig deeper, and there's far more to this business-woman.

I fall into a conversation with worker Margareli Ortiz. It turns out this 25-year-old has just earned her bachelor's degree from Cal State Fullerton. She worked her way through college with the help of McDonald's scholarships, the latest for \$700.

I poke my head in the industrial-size freezer and fridge. On a low shelf next to boxes of Chobani yogurt that will soon turn into parfaits is a bouquet of white roses.

Who bought the flowers?

"I did," Widdicombe says, glancing at the freezing concrete floor. "I sometimes get them for the memorial mural."

### ABOVE AND BEYOND

Rubin was 13 years old when Nazis rounded up the Jews in his village and forced them into Mauthausen camp in Austria. Along with tens of thousands of others in the prison, his mother, father and sister were slaughtered.

The boy survived by staying out of sight, pulling clothes off dead bodies, eating garbage.

On May 5, 1945, American troops liberated the prison. Rubin was nothing but skin, bones and will. He vowed he would become "an American GI Joe."

Rubin made his way to New York. Speaking little English, he took four attempts to pass an Army test that allowed him to enlist. But, Rubin told me, training was tough. Every time his sergeant wanted something menial done, he called out, "Get me that (expletive) Jew."

In 1950, Rubin's unit, Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was overwhelmed by North Korean forces at the Pu-



Patti Widdicombe, owner of the McDonald's at Valley View and Chapman in Garden Grove, poses for a portrait Friday inside the newly remodeled franchise. As part of the remodel, the store boasts two giant murals indoors. One honors Tibor Rubin, a Medal of Honor recipient who survived internment at Mauthausen in Austria during World War II. The other mural, pictured, honors five local police officers who were killed.

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san Perimeter. Rubin was left behind - alone - to defend a hill.

"During the ensuing battle," his Medal of Honor citation states, "overwhelming numbers of North Korean troops assaulted a hill defended solely by Corporal Rubin. He inflicted a staggering number of casualties on the attacking force during his personal 24-hour battle, singlehandedly slowing the enemy."

Three months later and after a brutal firefight, Chinese troops took Rubin and dozens of American soldiers prisoner. His captors offered his release, but Rubin refused, saying he would leave only if all his buddies were freed.

"Choosing to remain in the prison camp despite offers from the Chinese to return him to his native Hungary," the citation continues, "Corporal Rubin disregarded his own personal safety and immediately began sneaking out of the camp at night in search of food for his comrades.

"Breaking into enemy food storehouses and gardens, he risked certain torture or death if caught."

### COURAGE, HONOR

Widdicombe gazes at the mural honoring Rubin. She never had the privilege of knowing the man. But she knew his record and that

she and the community cared.

The city library is near this McDonald's. It is named "Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library."

"This is a community restaurant," Widdicombe says, "and these murals are about community."

The police officer mural honors Sgt. Myron Trapp, shot in 1959; Reserve Officer Andy Reese, killed by a motorist in 1970; Officer Donald Reed, shot in 1980; Officer Michael Rainford, hit by a drunken driver in 1980; and Master Officer Howard Dallies Jr., shot in 1993.

Service of the highest. And, sure, I'll have fries with that.

# Protesters rail against prospect of aerial spraying

By COURTNEY PERKES  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • More than 100 Orange County residents concerned that aerial spraying could be deployed to halt the spread of West Nile virus packed a mosquito-control meeting Thursday afternoon to protest pesticide use.

Aerial pesticide spraying, considered a last resort, never has been done by the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District. To authorize spraying, a subcommittee of at least nine board members would have to publicly meet and vote.

"We have no plans at this point in time," said Rick Howard, district manager. "It is possible, though, that conditions on the ground may change. We are very hopeful that the outreach we've had in those communities that have been hit hardest is hopefully beginning to pay off. The next couple of weeks are really going to be a determining factor."

But Ashley Collins, co-founder of Stop

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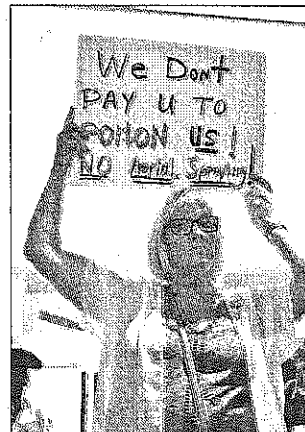
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the Spraying of Orange County, said members feared they would not have time to voice opposition if an emergency meeting is called.

For 90 minutes, almost 40 speakers, from grandparents to elementary school students, decried spraying, which they said would fall on vegetable gardens, playgrounds and pets. They raised fears of cancer, autism and contamination of organic crops.

"It is an assault on our freedom," said Paul Nelson of Garden Grove. "It's an undue risk."

Theresa Born, who said she is homeless and living in a Garden Grove motel, spoke on behalf of her son, who was treated for cancer, and for homeless people who have no shelter.



NICK AGRO,

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Pam McKeon of Cypress holds up a sign against aerial pesticide spraying at a meeting Thursday in Garden Grove.**

"Thousands of people live on the streets in this county. They don't have a place to sleep at night," Born said. "I have no way of getting my son out of town to protect my son's lungs. I can't afford it."

This year in Orange County, there have been

three human infections and mosquitoes carrying the virus have been found in 25 cities. Last year's peak months for human infection were September and October.

During the meeting, officials said they have worked aggressively to kill mosquitoes and educate residents about preventing breeding and bites.

The agency has placed radio ads, visited more than 45,000 homes to provide education and inspections and mailed more than 31,000 informational postcards to high-risk areas.

"There is no intention right now to spray but the concentration of West Nile virus-infected mosquitoes in Orange County is more than it was when we did have an epidemic," said board President Dr. Allan Bernstein of Tustin.

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Voice of Garden Grove winner Kayla Renee Wandelt, left, holds a check awarded to her for winning the competition. Wandelt sang "House of the Rising Sun" by The Animals in her final performance of the summer. Courtesy photo

# Just call her The Voice... of Garden Grove

Pacifica High School student belts out "House of the Rising Sun" to win contest

At Garden Grove's final summer concert last week, the winner of The Voice of Garden Grove was chosen among five Garden Grove Unified School District high school students.

Kayla Renee Wandelt, a junior from Pacifica High School, was announced The Voice of Garden Grove 2016 and awarded a \$1,000 prize, half of which will go to Pacifica High School's Choir Department. The winning song was "House of the Rising Sun" by The

Animals.

Caitlin Doan, from Rancho Alamitos High School, was announced runner-up and received a \$500 prize, half of which will go towards Rancho Alamitos High School's Choir Department. Doan performed "Can't Help Falling in Love" by Elvis Presley.

The students were scored on a 100-point scale by six volunteer judges including professional singers and vocalist trainers.

The Voice of Garden Grove is a

pre-show to the free Summer Concert Series hosted by the Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF), held at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St., during the months of July and August. The Voice of Garden Grove is a way for GGCF to support education and the arts in the community, and provide performance and scholarship opportunities to local high school students.

For more information, visit [www.ggcf.com](http://www.ggcf.com) or call 714-741-5200.

# Police arrest man for sexually assaulting a minor

## Defendant pleads guilty to two felony counts

Vietnamese entertainer "Minh Beo" was convicted last week of sexually assaulting a minor boy and attempting to commit a lewd act on a fictitious minor.

Minh Quang Hong, who goes by the stage name "Minh Beo," 38, Garden Grove, pleaded guilty to one felony count of oral copulation of a minor and one felony count of attempting to commit a lewd act upon a child under the age of 14.

Hong is expected to be sentenced to 18 months in state prison and mandatory lifetime sex offender registration at his sentencing on Dec. 16 at 8:30 a.m. in Department W-2, West Justice Center, Westminster.

The count of oral copulation of a person under 18 years old is a wobbler, which means it could be charged as a felony or a misdemeanor. The Orange County District Attorney charged Hong with a felony given the circumstances of the case. The defendant was eligible for probation but was not offered probation. The agreed upon 18-month sentence follows the statutory sentencing scheme on the charges to which Hong

pleaded guilty.

Hong traveled from Vietnam to visit Orange County and Atlanta, Ga. Hong is a well-known Vietnamese entertainer with access to children.

On March 20, 2016, Hong spoke to a group of dancers at a talent show held at a radio station in Huntington Beach and told the

dancers that he was hosting auditions for a video project.

On March 23, Hong orally copulated 16-year-old John Doe when the victim arrived for the audition. Shortly thereafter, John Doe reported the crime to the Garden Grove

Police Department, who investigated this case.

The next day, an undercover police officer posing as a fictitious teen communicated with the defendant while further investigating the case. Hong set up a meeting with the officer, whom he believed to be a minor, with the intent of committing a lewd act. The defendant was subsequently arrested by Garden Grove police.

Deputy District Attorney Bobby Taghavi of the Sexual Assault Unit is prosecuting this case.

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# Local man arrested in theft-by-fraud scam

## Suspect allegedly bilked \$50,000 from 21 victims

Investigators have actively been investigating a theft-by-fraud scam related to an owner/operator of a travel agency known by several business names located in Garden Grove.

Over the past few months, approximately 21 victims have come forward with reports claiming the business owner "Abdel Rojas" has accepted large amounts of cash for vacation itineraries.

Many reports of families showing up at airports with plans to begin their summer vacation were dashed, with families left stranded holding travel itineraries that were useless and non-refundable.

Rojas allegedly kept the money



Courtesy photo

**Abdel Rojas**

and did not deliver the travel packages or itineraries as promised.

In total, the victims suffered a collective loss of approximately \$50,000.

Investigators served a search warrant last week at a suspects business and evidence of fraud was found, police said.

Rojas was arrested and booked into Orange County Jail for theft by fraud and multiple counts of grand theft with his bail being set at \$100,000. The case is being submitted to the District Attorney's Office for criminal charges.

Investigators of the Garden Grove Police Department are requesting any additional victims allegedly suffering a loss from Abdel Rojas or his travel agency to contact investigators.

The information will be investigated and forwarded to the DA's office for additional charges.

Refer all information to Scott Coleman, 714-741-5815, or Thi Huynh at 714-741-5835.

## School board puts \$311 mil bond on ballot

On Aug. 9, the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education approved a resolution that will ask voters to consider a \$311 million general obligation bond measure on the Nov. 8 ballot.

If approved, the measure would fund upgrades to the district's heating and cooling infrastructure and building electrical systems, air conditioning, seismic safety repairs, roof replacements, and updates to classrooms, science labs, and computer systems to support 21st century instruction. Also included would be renovations to athletic

facilities which were built in 1958 and 1959 and have never been upgraded.

This is the second bond measure in district history; the voters overwhelmingly approved Measure A in 2010 to undertake the first phase of repairs and upgrades to schools, many of which were built 40 to 95 years ago. While Measure A is delivering on its promises, more than half of district classrooms do not have air conditioning.

"This district has a longstanding reputation of academic success and fiscal responsibility," said George

West, Board of Education president. "We will continue to make wise decisions that reflect the values of our community and provide our nearly 46,000 students with access to a high quality education."

The November bond measure would require approval from 55 percent of voters to pass. Every penny would benefit district schools and by law, no money could be used for administrator salaries. An independent citizens' bond oversight committee along with annual audits would ensure funds are spent as promised.

# GG Rotary prez proud of club's work

By Loreen Berlin

During a recent Garden Grove Rotary Club meeting, 2016-2017 President Maria Stipe gave, "Reasons to Love Rotary."

"The number-one reason to love Rotary right now is because we are about to eradicate a disease, and you and I can be a part of that process," said Stipe. "We are 99.9 percent of the way toward ending polio. As of June, there were only 16 cases of wild poliovirus in the world and many think this could be the year we see the last naturally occurring case of polio."

Stipe said when Rotary began its campaign to end polio, more than 350,000 children were paralyzed every year by the dreaded virus.

Rotary International reported that the largest vaccine rollout in history kicked off in April as a globally-coordinated effort to include the polio vaccine into routine immunization programs.

UNICEF said that between April 17 and the first of May, 155 countries and territories around the world stopped using the trivalent oral polio vaccine that protects against all three strains of wild poliovirus and that it has replaced it with OPV (bOPV), which protects against the remaining two wild polio strains, types 1 and 3.

"This transition, referred to as the global-vaccine-switch, is possible because type 2 wild polio has been eradicated. The switch is the first major step toward the eventual removal of all OPV after wild polio transmission has been stopped, though mass vaccination

campaigns will continue until all types of polio have been eradicated and funding will be necessary for the efforts to continue," Stipe said.

She also quoted a statement made by Michael McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee: "This switch is an important step but we must maintain our support until every last child is safe from this disease,"

Going on to mention the benefits of belonging to a club such as Rotary, Stipe said environment can change a person's behavior and while at Rotary meetings, the handshakes, smiles and a hand-wave from fellow members and/or an offer to sit by them, can make a person relax, smile and "Be the person they want to be," rather than dealing with outside daily stresses and perhaps feeling upset or angry.

"Whether facing struggles or celebrating successes, the Garden Grove Rotary Club helps us to understand that we are in this together and gives us a place to foster friendships and support, while working on our causes," Stipe said.

Some of the Rotary successes in addition to eradicating polio include: for the past four years, the Garden Grove Rotary Club has stocked two emergency food and supply pantries and provided special food distribution-events at the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center and Magnolia Park Family Resource Centers in Garden Grove.

Stipe said Rotary funds and support were used to purchase perishable and non-perishable food items, diapers, baby supplies and personal hygiene items that are stocked at the centers. The items are distributed on an as-needed-basis and through special distribution events to individuals and families in the Garden Grove community who are suffering from stress because of housing and/or job displacement, domestic emergencies and other crises.

The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self" and the four-way test Rotarians apply to their activities is: Is it the Truth; Is it fair to all concerned; Will it build good will and better friendships; and will it be beneficial to all concerned?

"Every Rotarian brings something distinct and indispensable to the community, whether it's personality, passion, or professional experience," Stipe said. "That multidisciplinary perspective allows us to see and solve challenges in ways others cannot."



Photo by Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove Rotary Club 2016-2017 Club President Maria Stipe, seventh from left and standing, at a recent Rotary event.

# Gem Theater prepares for biggest production to date

“Sweeney Todd” comes to GG, and the Gem has added exotic features sure to wow audiences

By Angela Hatcher

“Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street” is coming to The Gem Theater and this murderous musical may be one of the tastiest treats ever to grace its stage.

Presented by One More Productions, “Sweeney Todd” will run from Sept. 29 through Oct. 13 – just in time for a little pre-Halloween “fright night” celebrating.

As one of Southern California’s leading musical theater companies, OMP’s Co-owner and Artistic Director Damien Lorton says, “This is the biggest budget for any production that we have ever had, and we are going all out for ‘Sweeney Todd.’ On top of our

\$100,000 budget for lighting design, we have added an additional \$100,000 – and that’s just for lights! Designed by our award-winning set designer, we will be featuring an unbelievable two-story revolving set that literally extends over the audience. The sound design includes new body mics that will bring out the vocals of the magnificent singers in our cast... Can you tell how excited I am about this production? We already have our nine-piece live orchestra in place as well, and I can’t wait to share this special 1979 thriller with our audience.”

This dark, bloody, and deliciously funny Tony award-winning melodrama tells the tale of an or-

dinary barber in the Victorian era who was wrongfully sentenced to life in prison by a corrupt judge.

The barber returns with vengeance in his heart, and his new life becomes anything but ordinary. Once he partners up with Mrs. Lovett and her struggling pie shop, the successful pair make a killing!

Sondheim’s stunning musical score has been called Sondheim’s “most perfect score,” and this soaring musical is one of the best “to die for” theatrical moments ever presented on stage.

A special Q & A session will directly follow the performance on Friday, Oct. 7 with some of the lead cast members and the production

crew. There will also be a special preview on Friday, Sept. 7 exclusive to season ticket holders.

General admission prices are \$28 each, Seniors (age 60 and up) \$23, and children (age 12 and under) \$18. Student Rush tickets at \$15 each are available for Thursday and Friday performances only. Opening Night Gala Event tickets for Saturday Night, Oct. 1 are \$40 each and season ticket holders receive an exclusive invitation to attend the post-show Catered Champagne Gala with the cast.

For more information or to purchase tickets, Call One More Productions at 714-741-9550, ext 221 or visit [www.onemoreproductions.com](http://www.onemoreproductions.com).

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# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out  
Achievers Club 9331 is hosting  
communication and leadership  
meetings featuring professional  
speakers at the Crystal Cathedral  
Tower of Hope, 12141 Lewis St.  
Meetings will be held every Thurs-  
day except during Thanksgiving,  
Christmas, and New Year's holi-  
day weeks. For more information,  
call Barbara Barrientas at 714-  
971-4123, e-mail bbarrientas@  
crystalcathedral.org or visit www.  
orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331.

Chamber holds Friday meetings  
The Garden Grove Chamber's  
Governmental Affairs Commit-  
tee meets the second Friday of  
the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at  
the Community Meeting Center,  
11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden  
Grove. For more information, call  
the chamber at 714-638-7950.

### Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group  
is for mothers who have lost  
children of every age.  
The group meets Thursday eve-  
nings at 12831 Olive St., Garden  
Grove.  
For more information, call 714-

892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

### Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of  
Orange County hosts a support  
group to provide an opportunity  
to meet other caregivers and  
families, share experiences and  
exchange ideas. These meetings  
are free and open to all caregiv-  
ers and family members of indi-  
viduals with dementia. All groups  
listed are in compliance with  
chapter and national standards.  
This is a faith-based meeting and  
may include prayer or pastoral  
speaker, and will take place at 1  
p.m. Saturdays at the Crystal Ca-  
thedral Arboretum, 12141 Lewis  
St. in Garden Grove. For more  
information, call Peggy Woelke at  
714-634-2161.

### Dance Center hosts social

Join the staff of the Cedarbrook  
Dance Center for nights of  
square dancing, line dancing,  
round dancing (pre-choreo-  
graphed social dancing) and  
salsa. The Dance Center is at  
12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For  
more information on classes,  
call Eileen Silvia at (949) 637-  
4169.

### GARDEN GROVE

**Elvis festival:** The 17th annual Elvis Presley-themed festival "The King Lives on" is coming to Garden Grove for the first time, and is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 28 on Historic Main Street. The free festival will feature tribute artists and other performers, and a karaoke contest. The restaurants on Main will sell Elvis-themed food.  
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### GARDEN GROVE

**Meeting canceled:** The City Council meeting scheduled for tonight has been canceled. The next meeting is set for Sept. 13. The City Council typically meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in Council chambers, 11300 Stanford Ave. Information: 714-741-5040.  
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### GARDEN GROVE

**Building dedication:** The Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove recently renamed the building that hosts its administrative offices and preschool the Pat Halberstadt Family Campus, in honor of the organization's long-time director. Halberstadt was with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove for 42 years. She retired in April.  
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### GARDEN GROVE

**Crosswords:** The Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave., hosts "Crosswords, Classical and Coffee" at 10 a.m. each Monday for adults. Those who attend can relax, do crosswords and listen to music. Coloring sheets are also available. The event is free and requires no registration. 714-530-0711.  
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### GARDEN GROVE

**Moratorium extended:** The City Council recently extended an emergency moratorium on permitting crematoriums and mortuaries for another 10 months, 15 days – for a total of one year – so that staffers can work on zoning regulations. Future regulations include having to go through a lengthy approval process, including going before the Planning Commission.  
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### GARDEN GROVE

**Brochure:** The city's fall edition of its Parks and Recreation brochure is available online and at City Hall. The brochure includes a list of events from September to December, news – in this issue, protection against coyotes and making streets bicycle friendly – and various registration classes available. The brochure is on the city's website.  
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Thursday, August 25, 2016

### **COMMEMORATIVE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS FOR SALE**

The City of Garden Grove is now selling commemorative 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts through the City's website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us). Website visitors can place orders by clicking on the top page banner, or going to <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commserv/60th-anniversary-t-shirt-sales>.

T-shirts are \$10 each, and come in crew neck or V-neck styles. Shirt sizes above XL are \$12 each.

The City marked its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, June 18, 2016 in Village Green park, with a celebration attended by thousands. A new 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video, produced by Garden Grove's own award-winning GGTV3, can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3eLaxaUeeM>.

For more information on 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirt sales, call (714) 741-5200.

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**CITY HALL CLOSED ON LABOR DAY**

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016. Trash pick-up and street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday. Trash pick-up and streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Garden Grove Police Department

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Tuesday, August 23, 2016

## **HEAVY TRAFFIC, TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES DURING DIOCESE OF ORANGE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

On Sunday, September 18, 2016, the Christ Cathedral, located at 13280 Chapman Avenue, will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange with several community events held throughout the day. During the festivities, heavy traffic is anticipated in the immediate area. Motorists are asked to plan accordingly to avoid delays.

A 5K walk/run morning race on Chapman Avenue, starting from the Christ Cathedral to Pioneer Park, will cause temporary road closures between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Streets affected are Chapman Avenue, from Lewis Street to Willowbrook Lane; and north and south bound traffic at the intersection of Chapman Avenue and Haster Street.

No vehicles will be allowed to park on eastbound Chapman Avenue, from Lewis Street to Willowbrook Lane, the evening of Saturday, September 17, 2016 through Sunday, September 18, 2016. Any vehicles found on the street will be towed and impounded. Residents in the surrounding area have been notified in advance.

A free 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, community fair, and music festival will follow the 5K. For event information, please visit [www.rcbo.org](http://www.rcbo.org).

For more information on street closures, please call the Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit at (714) 741-5252 or contact the Diocese of Orange, Office of Communications at (714) 282-3045.

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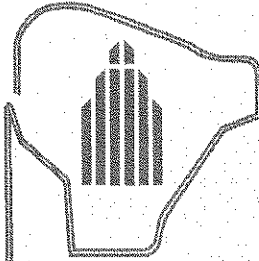
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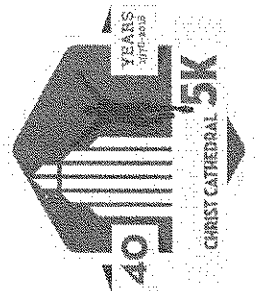
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**OCTA APPROVES \$1.11 MILLION GRANT FOR BICYCLE CORRIDOR  
IMPROVEMENTS IN GARDEN GROVE**

The Orange County Transportation Authority board of directors recently approved more than \$19.5 million to help Orange County cities improve their bikeways and walkways, and \$1.11 million of that will benefit Garden Grove for bicycle corridor improvements.

The City's Bicycle Corridor Improvements Project will design and construct 6.5 miles of new bikeways and improve 8.35 miles of existing, but underutilized bikeways. Bicycle facility improvements include creating new bike lanes through road rebalancing (2.7 mi on West Street and Gilbert Street), striping buffers to existing bike lanes (5 mi on Brookhurst Street, Chapman Avenue, and Lampson Avenue), striping bike lane network gaps (0.6 mi on Brookhurst Street), improving and creating bicycle routes (6.5 mi on Lampson Avenue, Gilbert Avenue, Imperial Avenue, Shapell Street and Deodara Drive) and provide bicycle wayfinding signs along all the proposed corridors (14.85 mi).

The design of the new bikeways will be completed by early 2018 and open for use by June 2019. For more information, please contact Erin Webb, Garden Grove Economic and Community Development Department, at (714) 741-5313.

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# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

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**"IN CUSTODY":** Earlier this week, with the help and coordination from the Garden Grove Police Department, U.S. Marshals were able to bring the suspect wanted for the homicide that occurred on July 18, 2016, in the parking lot of a strip mall, at the northeast corner of Harbor and Trask, into custody. — <http://bit.ly/2bhwf0g> #GardenGrove



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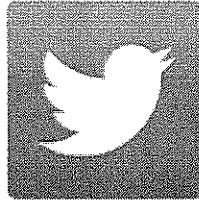
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### City of Garden Grove on Twitter

"Water Services has a scheduled outage this morning, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at 7291 Garden Grove Blvd. Residents were notified."

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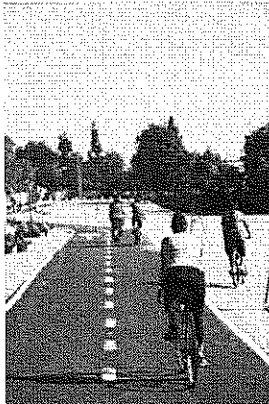
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### OCTA APPROVES \$1.11 MILLION GRANT FOR BICYCLE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GARDEN GROVE

Thank you, OCTA Board of Directors, for approving the \$1.11 million grant that will go towards our efforts in improving #GardenGrove's bicycle corridors!

The Bicycle Corridor Improvements Project will design and construct 5.5 miles of new bikeways and improve 2.35 miles of existing, but underutilized bikeways, in the city. You can find more information at <http://bit.ly/2bAk1f4>



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**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Published by [Vee Alvin](#) 171 · August 23 at 11:50am

Did you know that the Garden Grove Festival Amphitheater is host to many Shakespeare Orange County productions? Currently, 'The Pirates of Penzance' is running until August 28, 2016, so get your tickets today!

Be sure to check out this article from the Orange County Register, and visit <http://shakespeareoc.org/> for more information. #GardenGrove



### 'Pirates of Penzance' in Garden Grove mixes classic and contemporary

Shakespeare Orange County's outdoor amphitheater staging of 'The Pirates of Penzance' is, like SOC's recent original production 'Sonnets, Songs, and Sorry...

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### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Vee Alva (P) August 23 at 7:45am · 48

Good morning!

This is just a friendly reminder that tonight's #GardenGrove City Council meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Thank you! — <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/> [http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/arc.../videos\\_and\\_agendas.cgi](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/arc.../videos_and_agendas.cgi)



**AGENDA**

Garden Grove City Council  
 Tuesday, August 23, 2016  
 6:30 PM

**CANCELLATION**  
 NOTICE - Corahurry Meeting Center, 11309 Boarding Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92642

**Bao Nguyen**  
 Mayor

**Steven R. Jones**  
 Mayor Pro Tem

**Christopher V. Phan**  
 Council Member

**Phuc Bui**  
 Council Member

**Kris Beard**  
 Council Member

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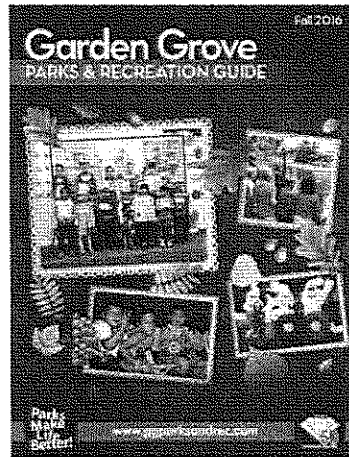


### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Vee Alva (P) August 23 at 12:28pm · 48

Fall is just around the corner. #GardenGrove!

Be sure to check out the Fall 2016 #ParksandRecreation Guide for the latest news, recreational classes, special events, and more! The online version is available here at: <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commserv/ParksAndRecGuide>



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### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Nancy M. Mendocza (P) August 23 at 10:54am · 48

Hungry? If you are looking for your Monday's lunch meal, then we have an option for you!

Check out The Low-Key Poke Joint right here in #GardenGrove, located on Westminster Avenue. Thank you to the Orange Coast Magazine for this article!



#### Six of the Best Poke Places in O.C. - Orange Coast

The Hawaiian specialty of seasoned raw seafood marinated in soy sauce is booming on the mainland, with plenty of new options.

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### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Vee Alva (P) August 23 at 8:07am · 48

The Garden Grove Police Department's Homeless Task Force, along with partnering agencies, recently provided assistance and services to the homeless community. Of the people who attended, four were immediately placed into a shelter program and one person was re-united with family members in Arizona as a result of the outreach effort.

Garden Grove TV 8 has the story... <http://bit.ly/2bx0MfRM>

#GardenGrove Westminster Police Department, CA Anahelin Police Department



#### Help For The Homeless

The Garden Grove Police Department gave many homeless people a hand recently with their Homeless Task Force. In conjunction with neighbor cities, the event g...

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### Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Vee Alva (P) August 19 at 7:12am · 48





### Garden Grove City Hall

Published on Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 7:30am

There will be a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint today (8/19) and tomorrow (8/20) between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. at an undisclosed location in the city of #GardenGrove. Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and checking drivers for proper licensing. If you plan to drink tonight, please do so safely, and if you plan to go out, designate a sober driver or call a sober ride. As always, report drunk drivers by calling 9-1-1. #SafeStreetsGG



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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · 1h

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Suspect from #GGPD homicide on July 18th was located in Mexico and is in custody. bit.ly/2bhwfoq

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### City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Aug 24

Today will reach a high of 82°F & a low of 64°F. #GardenGrove



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### City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Aug 24

Water Services has a scheduled outage this morning, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at 7291 Garden Grove Blvd. Residents were notified.

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**AGENDA**

Garden Grove City Council

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

6:30 PM

CANCELLATION  
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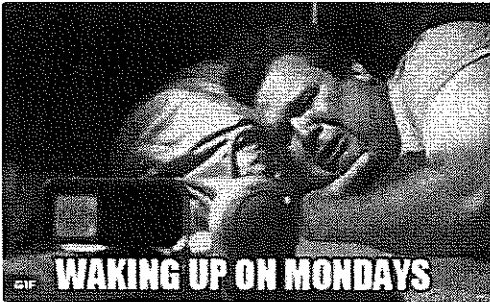


City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Aug 22

#GardenGrove, here is your daily weather update! Today will reach a high of 83°F & a low of 65°F.



It's Monday, #GardenGrove! Today will reach a high of 81°F & a low of 63°F.



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[youtube.com/watch?v=7fay1V...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fay1V...) @GardenGrovePD Homeless Task Force, w/ partnering agencies, recently gave assistance&services to homeless community



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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Aug 22  
Happy Friday, #GardenGrove! Today will reach a high of 83°F & a low of 67°F

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**August 25, 2016**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Orange County Business Journal advertising supplement dated August 22, 2016 that highlights the two Garden Grove businesses that are nominated for the Innovator of the Year Award.
3. Notice of cancellation for the September 1, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated July 29, August 19, 23 and 25, 2016.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 25, 2016 – September 10, 2016

Thursday	August 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday-Sunday	August 25-28	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "The Pirates of Penzance", Festival Amphitheater
Friday	August 26	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Hawaiian Luau Dinner Dance Community Meeting Center, A Room
Saturday	August 27	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Sunday	August 28	9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Elvis Festival and King of Cadillacs Historic Main Street
Thursday	September 1		Garden Grove Unified School District First Day of School
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	September 2		City Hall Closed
Monday	September 5		City Hall Closed
		6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tuesday	September 6	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting Community Meeting Center, B Room
Thursday	September 8	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting Community Meeting Center, Constitution Room
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
Saturday	September 10	Noon	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Hitia O Te Ra Polynesian Dance Festival Festival Amphitheater

## INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEES

**Advance Beauty College, Garden Grove***Tam Nguyen, CEO/President*

Tam Nguyen serves as president and owner of Advance Beauty College (ABC) and has led a team to transform the nail service industry through innovative partnerships with leading industry companies such as Dermalogica, Creative Nail Design and Matrix. His company offers training and courses in cosmetology, manicuring, massage therapy and holistic care, among other topics. Early in the company's history, Nguyen and his family recognized that Vietnamese immigrants dominate the nail service industry, making up a majority percentage of manicurists in the nation. Seeing an opportunity, Nguyen and his family created a bilingual manicuring program designed to get students into the job market as quickly as possible. As a result of the tremendous success and growth of ABC in Garden Grove, Nguyen has raised enough capital to open a second location in Laguna Hills. This year alone, ABC has maintained a licensure rate of 99% and graduation rate of 92%.



a systems integrator. Additional achievements include his involvement in helping to develop the first geocoding engine tied to Experian's real estate mainframe system, and building of a sophisticated flood certificate engine for a leading insurer.

**Ambry Genetics, Aliso Viejo***Aaron Elliott, CEO*

Dr. Aaron Elliott has been with Ambry Genetics for more than eight years, where during his tenure, the company has experienced tremendous growth from approximately 40 people to about 800 employees. Being a key component of the R&D division of the company and heading it for the last four years, Dr. Elliott has been involved in developing and launching some of the most groundbreaking genetic testing assays in the industry. Dr. Elliott was instrumental in launching many of the tests that were first to market in the industry, such as the first next-generation sequencing panel test to clinical grade exome sequencing and hereditary cancer panels. In addition, Dr. Elliott was heavily involved in Ambry's fight and success against gene patents following the Supreme Court decision, and moving the genetic testing industry forward with Ambry's leadership in the sharing of genetic data. Ambry Genetics is a privately held health care company with the most comprehensive suite of genetic testing solutions for inherited and non-inherited diseases.

**Advanced ICU Care, Irvine***Lou Silverman, Chairman/CEO*

Advanced ICU Care's tele-ICU solution brings the gold standard of 24-hour, 7-day, 365 days a year intensivist-led ICU patient care to a broad range of hospitals. The company combines state-of-the-art tele-technology that provides a constant stream of patient-centric data, U.S. board certified intensivists and critical care nursing resources to drive improved patient care, elevated operations and ROI. Advanced ICU Care consistently delivers 40% reductions in ICU mortality and 25-35% reductions in ICU length of stay for its clients and the patients that they jointly serve. Advanced ICU Care grew nearly 40% in Lou Silverman's first year as CEO, and based on year-to-date data for 2015, the company was projected to save more than 93,000 ICU days while saving more than 2,500 lives – more than triple the number of lives the company saved in 2014. In his 20+ year career serving in executive leadership roles for health care technology and service companies, Silverman has driven growth and elevated performance and reputation through a focus on quality, processes and innovation.

**Anaheim Fire & Rescue, Anaheim***Randy Bruegman, Anaheim Fire Chief*

Recognizing the need for a Mobile Integrated Health Care solution, Chief Randy Bruegman championed the effort to implement Anaheim Fire & Rescue's (AF&R) Community Care Response Unit (CCRU), a public-private partnership with Kaiser Permanente Orange County and CARE Ambulance Service, coordinating with Dr. Gary Smith, a California licensed physician. First to launch in California last year, the CCRU responds to non-urgent medical requests with an ambulance staffed by a certified nurse practitioner and a fire captain/paramedic in lieu of a standard paramedic engine/truck and ambulance response staffed by three or four fire personnel. The nurse practitioner is able to triage and treat low acuity calls in the field in order to lower ambulance transports to the hospital, providing quality care in the field, and reducing health care system costs. Since launch, the CCRU has treated 330+ patients and has kept 48% of them from being transported to overcrowded emergency departments. With the implementation of CCRU, AF&R has been able to increase its ALS/fire coverage – when the CCRU is in service – by 129 hours or 2.7 hours/week.

**AirEL, Irvine***Michael Shipman, President*

AirEL Illuminated and Thermal Identification was formed in November 2013 by inventor Michael Shipman. With no formal business education, Shipman took his passion and determination for lighting to a new level and owns several patents in the industry. Shipman developed an identification system for law enforcement, military, marine, airport and emergency vehicles. The system allows ground and aerial crews to establish quick identification of specific vehicles through illuminated and thermal alphanumeric characters. This is vital in military situations or dangerous criminal engagements that require quick identification. Shipman also invented the illuminated keyboard in the mid-2000s and licensed his invention to many of the most respected technology business in the world such as Dell, Apple and Hewlett Packard.

**Arbela Technologies Corp., Irvine***Nima Bakhtiyari, President/CEO*

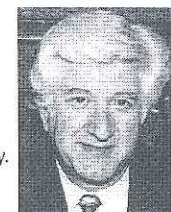
Nima Bakhtiyari brings more than 20 years of experience in software, business consulting, and implementation of complex and multi-national financial and supply chain solutions leveraging Enterprise Resource Planning, Product Life Cycle Management, Advanced Planning and Scheduling, Demand Planning, Lean and Just-in-Time manufacturing. Bakhtiyari has led and managed many large projects developing and implementing business solutions for the manufacturing, heavy industrial, automotive, aerospace and retail industries. Arbela is a self-funded, debt-free consulting firm that works at the intersection of business and technology to empower organizations around the world to digitally transform and grow their businesses. Expert consultants offer strategic consulting, implementation services, support and managed services, and pre-built software solutions that help clients innovate and reinvigorate customer, employee, partner and supplier experiences and processes using Microsoft ERP, CRM, Business Intelligence/Analytics and related Microsoft Cloud solution. Bakhtiyari has grown Arbela from a three-person startup to more than 70 employees in a range of countries spanning from the United States to Europe. His leadership by example has translated into 100% growth year over year.

**Allergan, Irvine***Mitchell Brin, SVP Global Drug Development & Chief Scientific Officer, BOTOX®*

Through his 15 years at Allergan and now as senior vice president of development and chief scientific officer for BOTOX®, Dr. Mitchell Brin has overseen the unprecedented expansion in the clinical uses of BOTOX® to 11 core indications worldwide, with more than 25 indications across 85+ countries to date. The core indications are: strabismus, blepharospasm, primary axillary hyperhidrosis, chronic migraine, adult upper and lower limb spasticity, juvenile cerebral palsy (not approved in the U.S.), neurogenic overactive bladder, idiopathic overactive bladder, and BOTOX® Cosmetic for glabellar lines, and crow's feet lines. Sales of BOTOX® have grown from \$310 million in 2001 to \$2 billion today. Allergan stock has increased from about \$30 per share at the end of 2001 to about \$245 per share today. Allergan is a \$23 billion diversified global pharmaceutical company and a leader in a new industry model - Growth Pharma.

**Athletic Products LLC, Irvine***Robert Livingston, President/CEO*

Robert Livingston is the inventor of Racquet Power Weights® – U.S. Patent (D703283) – developed nearly 50 years ago. The Racquet Power Weights® is an innovative device for improving the strength and tennis racquet swing for the tennis player. To this day, there are no products on the market that offer these unique benefits and functionality. Through R&D, it was also determined the product is adaptable for the golf industry. Athletic Products LLC is in the start-up stage and seeking manufacturing funding to launch the product. All R&D is complete, and the company has a working prototype. After more than a year of testing the detachable weights and consulting with tennis instructors and physical trainers, the optimum additional strength training weight for the tennis racquet was determined. After several prototypes were built, Livingston contacted Dr. Don Klotz (Hall of Fame collegiate tennis coach). Dr. Klotz tested the prototype and wrote a letter to Livingston providing "an unqualified recommendation" for the product.

**Alteryx, Irvine***Dean Stoecker, Chairman/CEO*

Dean Stoecker co-founded Alteryx in 1997 with the mission of building software products that provide data analysts with deeper insights about their business. Through Stoecker's leadership and motivational skills, along with his ability to visualize a concept and develop it into reality, Alteryx has become the leader in self-service data analytics. Stoecker's industry vision and market knowledge have aided Alteryx (formerly SRC) in its 20% annual growth since its inception in early 1997. Under Stoecker's guidance, Alteryx has received a total of approximately \$163 million in four separate funding rounds and has grown to become a leader in data blending and advanced analytics software. Prior to co-founding Alteryx, he led business development efforts for Integration Technologies,



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wasted. The Blossom Smart Watering Controller conserves water, reduces water utility bills up to 30% and is controlled from a mobile device. Blossom is an easy retrofit. The 12-station unit gained traction last year and the company launched the new Blossom 8 in March 2016. Priced lower than any other smart controller available today, the smart yard is now accessible to mainstream consumers. Brenes designed Blossom to be different, and both customer and investor reception has been extremely favorable. In fact, Blossom has raised more than \$4 million in funding. Blossom is available in the continental United States – sold at Best Buy; Home Depot and via Amazon, SmartHome.com and NewEgg.com. With a growing team, Blossom has an international presence and will expand into Australia and Canada next year. Blossom will also be found at Lowe's, Wal-Mart and Costco in 2017.



**Business Communications Solutions, Irvine**

*Sunny Rajab, CEO*  
Sunny Rajab is CEO of one of Orange County's leading, start-to-finish technology solutions providers for: audio/visual, structured cabling, cloud services, voice, IT networking, surveillance, and wireless and managed services. The founding and subsequent development of Business Communications Solutions (BCS) has been her greatest entrepreneurial achievement. Equipped with unwavering motivation and a self-starter mentality, she has led BCS to prosperity since the company's inception in 2001 – showing continued growth even through times of national recession. Choosing to invest time and resources into innovative technologies and forward-thinking solutions has been critical in maintaining year-over-year improvement to the company's bottom line. Rajab personally funded the start-up of the company and managed cash flow without incurring any debt by self-sustaining through sales growth, concurrently maintaining excellent business and personal credit. Her success empowered her to evolve and grow as an entrepreneur through additional business ventures including: Rajab Investment Group, a commercial real estate development company and RK Management, a property management company. With each of these undertakings, she continues to enhance her skills and knowledge-base in business and entrepreneurship.



**ChromaDex, Irvine**

*Frank Jaksch, Founder/CEO*  
Frank Jaksch is the founder of ChromaDex, a leading provider of proprietary, science-backed technologies and analytical services for dietary supplement, food and beverage, skin care, sports nutrition and pharmaceutical products. Ten years ago, Jaksch identified nicotinamide riboside (NR), a form of Vitamin B3, as a potential blockbuster in the emerging category of NAD+ precursors. ChromaDex was able to acquire all of the significant IP surrounding NR, and register the tradename NIAGEN®. Today, ChromaDex is gatekeeper to the entire NAD+ precursor category. In November, the company made one of the most significant announcements in its history – a joint development agreement with The Procter & Gamble Company (P&G) whereby P&G will have exclusive rights to NIAGEN® for use in specific multi-billion dollar consumer product fields for both existing and new P&G branded products. ChromaDex Corp. (NASDAQ: CDXC) was listed on the NASDAQ market on April 25, 2016, with Jaksch invited to ring the open bell at NASDAQ on May 6, 2016.



**Chun-Ha Insurance, Garden Grove**

*Ki Hong Park, CEO/President*  
Ki Hong Park has been actively engaged in the insurance industry since 1988, starting his career at Equitable Life (AXA Life). Park founded Chun-Ha Insurance Services Inc. in 1990, serving as the president and CEO since inception. Park began Chun-Ha operations by establishing key partnerships with prominent insurance companies such as Cigna Insurance and Fireman's Fund Insurance. His company is the largest Korean-American insurance agency and has four subsidiary companies under the parent company Chun-Ha Holding, including Chun-Ha Insurance, All World Insurance, Chun-Ha Korea and Medi2Korean. Park currently has sales contracts with prominent international insurance companies and is also the only Korean-American agency in the U.S. that is contracted with major Japanese insurance companies, Tokyo Marine, Sampo Japan and Mitsu Sumitomo. Chun-Ha has continuously achieved phenomenal growth. His company's first year in business in 1990 resulted in total sales of \$150,000. Today, Chun-Ha is anticipating reaching its goal of \$100 million in total sales this year.



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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

**OF THE**

**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: August 25, 2016

JOHN O'NEILL  
CHAIR



**GARDEN GROVE**

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# **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

The Regular Meeting of the  
Garden Grove Planning Commission  
Scheduled for September 1, 2016  
has been cancelled.

JUDITH MOORE  
SECRETARY



Aug. 19, 2016  
Issue #70

## **League Members to Consider One Resolution during Annual Business Meeting on Oct. 7**

*Resolution and Analysis Now Posted on League Website*

League members have an opportunity to directly weigh in and shape League policy through the annual conference resolution process. This year, voting delegates will take action on one resolution. The annual business meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference's closing general session on Friday, Oct. 7 in Long Beach. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar Will Be Returning Nov. 28 in Monterey**

*Register by Nov. 8*

Back after a six-year hiatus, the League of California Cities® is proud to announce the return of the Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar. The two-day seminar will be held on Nov. 28–29 at the Monterey Marriott and is geared towards fire chiefs, chief officers, union leadership, and other fire services leaders. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **California Earned Income Tax Credit Education and Outreach Grants**

*Grant Helps Low-Income Individuals and Families within Cities*

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) announces the release of its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), inviting interested parties to apply for funding to provide education and outreach services regarding the California Earned Income Tax Credit (Cal EITC). *For more, see Page 2.*

**'Resolutions' Continued from Page 1...**

If your city has not yet designated a voting delegate for this year's Annual Conference, cities should plan to do so prior to attending the conference. Forms should be submitted to League staff Kayla Gibson via fax at (916) 658-8240 or email. Sept. 23 is the deadline to submit voting delegate forms.

League staff has prepared an analysis for the resolution, which is included in the official resolution packet.

Additional information about the League resolution process can be found at www.cacities.org/resolutions.

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**'Fire Chiefs' Continued from Page 1...**

Presenters and topics have been selected to deliver challenging leadership topics such as succession planning, labor relations, emergency response, late breaking changes in EMS and more.

You won't want to miss the Fire Service Leadership session "The Wicked Challenges Before Us" offered on Monday, Nov. 28. In addition to fundamentals such as fire ground tactics and being able to balance budgets, today's fire service leader is faced with a complex mix of issues at the local, regional, state, and national level. Discover how to identify the most significant issues facing fire service leaders, propose strategies for addressing them, and set the stage for the in-depth presentations to follow throughout the conference.

Take a look at the announcement, which includes more information on this session and the others that will be presented at this upcoming event. Register online by Nov. 8.

For questions about this event, please contact Katie Sacco.

For more information about this event, visit the event webpage.

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**'Grants' Continued from Page 1...**

The purpose of this NOFA is to support Cal EITC education and outreach activities and increase awareness of the credit and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program among low-income individuals and families. The department seeks to engage established organizations that maintain an existing community presence and trusted relationships; have demonstrated extensive experience conducting similar outreach campaigns; and regularly engage culturally-diverse hard-to-reach populations.

Cities may be interested in these grants to help make sure low-income families get access to federal funds to improve their living situations, and in return funds will mostly be locally spent on goods and services, providing additional economic benefit for the community.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in a Bidders Conference regarding the grant application. CSD will review the NOFA requirements and take questions. Questions and answers will be posted to the CSD website by Aug. 30. CSD encourages all potential applicants to send NOFA questions through email to CSBGDIV@csd.ca.gov.

Key dates for the NOFA are as follows:

- Aug. 24 – Bidders Conference and Notice of Intent to Apply. Register online.
- Sept. 12 – Application deadline

For more information, visit CSD's webpage.

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# CA Cities Advocate



LEGISLATION AND POLICY AFFECTING CALIFORNIA CITIES

Aug. 24, 2016  
Issue #72

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## **Demographics are Destiny and Costly**

*A Wave of New Employees will follow the Silver Tsunami, Rapidly Retiring Generation*

AB 2835's (Cooper) estimated \$350 million annual cost will only grow as new employees become the new norm. Cities will face workforce demands as baby-boomers turn retirement age. Workforce supply issues will be amplified by proposed burdensome and costly requirements for new employee orientations. The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) has reported that large numbers of Californians are reaching retirement age. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Bill Protecting Code Enforcement Officers Heads to Governor**

*Cities Urged to Request Governor's Signature on League Co-Sponsored Legislation*

Legislation establishing the Code Enforcement Officers Standards Act is now on Gov. Jerry Brown's desk. Co-sponsored by the League and the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers, Assembly Member Ken Cooley's (D-Rancho Cordova) AB 2228 directs the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers to develop and maintain standards for the various classes of Certified Code Enforcement Officers. Standardized training will ensure consistent enforcement, improve officer safety, in addition to reducing potential local agency liability. This measure promotes such training without imposing a mandate of any kind. *For more, see Page 3.*

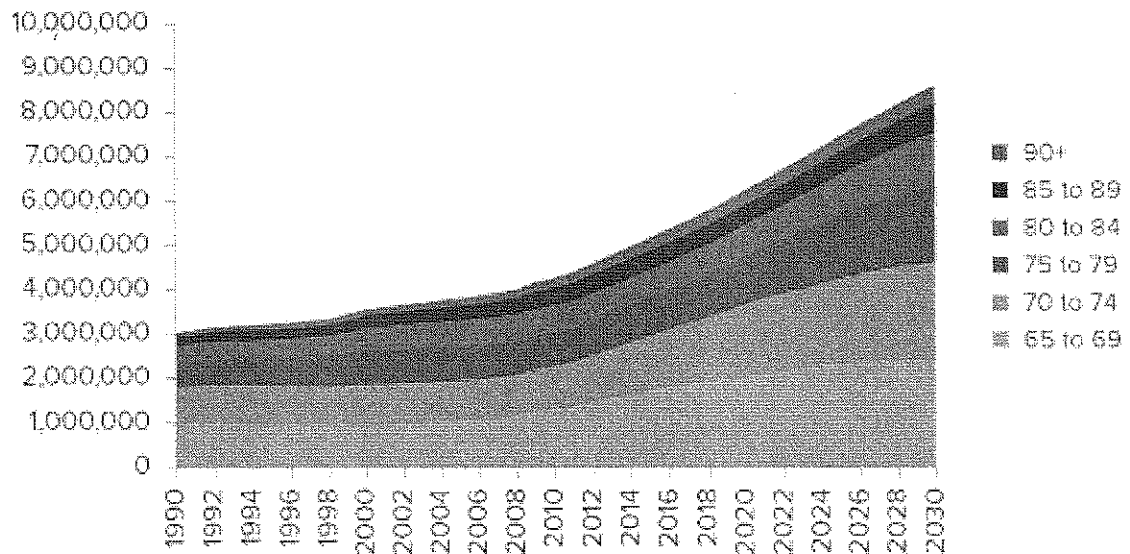


## **Legislation Giving State Appointments to SCAQMD Threatens Local Control**

Amendments taken last week to SB 1387 (de León) do not rectify the bad precedent this legislation establishes by giving state additional authority over appointments to a regional board. Under SB 1387, the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly will appoint one new member each to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board (SCAQMD) who represent disadvantaged communities within the district. This measure is now eligible for a vote in the Assembly and cities are urged to take action immediately to communicate their opposition. *For more, see Page 3.*

The numbers are astounding and foretelling of not-so distant workforce issues that will face nearly every industry, including public service. According to PPIC, the total number of adults age 65 and older will reach 8.6 million by 2030, totaling 19 percent of the population. This research came to no surprise, as the Pew Research Center reported in 2010, that roughly 10,000 baby boomers will turn 65 years old every day for the next 19 years.

**PPIC: California's senior population will nearly double by 2030**



SOURCE: PPIC via State of California, Department of Finance, State and County Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity, Sex, and Age 2010-2060, Sacramento, California, December 2014. NOTE: See Technical Appendix A for detailed tables and Technical Appendix B for data and methods used to generate the projections.

While the focus of this demographic trend will surely be on providing a high level of care to seniors, public agencies (cities, counties, schools, special districts, etc.) will be tasked with training a wave of new employees. Measures like AB 2835 will hinder efforts to introduce new employees into the workforce to meet the growing demand. AB 2835 requires public agencies to provide all newly hired employees with 30-minutes of paid time to allow each recognized labor union an opportunity to organize new members. Under this measure, the local agency will not only have to pay each new employee to attend, but would have to pay each union representative to come and present to their respective bargaining unit. Some cities, depending on size have as many as 15 different bargaining units — making compliance for this proposal an incredible cost driver and a logistical nightmare. The Department of Finance estimated that to implement, the Aug. 1 version of AB 2835 would cost \$350 million annually for both state and local agencies, with approximately \$70 million being the local cost. It is unclear whether the cost estimate accounts for demographic trends but nonetheless they will be a cost driver.

Preliminary results of an internal League survey, with over 100 city respondents, found that the average expected staff turnover over the next five to 10 years is 37 percent, varying little between city size and staff. One city reported an expected staff turnover of 67 percent and many others estimate 50 percent or more due to expected retirements. While the real number of retirements will vary by staff size, the growing number will require a number of new employee hires.

AB 2835, which is a band leader in the "Dance of Bad Ideas" that comes at the end of the two-year legislative session, is worse in context with demographic trends.

**Next Steps**

Cities are urged to send letters opposing AB 2835 to their senator. A sample letter, along with the League's opposition letter, is available at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) by plugging AB 2835 into the search function.

Uniform training standards will address potential liability issues that some cities have confronted as a result of inconsistent and improper enforcement. In addition, this measure addresses the critical need for improved training required to help ensure officer safety in adversarial situations that can turn violent, including early recognition of danger signs. This measure will facilitate consistent adherence to due process procedures and enhance working conditions for code enforcement officers, as well as the quality of service they provide their respective communities.

A key impetus for this bill has been the frequency of threats against and assaults upon code enforcement officers while serving warrants, issuing citations for code violations, enforcing animal control regulations, and conducting inspections. This has given rise to the need for enhanced training for code enforcement officers in terms of situational awareness and protecting their own safety.

### Background

Currently, training of code enforcement officers is not uniform across jurisdictions and is in part dependent on local resources. In some instances, municipal code enforcement officers have failed to observe due process procedures when addressing violations, triggering liability for cities. In September 2008, in *Moreno v. City of Sacramento*, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the city to pay \$782,623 for damages and plaintiff's attorneys fees resulting from violations of a store owner's constitutional due process rights that resulted in the improper demolition of a building that he owned and was in the process of renovating in response to a city code enforcement action.

In fairness, in many jurisdictions code enforcement is a catch-all local regulatory function in which random responsibilities not clearly within the scope of duties of other municipal departments, end up in the hands of code enforcement officers. The variety of responsibilities they are asked to undertake has led code enforcement officers to evolve into regulatory generalists, in some cases without appropriate or adequate training for the specific responsibility to be discharged. The *Moreno* litigation is evidence that municipalities can avoid significant liability if they are provided a mechanism for uniform training in constitutional law, supervision, and professional ethics. This measure provides that mechanism, at absolutely no cost to the state.

### Next Steps

Cities are urged to send Governor Brown a letter requesting his signature on AB 2228. A sample letter cities can use is available at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) by plugging AB 2228 into the search function.

Regional boards should be overwhelmingly comprised of representatives selected by and from local communities within the geographic region. Having a disproportionate number of state-appointed members completely undermines the role and effectiveness of a regional board and transforms it into a regional board in name only. Giving the state this authorization is akin to giving a county board of supervisors responsibility over appointing 40 percent of city planning commissioners for cities in the county.

While SB 1387 only deals with SCAQMD, it could lead to more state meddling in matters that should be addressed locally by locally elected and appointed officials. Its overreach can be summarized in three key ways:

- **Undermines local control.** SB 1387 tips the scales of equity by giving state representatives almost 40 percent of the seats on a regional board that is meant to represent local interests and is currently represented by city and county officials from four counties.
- **Unnecessarily increases state control.** SB 1387 is not needed to appoint underrepresented stakeholders on the SCAQMD board. Current law already provides the Governor, Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly appointments

on the SCAQMD governing board; there are no restrictions on the Senate and Assembly appointments.

- **Bypasses the Democratic process.** With the exceptions of the current state appointees, the SCAQMD board is made up of county supervisors, mayors, and council members, all elected by voters. Additionally, the five city selection appointments are elected in open meetings at each of the four counties' City Selection Committees. SB 1387 bypasses public participation by adding more political appointments to the SCAQMD board.

City officials from SCAQMD have been voicing their concerns and opposition to SB 1387 in a series of op-eds that have run in newspapers throughout California. These include:

- Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren drafted an op-ed that ran in the *Riverside Press Enterprise*, the *San Bernardino Sun* and *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*.
- Former Redlands Mayor Carole Beswick drafted an op-ed that ran in *Capitol Weekly* and *Public CEO*
- Burbank Mayor Jess Talamantes drafted an op-ed that ran in the *LA Daily News*.
- Members of the League's Riverside Division Executive Committee drafted an op-ed that ran in the *Desert Sun*.
- Montebello Mayor Pro Tem Vivian Romero drafted an op-ed that ran in the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*.
- Industrial Association of Contra Costa County Executive Director Jack Bean drafted an op-ed that ran on *Fox & Hounds*.

### **Next Steps**

City officials are urged to take action immediately to communicate their opposition to their Assembly member. SB 1387 could be voted on at any time.

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## **AB 1217: The Opening Wedge to State Take-Over of Joint Powers Authorities Legislation Going to Governor, Cities Urged to Request Veto**

A bill on its way to Gov. Jerry Brown's desk will establish the legal precedent for state interference in the governance of local joint powers authorities (JPAs). AB 1217 (Daly) is limited in scope to the Orange County Fire Authority, but opens the door to state micromanagement of JPAs throughout California.

### **Conflicts with Local Control and Subsidiarity**

The bill codifies a change that the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) has already imposed on itself, namely preventing its board members from appointing alternates. This begs the question of why this legislation is even necessary. At this point its sole value is that of establishing a legal precedent of state interference in the governance structure of a joint powers authority, opening the door to future and far more intrusive state interference in the internal affairs of these local agencies, in direct contradiction to the doctrine of subsidiarity.

### **Origins: Collective Bargaining Dispute**

AB 1217 was initially related to collective bargaining negotiations pending between OCFA and a local labor union. The bill has been significantly amended from its original form, which sought to reduce the size of OCFA, thereby disenfranchising a number of its member cities. The specifics of the collective bargaining dispute are irrelevant. The heart of the matter is the disturbing precedent for all joint powers authorities if this measure should meet with the Governor's approval.

### **Why the Bill Represents a Bad Legal Precedent**

JPAs are set up to be entirely self-governing. They are empowered to set rules of membership and take various actions affecting their own governance, including dissolution, if that is agreed

upon by the local agencies who voluntarily formed it in the first place. The agencies forming the JPAs are therefore in the best position to set the rules of governance, not the Legislature.

### **Not Really a District Bill**

Again, this measure establishes the troubling legal precedent of state interference in the governance of a JPA. It is far from being, as it has been characterized, merely a district bill. If that were true, the cities of West Hollywood, Visalia, and Burlingame, jurisdictions far beyond the borders of Orange County would not be opposed. They see this bill for the opening wedge that it is.

### **A Peek behind the Curtain**

Another telling motivation for this measure is language which appeared in the June 23, 2016 version of the bill, but was removed in the face of vigorous opposition from a combination of Senate Republicans representing Orange County, the League of California Cities® and cities most directly affected:

- *Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to reevaluate the structure of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Fire Authority within a reasonable date of the effect of this act to consider the effectiveness of the size and structure of the board.*

The objective was one of continued oversight and interference by the Legislature in the governance and internal affairs of a local joint powers authority, voluntarily formed by local agencies with a common agenda. A hammer of this kind would have subverted the credibility of joint powers law in California, which purports to empower local agencies to act cooperatively to resolve their own challenges and problems without calling upon the state for assistance. While the above language is no longer contained in AB 1217, it continues to inform the lingering motive behind the bill: to use state legislation as a weapon against the duly authorized exercise of local authority.

### **Why All California Cities have a Stake in the Outcome**

Even if your city is outside Orange County and not immediately affected by this measure, your mayor or city manager should be urged to send a letter requesting a veto. This bill still sets a bad precedent in that it represents state interference in the governance of a local joint powers authority. Today it is a measure affecting a lone joint powers authority. Tomorrow, it may be another bill hitting much closer to home, interfering with one of your local agencies, and citing AB 1217 as a precedent.

### **Next Steps**

Cities are encouraged to contact the Governor immediately to urge him to veto this precedent setting legislation. The League has prepared a sample letter that cities can use, which is available at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch). Type AB 1217 into the search function to access the letter.

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## **Application Period Opening Oct. 1 for Community-Based Transitional-Housing Grants**

*Plan Now Since Applications Will Be Awarded on a First-Come Basis*

Cities interested in obtaining grants as an incentive to help house and provide transitional services to recently released offenders returning to their communities should prepare now to apply for a new Department of Finance (DOF) program that will offer cash grants to communities willing to site additional facilities. Ideally these facilities help reduce recidivism and improve public safety by enabling law enforcement to better monitor such individuals who may already be in the community. Applications will be opening Oct. 1 and will continue until funds are exhausted.

Cities and counties will be eligible for grants under the new Community-Based Transitional-Housing Program. Established by [SB 837](#), a budget trailer bill approved in June, 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.

**Key features include:**

- The applying city or county must agree to issue a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a facility providing transitional housing and supportive services for ex-offenders released from county jail or state prison. While the measure is primarily directed at ex-offenders there is some additional flexibility on the types of individuals housed. The CUP must be for at least 10 years.
- An experienced facility operator must be identified.
- As part of application process, the local agency must include a list of "all permitted facilities ... that in a residential setting, provide transitional housing services, psychological counseling, or cognitive behavioral therapy." This list must include the number of residents residing in each facility in their jurisdiction, including those on probation or parole. Presumably, state agencies must provide a local agency the information necessary to assemble this information.
- Sixty percent of the grant may be retained by the approving jurisdiction, and can be used for public safety enhancements, community outreach efforts, or any other community-based activities that the local agency believes will improve community relations or concerns with the facility.
- Forty percent of the funding must be shared by the local agency with nonprofit facility operators to support start-up costs, service provision, security improvements, rehabilitative services and community outreach.
- Participating local agencies and facility operators must submit annual reports, as specified.

**Next Steps**

Given the first-come first-served basis for applying for these funds, the League wanted to alert cities to this coming opportunity. DOF is expected to release this application soon and grant information will be available on its website [www.dof.ca.gov](http://www.dof.ca.gov) by Sept. 1. The League will alert cities through *CA Cities Advocate* once the application and additional information is available.

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**Make Plans to Attend the Speaker Theater during Annual Conference**  
*Registration Closes Sept. 2*

Speaker Theater sessions are once again being planned for this year's Annual Conference & Expo, Oct. 5-7 in Long Beach. These special sessions, which will be held on the Expo Floor, highlight successful examples of public-private partnerships. Topics feature case studies of innovative projects and programs that have worked in California cities and are presented by elected officials, city staff and industry experts who have found creative solutions to some of the challenging problems that cities face.

Here is a sampling of what will be offered.

**Energy Reliability: Understanding the Natural Gas and Electricity Nexus**  
*Presented by Southern California Gas Company*

When the sun isn't shining, wind isn't blowing and dams aren't flowing, natural gas is the safe, reliable and affordable energy that powers California cities. As the state moves toward a 50 percent Renewal Portfolio Standard, natural gas will play an even more important role in the state's energy system. Learn how natural gas helps keep the lights on in your city by putting the "able" in "renewable."

**Charge Ready: Communities Accessing Charge Stations for Their Electric Vehicles**  
*Presented by PG&E and Southern California Edison*

Representatives from PG&E and Southern California Edison will provide an overview of the increased demand for charge stations and the strategy of identifying partners to insure that stations are located in convenient venues. PG&E will outline its proposed program to bring some 25,000 EV stations to public and commercial sites across Northern and Central California, including certain disadvantaged communities. Representatives from Edison will highlight its



collaborative approach to working with cities in Southern California to roll out EV charging stations in cities across its service territory. This presentation will also allow for audience to request presentations in their cities with specific opportunities for further detail and dialogue.

### **Turning Aging and Underutilized City Property into Treasure**

*Presented by Kronick Moskowitz*

Many cities own aging facilities that need to be replaced, or have surface parking lots, maintenance yards, remainder parcels and other properties that are not efficiently used. This panel will explore an innovative public-private partnership between La Habra and homebuilder City Ventures that enabled the city to exchange its aging civic center for an office complex, facilitating a remodeled city hall and an adjacent new home development. Attendees will learn how the deal came together, and how other cities can accomplish their economic development goals and obtain facility upgrades through creative land deal-making.

### **Improving Public Schools through City Land Use Planning: What is a Charter School?**

*Presented by California Charter Schools Association*

California is home to 1,230 charter public schools serving nearly 10 percent of the public school population in the state. One of the biggest challenges charter schools face is finding a suitable facility. This presentation will focus on how cities can support the improvement of public education through thoughtful land use changes in partnership with charter public schools, and will highlight a case study of the city of San Diego and local charter schools.

### **Effective Retail Development in a Changing World**

*Presented by HdL*

Retail is in transition. Changing consumer preferences, on-line technology and a shrinking middle class have retailers adapting with smaller stores, evolving concepts and more focused site selection criteria. This session will discuss best practices for attracting retail development in this new environment, achieving tenant mix that is both community appropriate and enhances the tax base, mistakes to avoid and options to consider.

### **Additional Details**

Becoming a speaker in our Speaker Theater requires valid [League Partner](#) membership.

Attending the Speaker Theater requires conference [registration](#), which closes Sept. 2.

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## **High-Speed Broadband in California Public Libraries**

The California State Library, joined together with [The Califa Group](#) and the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California ([CENIC](#)) to bring high-speed broadband to all of California's public libraries by connecting to CalREN, a high-capacity 3,800-mile fiber optic network.

The Califa Group, a nonprofit library consortium, has been engaged by the California State Library to manage the rollout process with CENIC. After two years of implementation, 129 out of 176 of the eligible library jurisdictions in the state are either connected or in the process of connecting to CalREN.

Because libraries are central to their communities, connecting them to CalREN will effectively provide all of California's residents with high-performance access to the myriad resources that constitute 21st century digital citizenship, and will provide California with all of the economic benefits of a digitally empowered population.

Public library jurisdictions in the state of California are eligible to connect to CalREN in year three of the project, which began in July 2016. For more information visit [www.califa.org/broadband-project](http://www.califa.org/broadband-project) or contact [broadband@califa.org](mailto:broadband@califa.org).

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## **\$7.4 Billion Transportation Funding Proposal Introduced, \$2.5 Billion for Local Streets and Roads**

Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) and Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley) have formally introduced the two bills that would generate \$7.4 billion annually with \$2.5 billion for local streets and roads. Introduced in the 1st Extraordinary Session on Transportation Infrastructure and Economic Development, SBx1 1 (Beall), is already in the Senate Appropriations Committee of the special session, while ABx1 26 (Frazier) has been introduced with the language as a new bill in the special session.

The identical proposals present an opportunity in this last week of the legislative session for all sides to negotiate on one comprehensive package to send to Gov. Jerry Brown. The League of California Cities® is officially supporting each proposal, but also understands that there is plenty of work still needed to get the necessary two-thirds vote in each house. The League will continue to help advance the discussion and will provide cities with the tools to advocate when the Legislature is closer to reaching a deal.

Introduction of these measures into the special session enables the Legislature to continue negotiations past the regular session's deadlines, potentially through the end of November in what is known as a "lame" duck session. With the election past, legislators may look to make tough decisions that were politically challenging earlier.

Each of these proposals take a carefully balanced approach of including a series of reforms with revenues dedicated for transportation purposes across various needs. The categories below highlight the key components of the joint effort:

### **Reforms**

- **Establishes local reporting requirements.** Cities and counties would be required to send the California Transportation Commission (CTC) a list of projects they propose to fund with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds, specifying the location, description, proposed schedule, and estimated useful life for each project each fiscal year.
- **Requires cities and counties to maintain existing general fund levels for transportation funding.** The bills require cities and counties to maintain their general fund transportation levels at equal to or greater than their annual average expenditures during FYs 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, which is known as a maintenance of effort requirement. The bill authorizes the State Controller's Office to audit local governments for compliance and subject local governments to reimbursing the state for non-compliance.
- **Makes permanent the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) delegation authority.** Permanently extends the authority for Caltrans to participate in the federal NEPA delegation pilot program, which allows projects involving federal funds to be delivered faster.
- **Promotes employment and training opportunities through pre-apprenticeship.** Requires state and local agencies to create programs that promote employment in

advanced construction through pre-apprenticeship as a condition of receiving RMRA funds.

- **Incorporates “complete streets” design concept into the Highway Design Manual.** Requires Caltrans to incorporate the “complete streets” design concept into the Highway Design Manual.
- **Restores independence to the CTC.** The bills move the CTC out from under the California State Transportation Agency, establishing it as its own entity within state government to help it fulfill its oversight role.
- **Creates the Office of Transportation Inspector General as an independent entity and office within state government.** Its role will be to ensure that all other state agencies that receive state transportation funds are operating efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with federal and state laws. The Inspector General would be appointed by the Governor to a six-year term and would have the authority to conduct audits and investigations involving state transportation funds with all affected state agencies.
- **Permanently extends and expands the limited CEQA exemption for transportation repair, maintenance, and minor alteration projects to existing roadways.** The bills delete the Jan. 1, 2020 sunset of the existing law and expand the exemption to cities and counties with populations greater than 100,000, and apply the exemption to state roadways.
- **Creates an Advanced Mitigation program for transportation projects.** The bills authorize the Natural Resources Agency to prepare, approve, and implement advance mitigation plans for one or more planned transportation projects. An advanced mitigation plan is defined as a regional or statewide plan that estimates the potential future mitigation requirements for one or more transportation projects and identifies mitigation projects, sites, or credits that would fulfill some or all of those requirements. The agency would be authorized to administer the program, establish mitigation banks, secure areas for the purpose of providing mitigation, and allow transportation agencies to use mitigation credits to fulfill mitigation requirements. The program’s intention is to supplant existing CEQA requirements, not substitute for them.

#### **Additional Revenues**

- **\$2.5 billion from a 17 cent increase to the gasoline excise tax, adjusted every three years for inflation.** The revenue generated from this particular increase would help restore the lost purchasing power of the gas tax due to inflation. The funds attributable to the 17 cent increase would be transferred to the newly created RMRA for distribution.
- **\$1.1 billion from ending the Board of Equalization “true up” and resetting the rate to the historical average of 17.3 cents per gallon, adjusted every three years for inflation.** This provision would “reset” the priced based excise tax on gasoline to its original rate of 17.3 cents. Funds would be distributed using current formulas.
- **\$1.3 billion from a \$38 increase to the Vehicle Registration Fee, adjusted every three years for inflation.** After the California Department of Motor Vehicles deducts their administrative costs from imposing and collecting the fee, the funds from the \$38 increase would be deposited into the RMRA for distribution.
- **\$1 billion from restoring truck weight fees to transportation projects.** Restoration of truck weight fee revenue would be phased-in over a five-year period and would no longer be allowed to be transferred out of the state highway account (SHA) after FY 2020-21. The funds would remain in the SHA, which would prevent Highway Users Tax Account funds from the variable gas tax from having to offset the SHA weight fee transfer.
- **\$900 million from a 30 cent per gallon increase to the diesel excise tax, adjusted every three years for inflation.** The funds attributable to the 30 cent increase to the

diesel excise tax would be transferred to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF). Federal FAST Act funds for freight would also be deposited into the TCIF.

- **\$300 million from unallocated Cap-and-Trade funds.** This continuous appropriation of Cap-and-Trade funds would essentially double the amount going towards the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP).
- **\$16 million from a \$165 Vehicle Registration Fee on zero emission vehicles, starting in the second year of ownership, adjusted every three years for inflation.** Per the authors, this provision will help make up for the fact that owners of zero emission vehicles do not pay any gas tax to maintain the roads they drive on. Revenues would be deposited into the RMRA for distribution.

The revenues generated from these proposals, would provide the following allocations:

#### **RMRA**

- State Highway System — \$2.9 billion annually for maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system.
- Local Streets and Roads — \$2.5 billion annually for maintenance and rehabilitation of local streets and roads.
- Self-help counties — \$200 million for existing and aspiring self-help counties to incentivize the adoption of local measure.
- Active Transportation Program — \$80 million annually for Active Transportation and up to an additional \$70 million through Caltrans efficiencies.
- Advanced Mitigation — \$100 million one-time funds for implementation of the Advanced Mitigation program.

#### **Cap-and-Trade Revenues and Diesel Tax Increase**

- Transit and Intercity Rail — \$516 million annually for transit and intercity rail capital projects and operations.

#### **TCIF**

- Freight, trade corridors, and goods movement — \$900 million annually for freight, trade corridors, and goods movement.

#### **Loan Repayments**

- \$760 million one-time funds for transportation loan repayment.

While not introduced in ABx1 26 and SBx1 1, the authors continue to pursue two constitutional amendments that would protect the revenues raised in the bills and decrease the voter threshold for local transportation measures. The language for these measures will be introduced in the future.

The League has prepared [preliminary estimates](#) of the revenues each city could receive for transportation maintenance and repair under the proposal. The time for the Legislature and Governor to act is now and these proposals provide a solid framework to move the discussion forward.