City of Garden Grove

WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO

December 15, 2016

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. <u>ORGANIZATION CHARTS</u>

 Maria Stipe provides organization charts for your review.
- **B.** <u>VARIOUS PROJECT UPDATES</u>
 A memo from Scott outlines four important projects in the City.

II. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

A. <u>MWDOC WATER CONSUMPTION INFO</u>
The Municipal Water District of OC, Divisions Two and Three provide the monthly water usage data.

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

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Scott Stiles

From:

Maria Stipe

Dept:

City Manager

CHARTS

Dept:

City Manager

Subject:

UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL

Date:

December 12, 2016

Attached are updated organizational charts, which show the general structure of the organization and the departments. Contact information is also included for key staff in each department.

MARIA STIPE

Deputy City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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Allan L. Roeder

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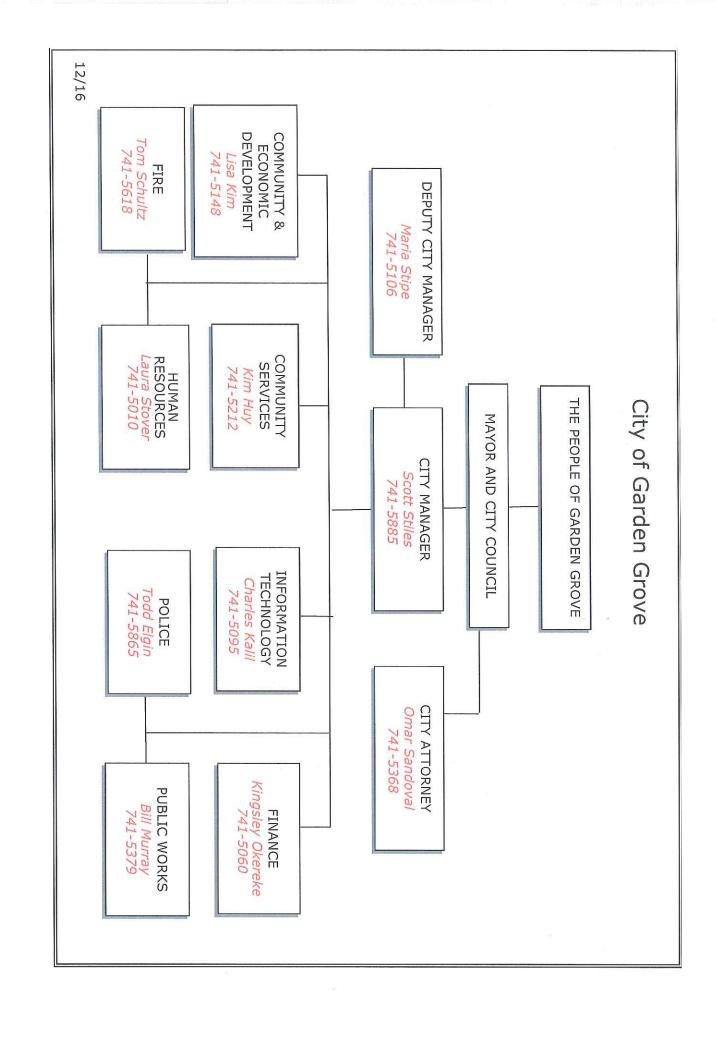
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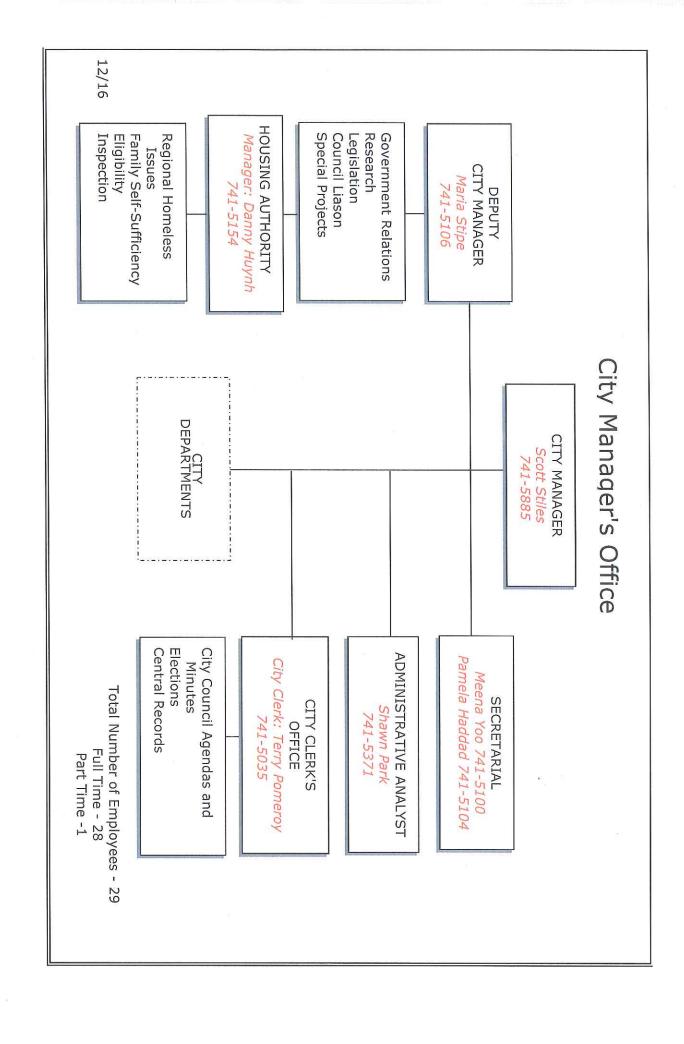
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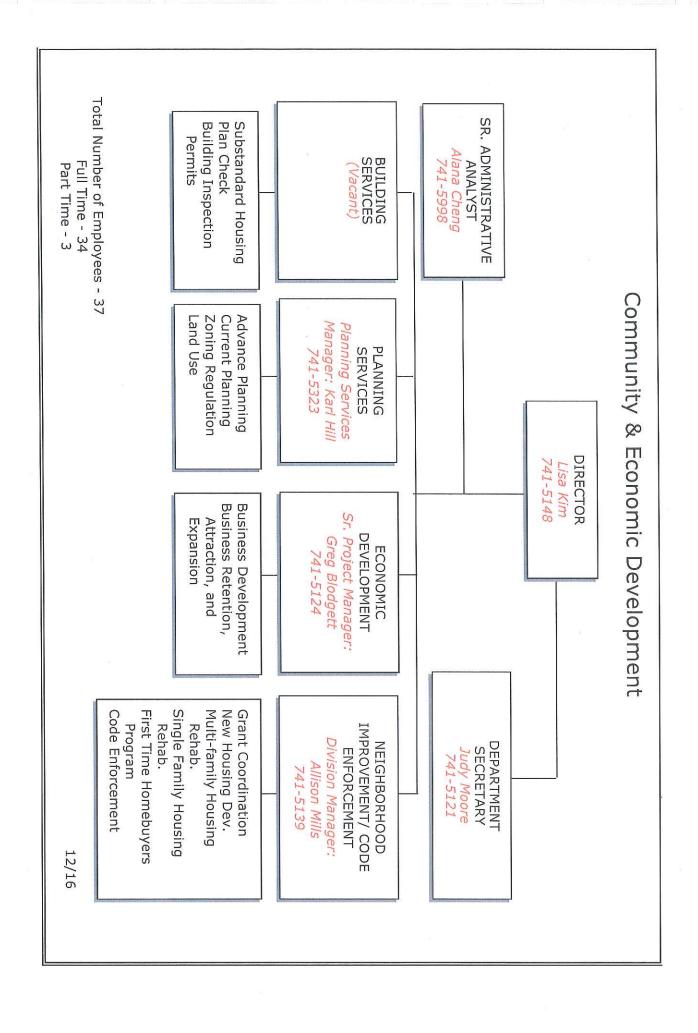
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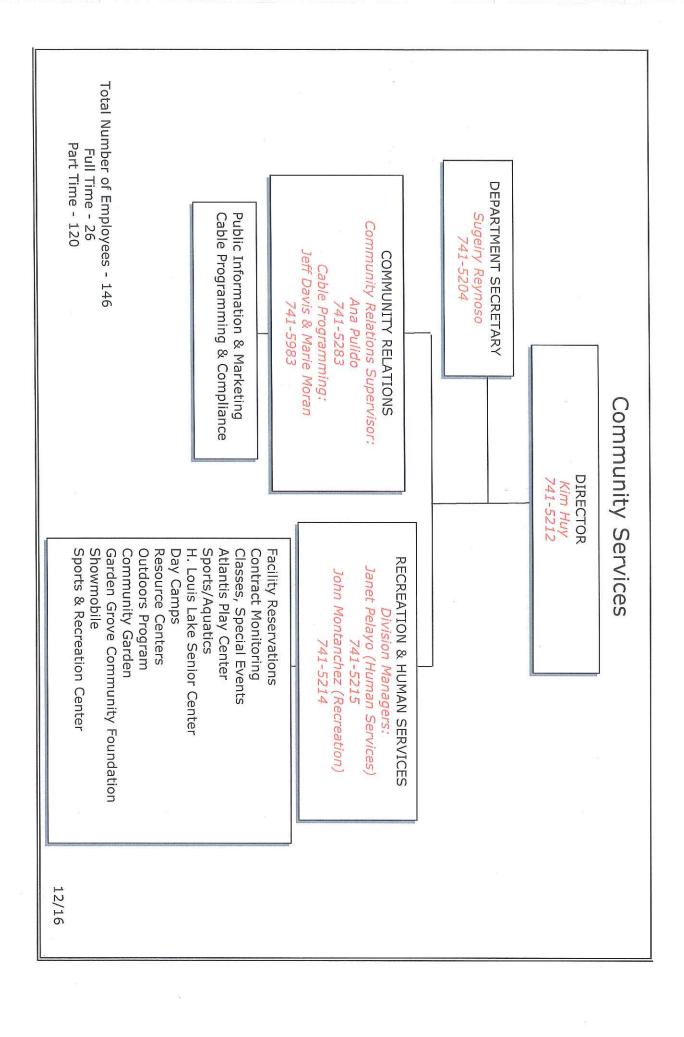
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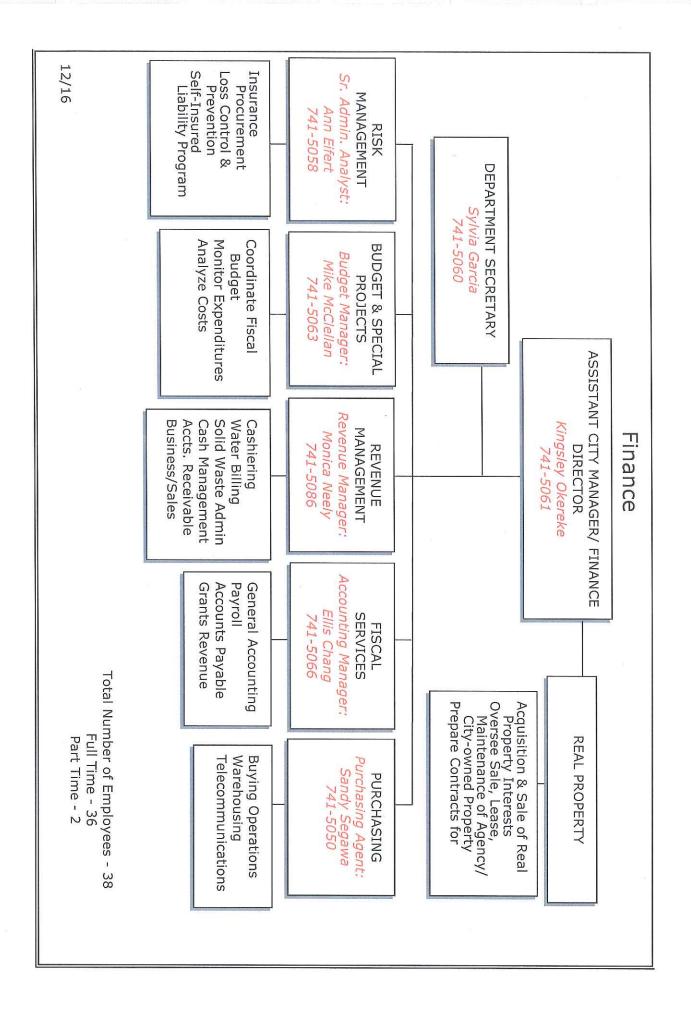
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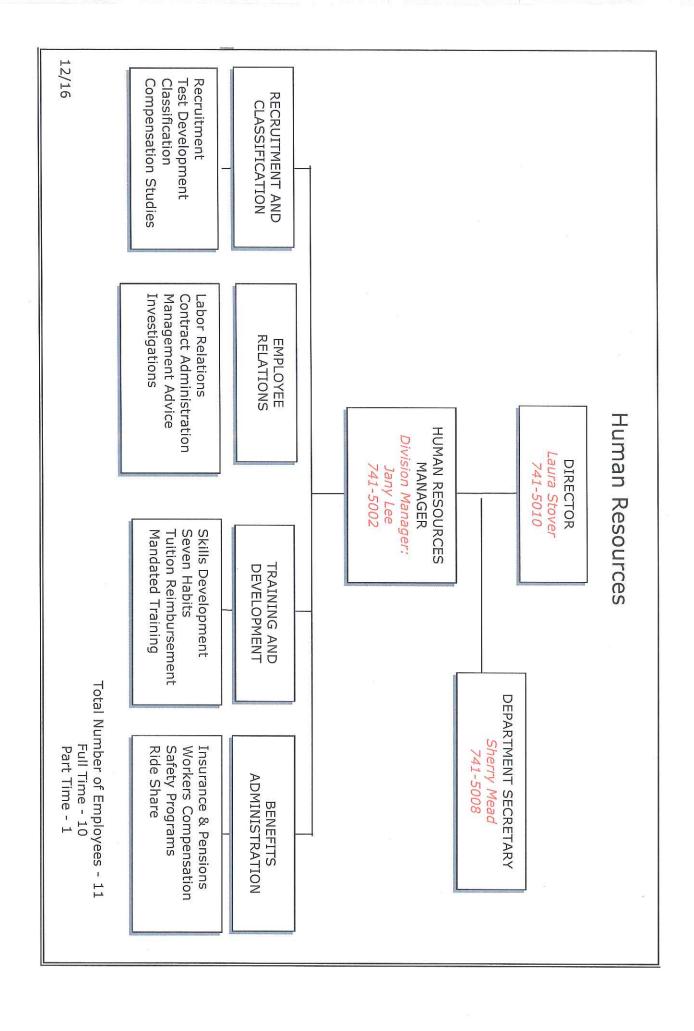


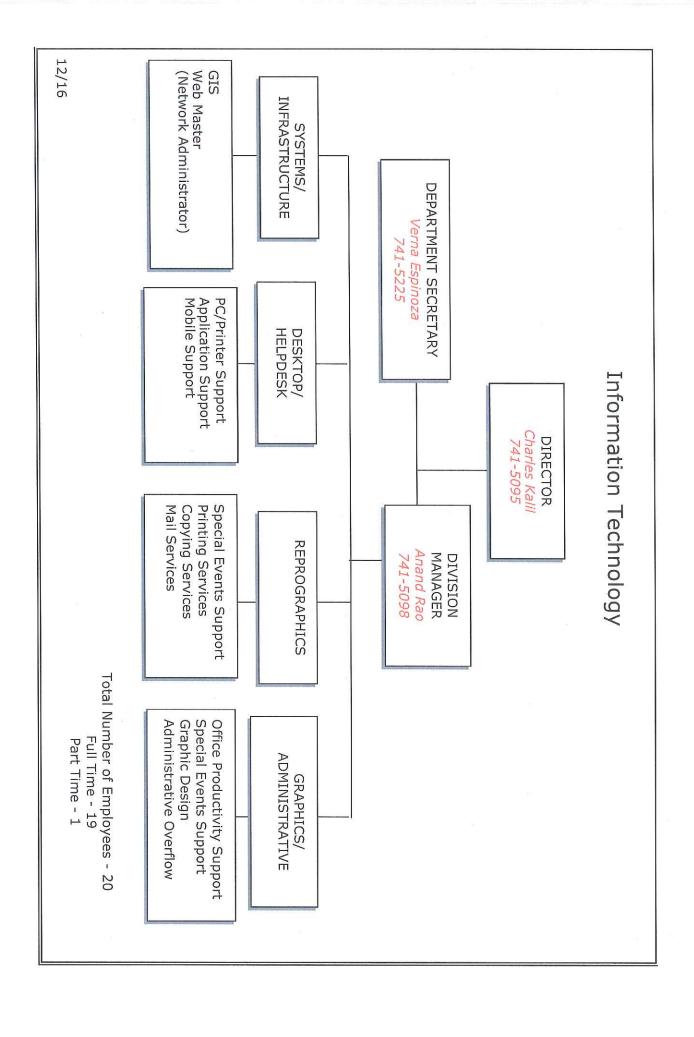


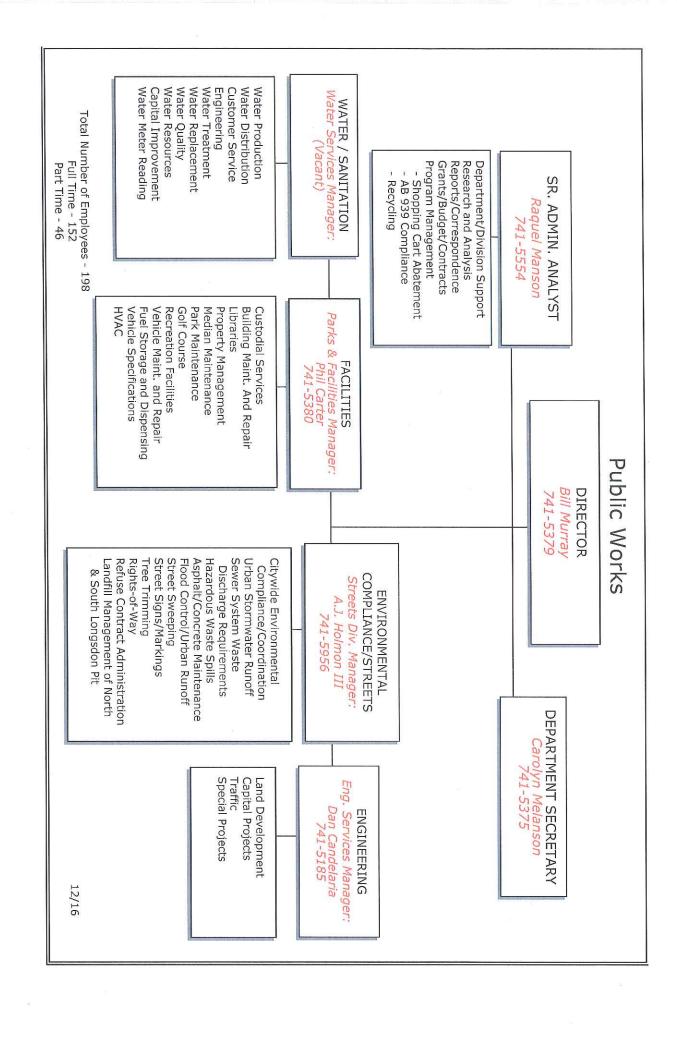












City of Garden Grove INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and members of City Council

From: Scott C. Stiles

Dept.:

Dept.: City Manager

Subject: Project Updates: BN Group, Brookhurst Triangle, Nickelodeon, Harbor Date: December 14, 2016

Development/Investel

I want to update you on the latest developments regarding four important projects that the City Administration has been working on.

1. <u>Escrow Closing with the BN Group on Harbor site (former War Museum designated site)</u>

On December 6, 2016, the City closed escrow on the 1.45 acre site it owned on Harbor Blvd. south of the 22 Freeway. The Property included a vacant 17,210 square foot auto-dealership building. The City had acquired the Property in 2011 with the intent to transition the property into a Vietnam War Museum. A non-profit group was formed to raise money for the museum, but due to limited donations, the museum could not be built and the City Council directed staff to sell the property. After a Request for Proposal process, the City entered into negotiation with the BN Group, led by American businessman, Mr. Bui Nguyen of New Orleans, Louisiana. The BN Group has over 35 years of experience in hotel development and is acknowledged as an innovative leader in the hotel management and development industry. The BN Group has agreed to plan, design and develop a hotel on the property, subject to the City's future approval of conceptual plans and all required land use entitlements. The property sold for \$2,800,000.

2. Brookhurst Triangle (project status)

Kam Sang Co., the developer of the Brookhurst Triangle is on track complete Phase I construction in June 2017. Phase I construction of Brookhurst Place is located on the northern portion of the site and will feature 180 apartment units, a pool, and a clubhouse. Project construction of Brookhurst Place is currently 40% complete and the leasing office will open by April 2017.

City staff is working with the developer to implement Phase II of the Agreement and beginning demolition of the commercial building located on the northwest corner of Brookhurst and Garden Grove Boulevard. For Phase II, the Successor Agency obtained DOF approvals to complete this demolition work. Phase II construction is expected to start in November 2017.

At total build out, the Brookhurst Triangle project includes a mixed-use development with a minimum of 80,000 square feet and up to 200,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, and a maximum of 600 residential units and a 100 room hotel. The master plan for the project includes residential rental, for-sale condominiums, and affordable housing units.

3. Site B2 - Proposed Nickelodeon Project

Work continues with the developer, Kam Sang Co., in the preparation of a conceptual site plan for Site B2, located at the northwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Twintree Avenue. Kam Sang has an exclusive negotiating agreement with the City of Garden Grove to develop a Nickelodeon-themed resort hotel to include pool and amenities. Further details will be made available in first quarter 2017 to outline next steps for project entitlements.

4. Harbor Development/Investel

Site C Development Team

In 2011 the Garden Grove City Council approved an agreement with Land & Design to develop the Site C parcel located at the northeast corner of Harbor Boulevard and Twintree Lane. The company had rights under an approved Resort Agreement to assign a portion of their interest to a financially qualified party. Land & Design chose SCG America as a financial partner, and a new entity called Investel Garden Resorts LLC, was created. Land & Design was founded in 1991, with headquarters in San Diego. SCG America is a U.S. limited liability company that began business operations in 1981, with headquarters in New York City. At the request of Land & Design, the City Council approved the assignment in June 2016. As with most assignment rights, the City of Garden Grove could not have unreasonably withheld consent to the assignment absent good cause. Going forward, Investel Garden Resorts has assembled a high caliber development team led by Matt Reid of Land & Design alongside world-renowned architects, Friedmutter Group based in Newport Beach and Archillier Architecture based in New York.

Established U.S. Entity

As we shared with the prior City Council, Investel Garden Resorts is a limited liability company, created by Land & Design and SCG America. SCG America focuses in the areas of general contracting, construction management services, real estate development and real estate fund management. SCG America has development projects in New York City, Los Angeles, Pomona and Garden Grove. They are a well-capitalized investment and development company with extensive qualifications and experience.

Site C Hotel Development

Investel Garden Resorts will develop the Site C Resort Hotel with up to 769 new hotel rooms, 39,000 square feet of conference space and 45,000 SF of commercial space. This would make it the largest development in the history of Garden Grove, with a project cost of approximately \$450M. With the project slated to include three upper upscale hotels, the next few months are significant as Investel Garden Resorts will be finalizing the project site plan, completing their due diligence of the Site C project, and securing the first two hotel commitments (see attachment on the project history of this approved project). It is expected that development and construction will be achieved with a local labor force.

Hyatt Regency Orange County Acquisition

In November 2015, SCG America acquired the Hyatt Regency Orange County Hotel and anticipates beginning renovation work to include: upgrading elevators, renovation of the lobby

and guestrooms. In addition, they acquired the adjacent restaurant parcel in Garden Grove and are currently implementing design plans to reposition the restaurant.

As several key projects are planned in the Grove Resort area, it is important for staff to complete due diligence by visiting the larger scale resort and hotel projects that SCG America and their partners have completed in Shanghai. This will be a short 3-day business trip for a small, working group of 4-5 people to meet with company executives and visit their projects, sometime during the first half of 2017. This is not a delegation visit for the City to promote trade.

I hope this summary is helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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cc: Lisa Kim, Director, Community & Economic Development

Attachment 2

Site C Project History

June 2011	Former Redevelopment Agency enters into Disposition and Development Agreement with Land & Design, Inc. Approved through Resolution No. 698	City Council and Former Redevelopment Agency
June 2011	Redevelopment Dissolution effective date per Assembly Bill x1 26	State
February 2012	The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development ("Successor Agency") and 7-Member Oversight Board formed. Oversight Board deemed Site C DDA enforceable.	City Council
May 2012	DOF denies Site C as an Enforceable Obligation	State
October 2012	First Meet & Confer - DOF denies Site C as an Enforceable Obligation	State
November 2012	City Council Approves PUD 128-12 and General plan Amendment	City Council
April 2013	City enters into Resort Development Agreement with Land & Design, Inc.	City Council
November 2013	DOF letter approving Long Range Property Management Plan (LRPMP) – Site C	State
March 2014	LRPMP Approved by DOF including Site C DDA	State
January 2015	Compensation Agreement approved (January 1, 2018 deadline to dispose of property for Economic use) – However, March 2015 is when all signatures were attained – Tied to resort agreement.	Successor Agency
May-July 2015	Site C parcels transferred from Successor Agency to the City	State
August 2015	City Council Closed Session regarding Potential DOF Litigation per Council Direction	City Council
November 2015	Meet & Confer - DOF denies Site C as enforceable obligation.	State
July 2016	Assignment of Resort Agreement to SCG America (see schedule).	City
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Development Highlights:

Site 5+ Acres Location South of Target, East Site of Harbor Blvd., North of Twintree 769 Suites Guestrooms Restaurants 45,000 sf/4 Venues Meeting 39,000 sf Parking 1,297 structure \$180MM **Total Cost** Complete **Entitlements**



Memorandum

DATE:

December 8, 2016

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TO:

Member Agencies – MWDOC Divisions Two & Three

FROM:

Larry Dick, Director - Division Two

Wayne S. Osborne, Director - Division Three

SUBJECT:

Monthly Water Usage Data, Tier 2 Projection & Water Supply Information

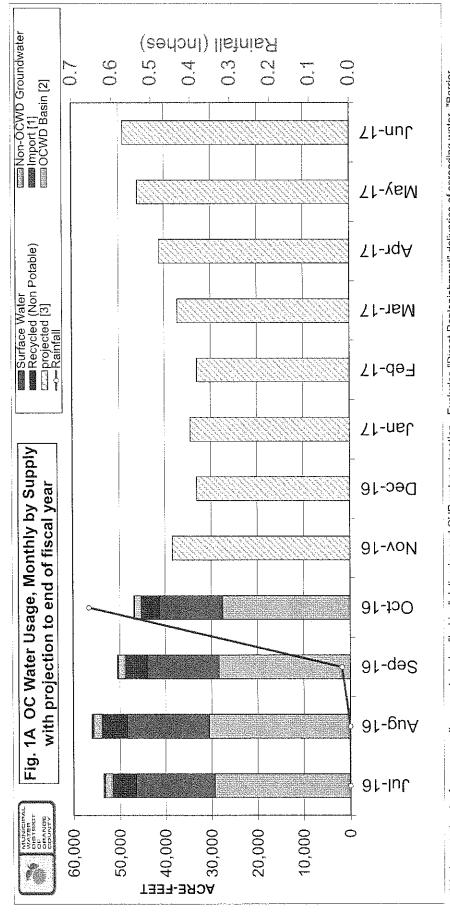
The attached figures show the recent trend of water consumption in Orange County (OC), an estimate of Tier 2 volume for MWDOC, and selected water supply information.

- Fig. 1 OC Water Usage, Monthly by Supply OCWD Groundwater water was the main supply in October.
- October 2016 was just below average compared to the last 5 years. Lower usage is primarily due to strong conservation efforts that were a result of the mandatory restrictions set by the Governor for the period of June 2015 to May 2016. In June 2016 all water conservation became voluntary for MWDOC agencies.
- Fig. 3 Historical OC Water Consumption OC water consumption is projected to be 519,000 AF in FY 2016-17 (this includes ~15 TAF of agricultural usage and non-retail water agency usage). This is about 20,000 AF more than FY 2015-16 and is about 53,000 AF less than FY 2014-15. Water usage per person is projected to be slightly higher than in FY 2015-16 for Orange County at 146 gallons per day (This includes recycled water). Although OC population has increased 20% over the past two decades, water usage has not increased, on average. A long-term decrease in per-capita water usage is attributed mostly to Water Use Efficiency (water conservation) efforts.
- Fig. 4 MWDOC "Firm" Water Purchases, 2016 "Firm" water above the Tier 1 limit will be charged at the higher Tier 2 rate. Our current projection of Tier 2 purchases is zero in 2016.

<u>Water Supply Information</u> Includes data on: Rainfall in OC; the OCWD Basin overdraft; Northern California and Colorado River Basin hydrologic data; the State Water Project (SWP) Allocation, and regional storage volumes. The data has implications for the

magnitude of supplies from the three watersheds that are the principal sources of water for OC. Note that a hydrologic year is Oct. 1st through Sept. 30th.

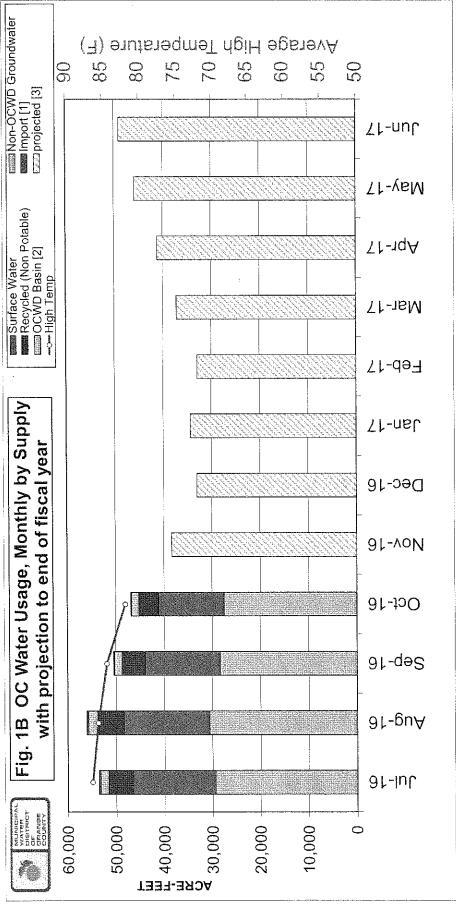
- Orange County's accumulated rainfall through November was slightly above average for this period. Orange County has had below average rainfall for the past 5 hydrologic years. La Nina conditions are present and La Nina is slightly favored to persist through out the 2016-17 winter (La Nina is generally associated with cool dry winters in Southern California).
- Northern California accumulated precipitation through early December was around 170% of normal for this period. November 2016 rainfall was right around the historical average for that month. The Northern California snowpack is 72% of normal as of December 5th. The State of California has been in a declared Drought Emergency since January 2014. As of early December 88% of California is still suffering from some level of drought. The State Water Project Contractors initial Table A Allocation is at 20% as of the end of November.
- Colorado River Basin accumulated precipitation through November was 71% average for this period. The Upper Colorado Basin snowpack was 65% of normal as of November 28th. This follows five below-average hydrologic years, the Colorado River Basin is in the recovery of a long term drought. Lake Mead and Lake Powell combined have about 61% of their average storage volume for this time of year. If Lake Mead's level falls below a "trigger" limit 1,075 ft. at the end of a calendar year, then a shortage will be declared by the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), impacting Colorado River water deliveries for the Lower Basin states. As of late November Lake Mead levels were hovering right at the "trigger" limit but fortunately levels are expecting to increase due to water releases schedule at Lake Powell. The USBR predicts that the "trigger" level will not be hit by the end of 2016.



Imported water for consumptive use. Includes "In-Lieu" deliveries and CUP water extraction. Excludes "Direct Replenishment" deliveries of spreading water, "Barrier Replenishment" deliveries, and deliveries into Irvine Lake. _

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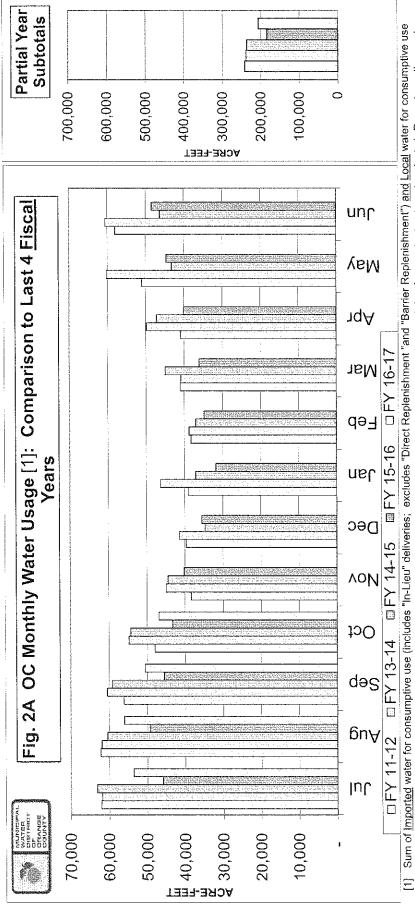
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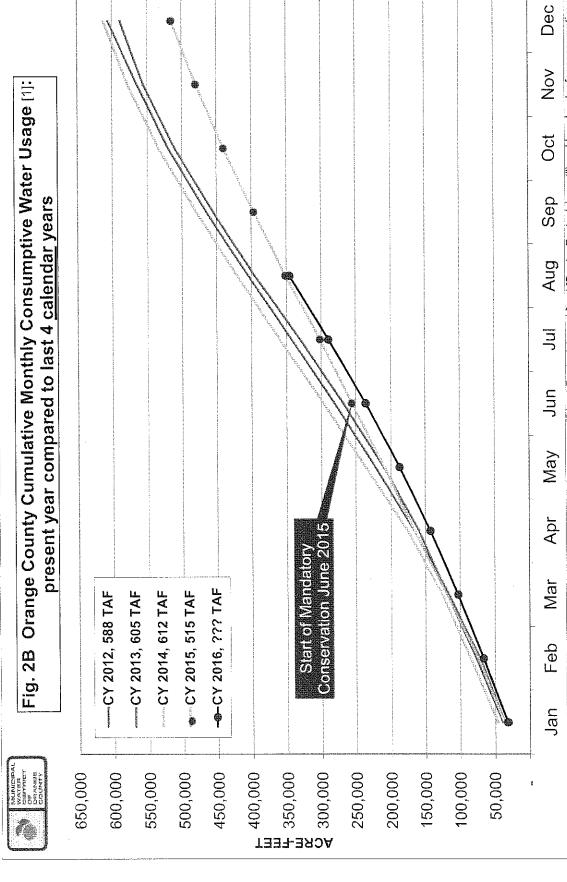
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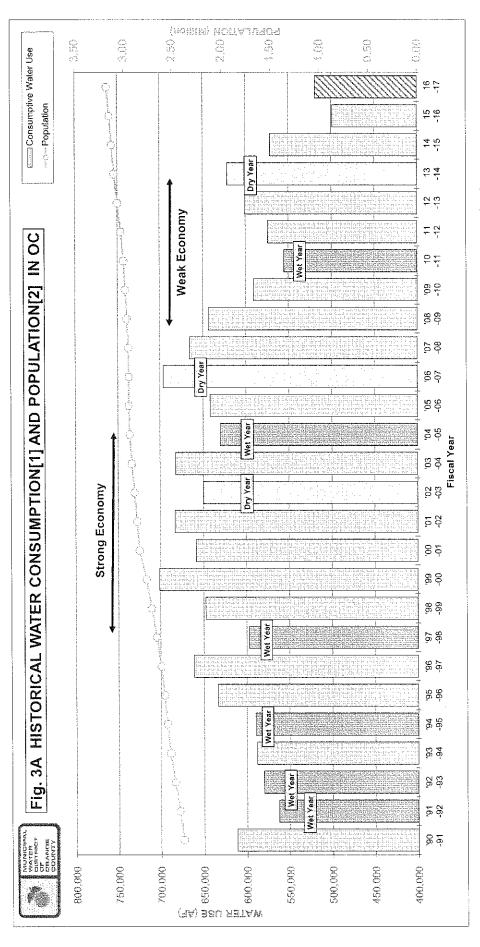
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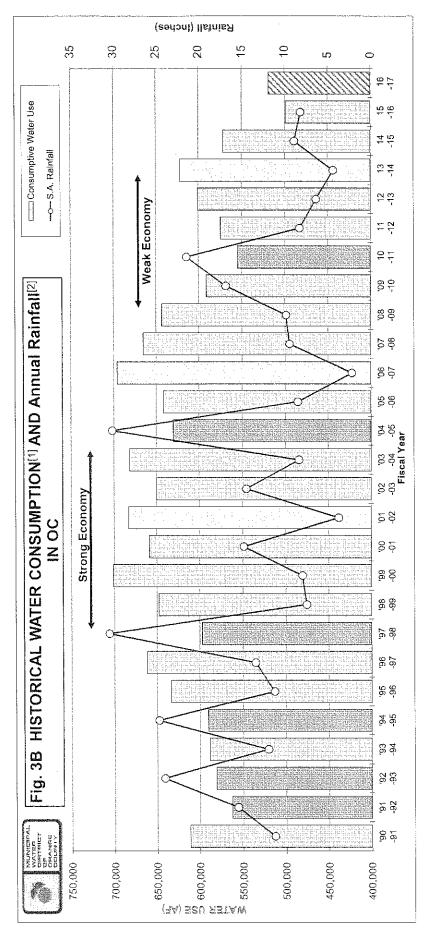
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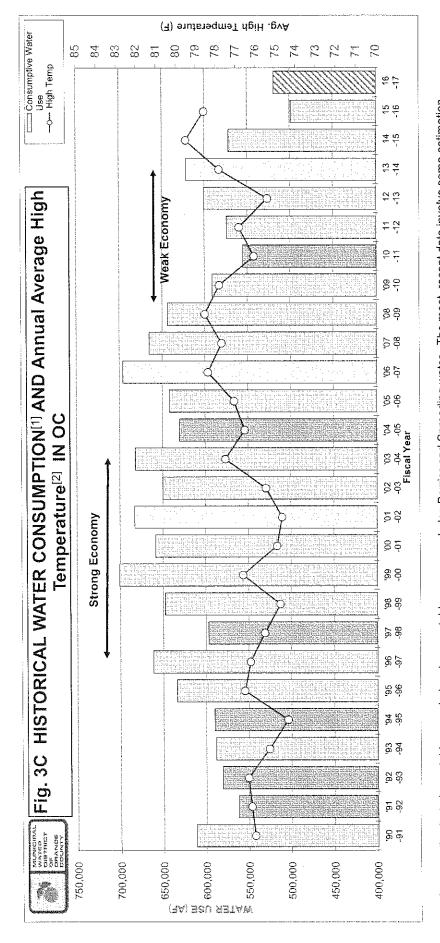
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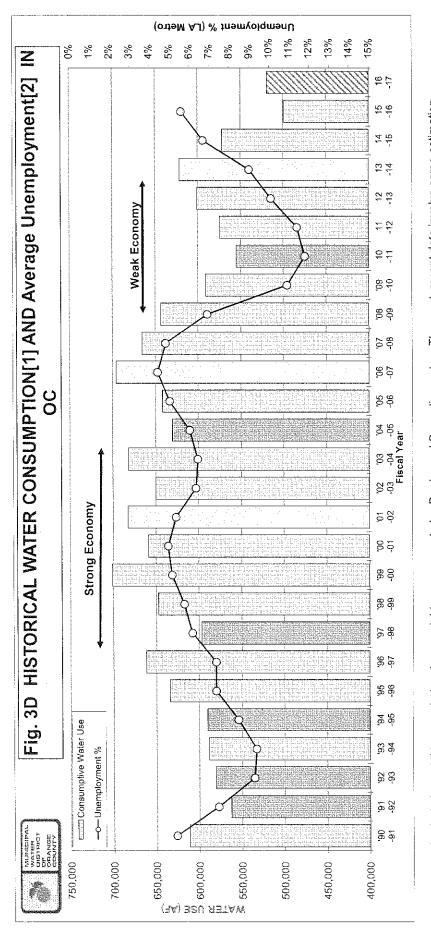
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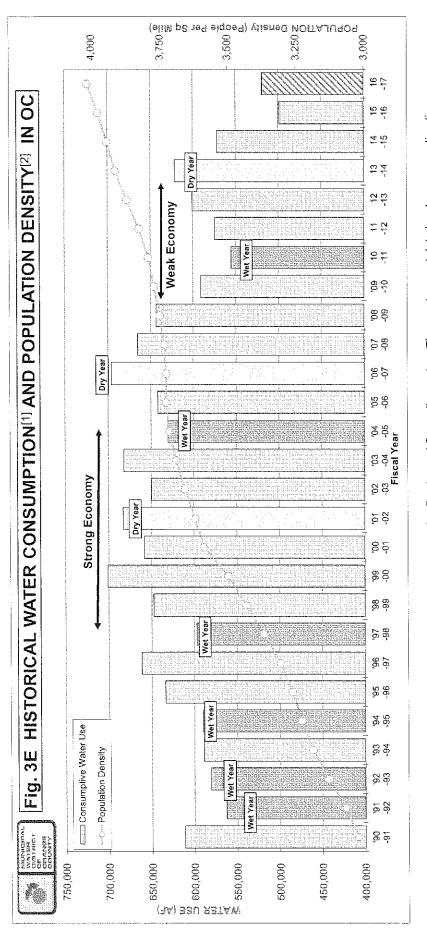


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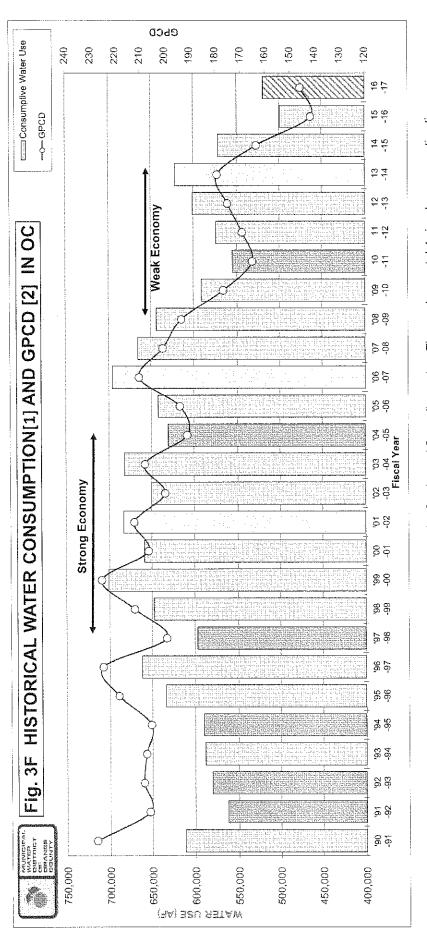


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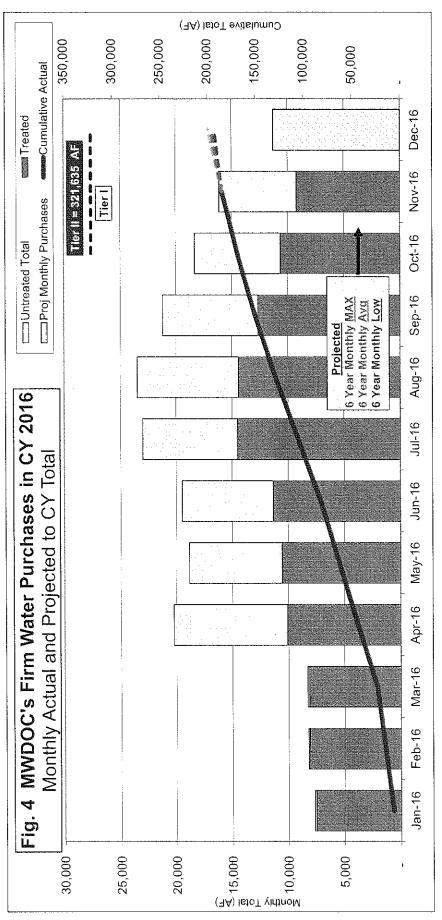
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Notes

1. "Firm" includes Full Service (both Treated and Untreated) and Barrier water.

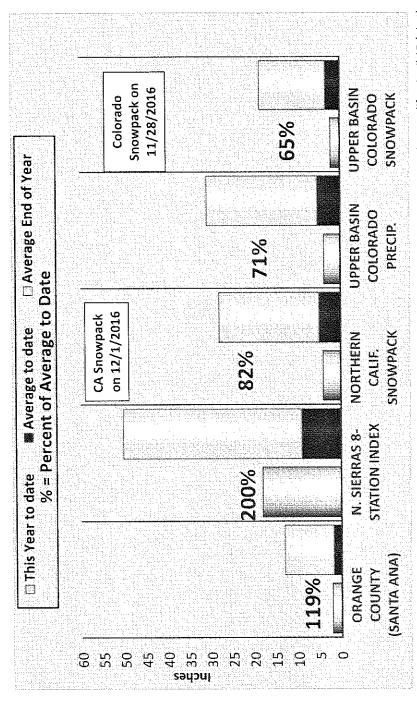
2. Basin Pumping Percentage (BPP) is the percentage of a retail water agency's total water demand that they are limited to pump from the OCWD-managed groundwater basin. BPP pertains to Basin agencies only. For example, If a Basin agency's total demand is 10,000 AF/yr and OCWD sets the BPP at 72%, then the agency is limited to 7,200 AF of groundwater that year. There may be certain exceptions and/or adjustments to that simple calculation. OCWD sets the BPP for the Basin agencies, usually as of July 1st.



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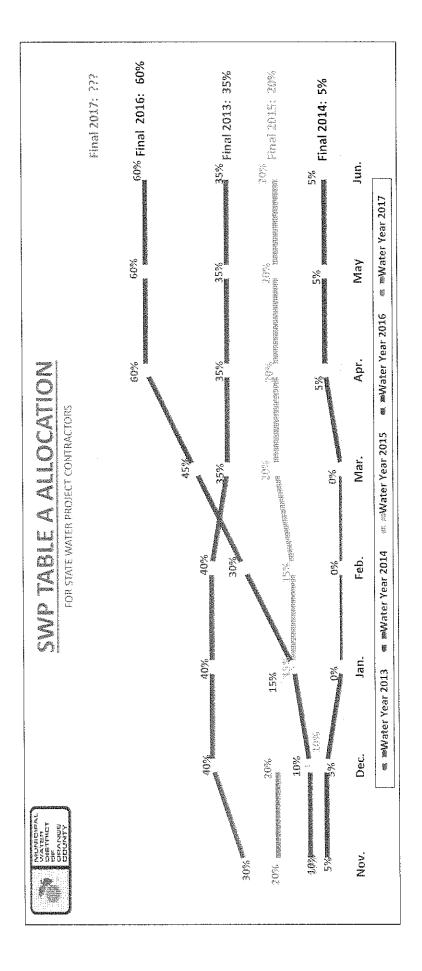
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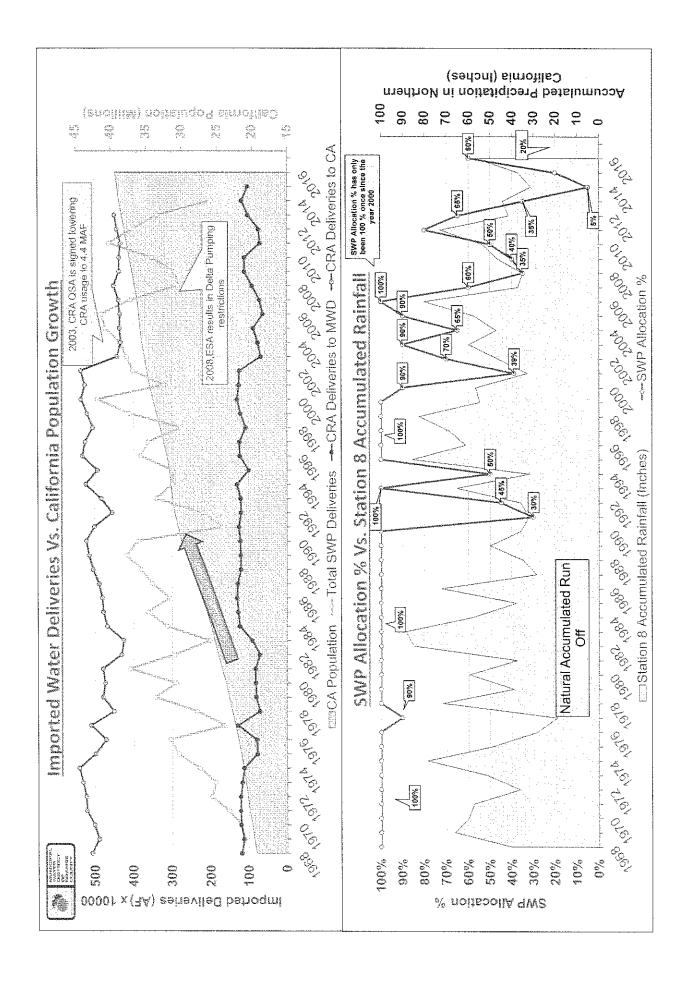
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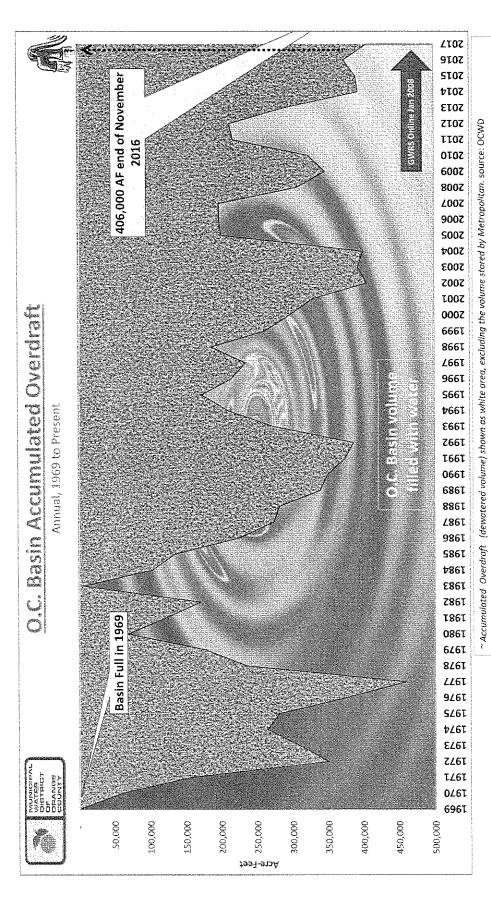


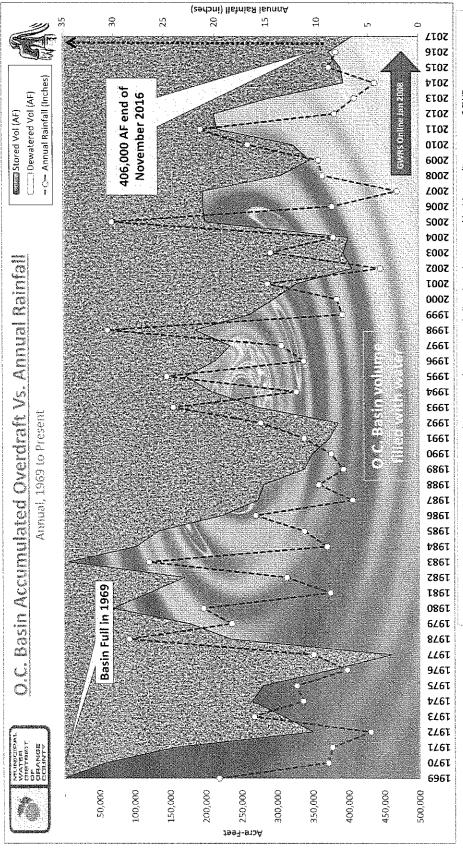


* The date of maximum snowpack accumulation (April 1st in Northern Calif., April 15th in the Upper Colorado Basin) is used for year to year comparison.

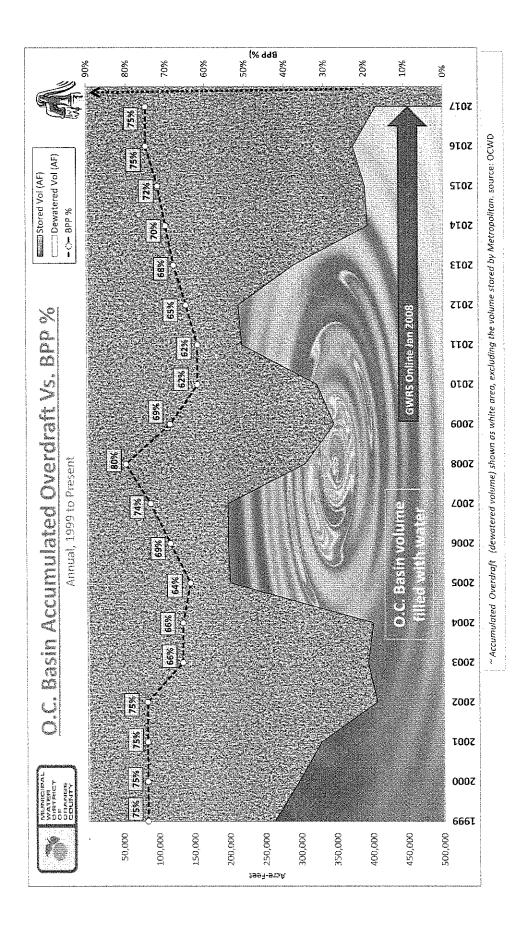


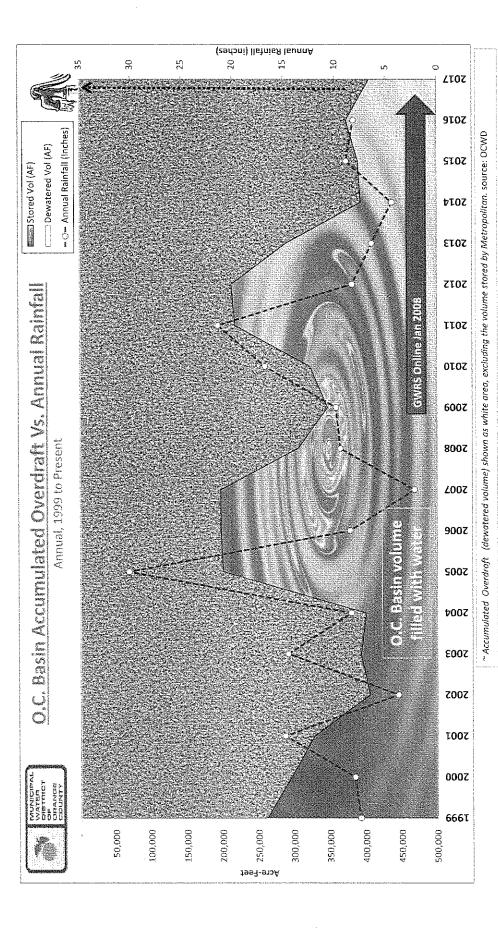


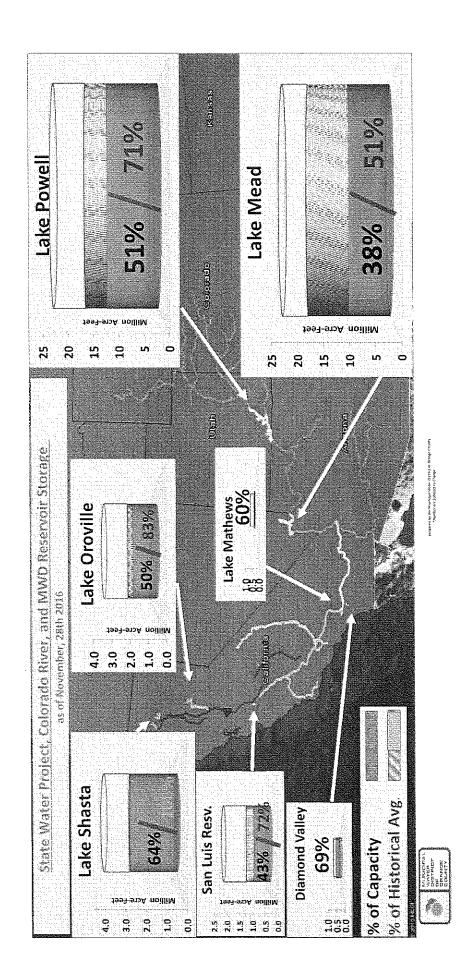


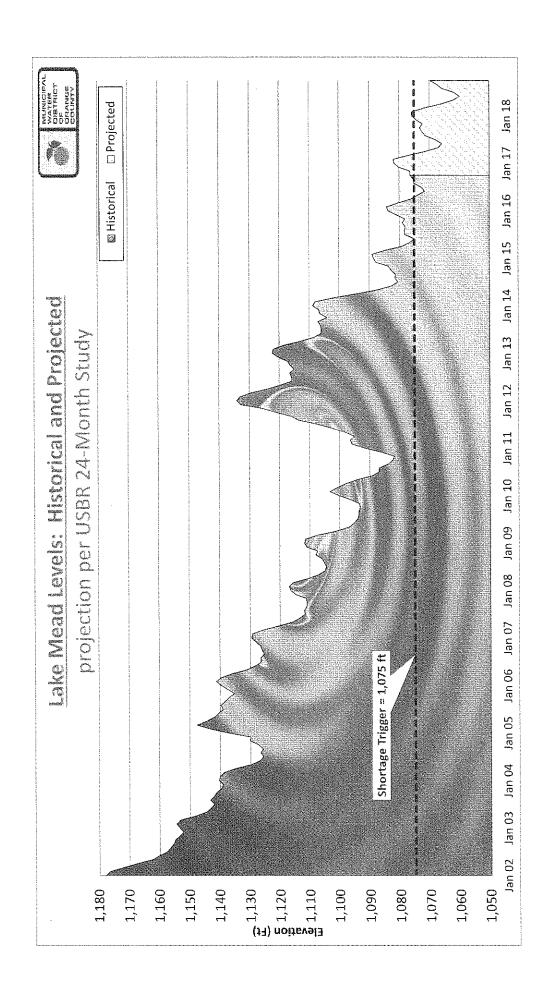


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NEWS ARTICLES

Garden Grove devotee dies

Connie Margolin played key roles in pageant and Strawberry Festival.

> By CHRIS HAIRE STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE · Connie Margolin, who, along with her husband and a daughter, turned Miss Garden Grove into an elite scholar-



Margolin

ship pageant and long had her fingers in seemingly every facet of the communi-

ty as Garden Grove

grew from a farming town to an urban city, has died. She was 75.

Margolin had declined in health in recent months

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MARGOLIN: Garden Grove icon

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from a variety of ailments, her son, Raphael Margolin, said Dec. 8. She had been in hospice care for a week and died Monday.

Margolin was the producer of the Miss Garden Grove pageant from 1986 to 1997, when her daughter took over. Her husband, Jerry, was the executive director and master of ceremonies for the same run.

Margolin took care of most of the day-to-day duties of the pageant, her son said, including prepping the young women for the competition, working out the choreography and increasing sponsorships.

The pageant since had had several winners go on to become Miss California and compete in the Miss America competition in New Jersey – the most recent, Bree Morse, in 2015.

"They took it from a fledgling pageant to a thriving one," Raphael Margolin said. "It's given thousands of dollars to the contestants."

She was born Oct. 4, 1941, in Omaha, Neb. When she was a teen, the family moved to California. Margolin graduated from North Hollywood High.

Jerry and Connie Margolin, who moved to Garden Grove in 1973, got involved with the Strawberry Festival, which draws 300,000 people annually.



COURTESY OF MARGOLIN FAMILY

Connie and Jerry Margolin, who along with a daughter turned Miss Garden Grove into an elite pageant.

Both were longtime festival directors. Connie Margolin, her son said, created such popular festival events as the Berry Berry Beautiful Baby and Tiny Tots Kings and Queens contests.

She was also on the boards of several local nonprofits until largely retiring in 2011. She was on the Planning Commission until her death.

There will be a memorial and graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at Harbor Lawn-Mount Olive Memorial Park & Mortuary, 1625 Gisler Ave., in Costa Mesa. From 4 to 8 p.m. that day, a celebration of her life will take place at the Garden Grove Community Center, at 11300 Stanford Ave.

Besides Raphael Margolin, Connie Margolin is survived by children Nancy Williams, Ann Eileen Carder, Mike Margolin and Debra Righter; brothers Stuart and Bradley Nichols; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Daughter Stacy Margolin died this year.

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Register Fountain Valley View Dec. 15, 2016

Garden Grove Bulldogs represent city in Super Bowl

STAFF REPORTS

The Garden Grove Bulldogs, a Pop Warner, Division 1 Varsity Football team, wrapped up a successful season.

The Bulldogs converged on ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex for the 60th Pop Warner Super Bowl Championship last week in Orlando.

"This is the first time the city has had a football team make it to the Super Bowl," said Tom Goode, the president of the Garden Grove Pop Warner league.

Although the Bulldogs lost their bid to be champions of the Varsity Division 1, when they lost to the

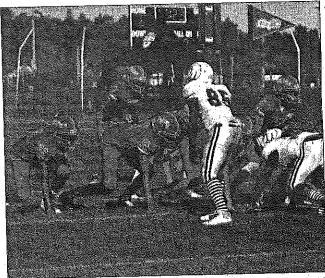
Dorchester Eagles of Massachusetts, 18-8, the Bulldogs ended up sixth in the division out of 2,400 teams competing nationwide.

Fans comprised of family and friends made the trip from Garden Grove to the ESPN Sports Complex to cheer them on.

Gary Wondercheck traveled to Orlando to support the team and his son.

"I'm so proud of our Garden Grove team. This was a great experience for them and a solid representation for our community," Wondercheck said.

The Bulldogs finished the season with an II-2 record.



COURTESY OF GARDEN GROVE BULLDOGS

The Buildogs get ready to make a play. From left, Malosi Griffith (No. 83), Kenan Wondercheck (15), Oscar Brown (7) and Daylen Pedroza (4).

Snowy holidays inside Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove



Courtesy photo

Snowland has delighted guests at Great Lodge for a decade, and makes its debut in Garden Grove this year.

Great Wolf Lodge Southern California in Orange County, on Harbor Blvd in Garden Grove, is making the holiday season extra memorable this year as they celebrate their favorite winter howl-i-day for the first time in Southern California-Snowland! Snowland is going on now through January $ar{2}$, and will feature a New Year's Eve celebration in addition to holiday festivities. In addition to Great Wolf Lodge's indoor waterpark access, guests will be treated to countless holiday-themed activities during Snowland, including:

- Spectacular decorations throughout the lodge.
- Nightly snow showers in the Grand Lobby.
- Visits with Santa Claus.
- North Pole University activities.

A life-size gingerbread house that families can dine in, with a donation made to Ronald McDonald House Charities for every reservation booked.

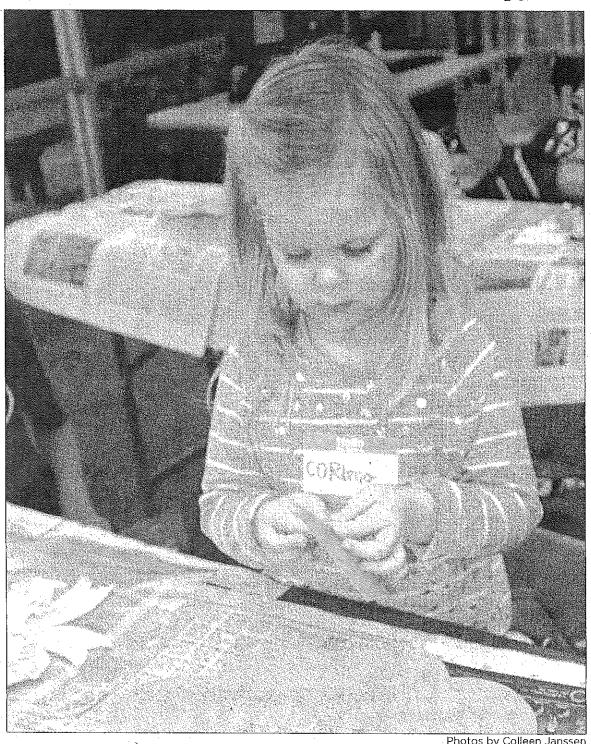
Snowland-themed family suites available for limited reservations, with nightly milk and cookie deliveries.

Orange County News Dec. 14, 2016

Snowland is an annual tradition at other park locations for the last 10-years, and the first time in So Cal More information about Snowland at Great Wolf Lodge can be found at www.greatwolf.com/southern-california/snowland.

Kids love holiday happenings at Garden Grove library

Tibor Rubin library gets creative and captivating Orange County News
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Cordelia Mullins, 4, concentrates as she punches out self-adhesive letters to decorate her holiday wreath during crafting time at the Tibor Rubin Library in Garden Grove.

By Colleen Janssen

The Tibor Rubin Library in Garden Grove has been busy planning and offering creative and captivating activities and programs that are popular with local families and children. The staff recently offered a holiday craft project for children and an opportunity to read to a therapy dog.

Staff members at the library have been busy planning programs for local families. Serious young faces concentrated on making a holiday wreath at the December event. Elementary school-age children happily worked on affixing self-adhesive decorations on the foam wreath form. While the library had a sample of a completed project taped on the wall, the children each chose to decorate their wreath to suit their taste.

"We have a craft project every month," said Children's Librarian Patricia Campbell, "We have a theme. It may be a holiday or seasonal project."

"On the same day, we have a therapy dog come so children can sit and read a story about dogs to the dog. The children really enjoy it.'

"I'm going to put it on my door," said Cordelia Mullins, age 4, about her wreath. She worked hard on the project, adding her name in self-adhesive letters, along with Merry Christmas, a gift, and other holiday items to customize her project. Her grandmother, Cindi Lane, watched, offering help, as needed.

"I'm keeping mine at my house in the parlor," said Tristan Rodriguez, 7. His brother, Winston, 10, "I'll put mine next to his." Mom, Claudia, looked on as the children concentrated on completing their wreaths.

Volunteer Daphne Arreaga, 15, comes weekly after school to help library staff. She goes to Pacifica High School and likes coming to the library to help. "I put all of the wreath kits together last week so they were ready for the kids today." This week, as the children were crafting, Arreaga was preparing snowflakes and hanging them on the library windows.

About a half hour after the crafts began, in walked Deborah Rothwell with the therapy dog, Meara. "Her name is Gallic. It four years."



Cordelia Mullins, 4, waits her turn while Tristan Rodriguez, 7, reads to therapy dog Meara, at the Tibor Rubin Library in Garden Grove. The dog and her owner/handler, Deborah Rothwell, come to the library as part of the BARK program once each month to give children the opportunity to read aloud to a dog. The popular program also includes a craft project for the children to do while they wait to read.

means little brown one," said Rothwell. The name seems funny since the dog is anything but little. She is huge, but docile and seemed unfazed by the children touching her.

Meara is part of a program called BARK, which stands for Beach Animals Reading with Kids. Her owner/handler, Rothwell says, "She is ten years old and has been a therapy dog for

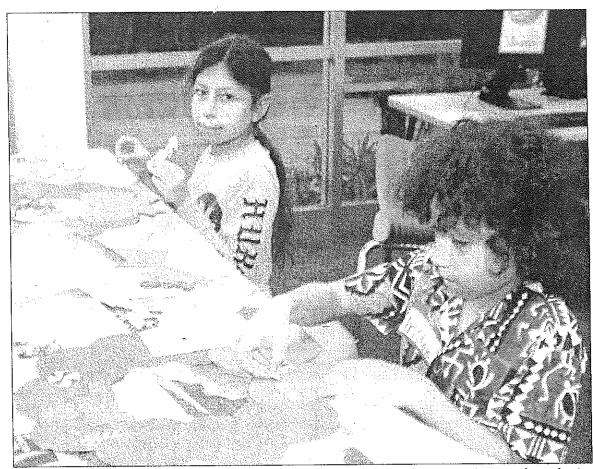
Tristan sat down next to Meara Dog's Christmas Show" to her and proceeded to read the Dr. Seuss classic "One Fish, Two Fish." The dog settled down to listen as a happy little boy read aloud, stopping occasionally to show pages to Meara.

Cordelia sat patiently near the dog, waiting her turn and, every few minutes petting Meara's fur. She cannot yet read well enough playtime. This programs starts to tell a story, but planned to again on January 11. show book pictures from "Shaggy

new canine friend.

In addition to monthly crafts and the read-to-the-dog program, the library has story-reading programs. On Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:15 am, year-round except for August and December. parents are invited to bring their baby or toddler for a story and

see LIBRARY, page 7



Winston Rodriguez (left) and his brother, Tristan Rodriguez, work on their wreath projects. Both boys planned to hang them in the parlor at their home.

LIBRARY:

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On Mondays, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, the library offers a family story time. In addition to stories, toys are provided from

5:30 to 7:00 pm and young children must be accompanied by an adult. This program will restart on January 9.

For adults, the library has a book group that meets monthly. The next meeting is February 7, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Check with

5:30 to 7:00 pm and young children must be accompanied by an to read before the meeting.

Each month, the Tibor Rubin Library offers a schedule of events, which may be picked up at the circulation desk located in the library at 11962 Bailey Street, Garden Grove.

Connie Margolin, 75; backer of Garden Grove pageant

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She was also a longtime Strawberry Festival director.

By CHRIS HAIRE

STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE · Connie Margolin, who, along with her husband and a daughter, turned Miss Garden Grove into an elite scholarship pageant and long had her fingers in seemingly every facet of the community as Garden Grove grew from farming town to urban city, has died. She was 75.

Margolin had declined in health in recent months from a variety of ailments, her son, Raphael Margolin, said Thursday. She had been in hospice care for a week and died Monday.

Margolin was the producer of the Miss Garden Grove pageant from 1986 to 1997, when her daughter took over. Her husband, Jerry, was the executive director and master of ceremonies for the same run.

Margolin took care of most of the day-to-day duties of the pageant, her son said, including prepping the young women for the competition, working out the choreography and increasing sponsorships.

The pageant has since had several winners go on to become Miss California and compete in the Miss America competition in New Jersey the most recent. Bree Morse, in 2015.

"They took it from a fledgling pageant to a thriving one," Raphael Margolin said. "It's given thousands of dollars to the contestants."

Connie Margolin was

born Oct. 4, 1941, in Omaha, Neb. When Margolin was a teenager, the family moved to California. Margolin graduated from North Hollywood High School.

Jerry and Connie Margolin.



who moved to Garden Grove in 1973, got involved with the Straw-

Margolin

berry Festival, which draws 300,000 people annually: both were longtime festival directors. Connie Margolin, her son said, created such popular festival events as the Berry Berry Beautiful Baby, and Tiny Tots Kings and Queens contests.

Connie was also on the boards of several local nonprofits until largely retiring in 2011. She was on the Planning Commission until her death.

There will be a memorial and graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at Harbor Lawn-Mt. Olive Memorial Park & Mortuary, 1625 Gisler Ave. in Costa Mesa.

From 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, a celebration of her life will be held at the Garden Grove Community Center, at 11300 Stanford Ave.

In addition to Raphael Margolin, Connie Margolin is survived by children Nancy Williams, Ann Eileen Carter, Mike Margolin and Debra Righter: brothers Stuart and Bradley Margolin: 10 grandchildren; and great-grandchilthree dren. Daughter Stacy Margolin died this year.

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Candidates for six city commissions sought

Application must be in by Jan. 9

Orange County News Dec. 9, 2016

By Kathy Bailor

The city of Garden Grove is seeking candidates to serve as non-compensated commissioners. Applicants must be Garden Grove residents and registered voters, be able to serve a two-year term of office, and be available to attend regularly scheduled meetings. Commissioners serve as advisors to the City Council, providing recommendations that become part of the city's decisionmaking process.

Applications must be submitted by Monday, January 9, 2017, by 5:30 p.m., and may be submitted online at www.garden-grove. org/citymanager/commissions. Applicants may also visit the City Clerk's Office, located on the second floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, or call (714) 741-5040. Commissioner appointments are scheduled to take place at the January 24, 2017 regular City Council meeting.

The following briefly describes each of the City's six commis-

sions:

Administrative Board of Appeals (5 members) – Conducts hearings, on an on-call basis, on the suitability of building and construction materials; interprets building codes and ordinances.

Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission (7 members) – Recommends programs to improve and preserve neighborhoods through zoning enforcement, housing rehabilitation, street improvement, Community Development Block Grant, and other programs.

Main Street Commission (7 members) – Oversees Historic Main Street Garden Grove. Six commissioners must own or lease property on Main Street; the seventh member is appointed

at-large.

Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission (7 members) – Reviews and makes recommendations on the status of City parks and recreation programs, capital improvement plans, propose amendments to the General Plan Parks and Recreation Element, and existing and potential City arts programs.

Planning Commission (7 members) – Studies proposed development projects that may impact community's growth and environment.

Traffic Commission (7 members) – Reviews requests for traffic safety devices, investigates unsafe and/or malfunctioning traffic conditions, conducts public hearings, and assists in transportation planning.



Garden Grove Police Officer John Yergler and Detective Lea Kovacs, a Special Olympics athlete, and Cadet Michelle Estrada share a handshake at last year's Tip-a-Cop event. This year's charity event will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Joe's Crab Shack at 12011 Harbor Blvd. Photo courtesy Garden Grove Police Department.

Special Olympics receives an extra tip from local police

By Nick Jensen

participate in Tip-a-Cop, a fund- Joe's Crab Shack, located in the

The Garden Grove Police Olympics on Wednesday, Dec. sort, 12011 Harbor Boulevard. Department will trade in their 14. The charity event will take handcuffs for aprons as they place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., at

raiser that benefits the Special Grove District - Anaheim Re-

All tips collected by Garden Grove Police will be donated to the Special Olympics of Orange County. The money will be used towards year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them the opportunities to develop physical fitness, self-esteem, and rewarding experiences.

The Garden Grove Police Department has been a strong supporter of the Special Olympics for over 20 years. In the most recent Tip-A-Cop event held on Thursday, October 20, 2016, Garden Grove Police raised \$2,925. In July 2015, in partnership with the City of Garden Grove, Garden Grove Police hosted the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games torch run through Garden Grove, where approximately 20 to 30 runners participated.

For more information about the upcoming Tip-a-Cop event or Garden Grove Police Department's ongoing support for the Special Olympics, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at 714-741-5922.

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Garden Grove Fitness Park will open in time for the holidays.

With eggnog and Christmas cookies come extra pounds

By Dixie Redfearn

Everyone loves the holidays, but parties and sweets can take a toll on your waistline. Luckily, the city of Garden Grove has a solution for you. The better news is that the city of Garden Grove has three other fitness-themed parks if the new equipment at Garden Grove Park isn't exciting enough.

Recently the Mayor and City Council, along with city officials and members of the community gathered in Garden Grove Park to dedicate new outdoor fitness equipment, located at 9301 Westminster Avenue. The outdoor fitness area is just south of the Sports and Recreation Center, located at 13641 Deodara Drive.

The outdoor fitness equipment. has a total of 15 body mass resistant machines which includes an air walker, cross country ski, leg press, and elliptical cross trainer. Several of the exercise ment at 714-741-5200.

equipment are wheelchair ac cessible.

Funding for the \$64,000 proj ect was provided by Greenfield Outdoor Fitness and the Orange County Partnerships to Improve Community Health (OC-PICH) whose mission is to promote self sufficiency by mobilizing and directing resources to program: that assist Orange County.

The new outdoor fitness equip ment at Garden Grove Park is the fifth public outdoor fitnes: area in the city. Other location: include Magnolia Park, Jardin de los Niños Park in Buena Clinton and Eastgate Park.

The equipment supports the City's goal to enhance the qua ity-of-life in the community b providing opportunities and amenities for recreation and physical fitness.

For more information, contac the Community Services Depart



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 Thursday except during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday 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 Committee 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
evenings 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 caregivers and family members of individuals 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 Cathedral 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-choreographed 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.

Eco-friendly storytime
Family storytime all through the
summer will highlight books
about our environment and the
animals that live in rivers, oceans
and icy places. All ages are
encouraged to attend at 7 p.m.
every Tuesday at the Garden
Grove Regional Library, 11200
Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.
For more information, call 714530-0711.

Rotary Club to meet
The Rotary Club of Garden
Grove meets at 12:10 p.m.
Wednesdays at The Marriott
Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and
Harbor Boulevard in Garden
Grove.

GG Kiwanis to meet The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Call 714-892-7267.

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DUI checkpoint: The Police Department will have a checkpoint to look for those driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol from 9 p.m. Dec. 16 to 3 a.m. Dec. 17 at Valley View Street and Cerulean Avenue. The checkpoints are meant to get impaired drivers off the road and to act as a deterrent from drinking and driving.

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New council: The City Council on Tuesday will reorganize, saying goodbye to Mayor Bao Nguyen and Councilman Chris Phan, and welcoming John O'Neil, Thu-Ha Nguyen, Stephanie Klopfenstein and Kim Nguyen. Councilman Steve Jones was elected mayor. Kris Beard and Phat Bui remain on the council. The council grew to seven.

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Employee honors: The City Council on Tuesday will honor City Clerk Kathy Bailor, who is retiring after 41 years with Garden Grove, and Planning Manager Karl Hill, who is retiring after 31 years of service. The council will present both with a resolution of commendation. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979 chaire@scng.com

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Commission openings: The city is looking for candidates to serve on its Administrative Board of Appeals and Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation, Main Street, Parks, Recreation and Arts, Planning and Traffic commissions. The deadline to apply is 5:30 p.m. Jan. 9 either online or at City Hall. Information: 714-741-5040.

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GARDEN GROVE

Police fundraiser: The Police Department will participate in the Tip-a-Cop fundraiser for the Special Olympics of Orange County at 5 p.m. today at Joe's Crab Shack, 12011 Harbor Blvd. The last Tip-a-Cop the Police Department held in October raised \$2,925. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979

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Wednesday, December 14, 2016

GARDEN GROVE SENIORS CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE

In celebration of the year 2017, Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be hosting a free New Year's Eve party on Thursday, December 29, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Senior Center Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Seniors are invited to enjoy a fun day of live entertainment provided by Armando Valencia. Appetizers and apple cider for toasting will be provided.

For more information and reservations, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Wednesday, December 14, 2016

GARDEN GROVE SHOWCASES BEST OF LOCAL DINING DURING RESTAURANT WEEK

During the month of January, the City of Garden Grove will celebrate its rich and diverse cuisines by participating in Visit California's 2017 California Restaurant Month, a month-long celebration of culinary assets. Starting, Sunday, January 15 through Sunday, January 22, 2017, prized restaurants from the Vietnamese and Korean communities, Historic Main Street, and the Grove District – Anaheim Resort will be featured during Garden Grove Restaurant Week. Local and regional foodies will have an opportunity to try something new in Garden Grove.

"Garden Grove Restaurant Week is a unique opportunity to take advantage of some of Garden Grove's most authentic culinary experiences," says Community and Economic Development Director, Lisa Kim. "This is the first year that the City is participating and many of the local restaurants are offering exclusive culinary experiences that showcase the pride of many family signature recipes."

Other "taste of" events happening throughout the week include a rare opportunity to cook with Executive Chef Hany Ali from the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California.

Garden Grove will be joining more than 50 destination partners who are hosting restaurant weeks and special events during the month of January, shining lights on the many talented people and places in California.

Centrally located in Orange County, Garden Grove is a community that is vibrant and rich in cultural diversity. It is home to Little Saigon and the Korean Business District, which offers locals and tourists an array of robust and authentic ethnic food and culinary art.

In the heart of the city, is Historic Main Street, which is comprised of some of the city's most unique restaurants and businesses.

Within a walkable one-mile distance from the Disneyland Resort, is the Grove District – Anaheim Resort, Garden Grove's tourist destination. The area is comprised of 10 modern hotels and several popular restaurants. The latest addition to the Grove District – Anaheim Resort is the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California indoor waterpark resort.

For more information and a list of participating restaurants, visit www.garden-grove.org/restaurantweek, or call the City's Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at (714) 638-7950.





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Thứ Ba, 13/12/2016

THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE TUYỂN UỶ VIÊN TÌNH NGUYỆN CHO BAN HÔI ĐỒNG

Thành Phố Garden Grove đang tuyển Uỷ viên cho Ban hội đồng. Đây là công việc thiện nguyện, những người ứng cử viên phải là cư dân sống trong Thành phố Garden Grove. Người Uỷ viên sẽ phục vụ nhiệm kì trong hai năm, thường xuyên phải tham dự các cuộc họp. Thị Trưởng sẽ uỷ nhiệm người Uỷ viên, và được bổ nhiệm làm người cố vấn cho Hội Đồng Thành Phố, đóng góp ý kiến cho Thành phố.

Các ứng cử viên có thể lên trang mạng của Thành phố www.garden-grove.org/citymanager/commissions để điền đơn online. Hoặc các ứng cử viên cũng có thể tới lấy đơn tại văn phòng Thư ký của Thành phố, lâu 2 trong City Hall, địa chỉ 11222 Acada Parkway, hoặc gọi về số (714) 741-5040. Thời hạn nhận đơn bắt đầu tư bây giờ đến 5:30 giờ chiều ngày Thứ Hai, 9 tháng Giêng, 2017.

Sau đây là 6 chức vụ ủy viên mà Thành phố đang cần:

Hội đồng cứu xét khiếu nại (Administrative Board of Appeals – 5 thành viên) - Tham dự
các buổi họp về xây cất những building và vật liệu xây dựng, giải mã các mật mã, bố cục
của các building.

- <u>Ủy ban phát triển và duy trì khu phố</u> (Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation 7 thành viên) Đề nghị những chương trình để cải tiến các khu vực lân cận trong
 thành phố, cũng như cải thiện gia cư, đường sá, các chương trình quỹ (Block Grant
 Funding) của chính phủ, và những chương trình khác.
- <u>Ủy ban đặc trách khu trung tâm</u> (Main Street Commission 7 thành viên) Phụ trách
 kiểm tra hệ thống bãi đậu xe ở downtown đường Main Street.
- <u>Ủy ban công viên, giải trí và nghệ thuật</u> (Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission 7
 thành viên) Xem xét và cố vấn về các điều kiện của những công viên trong thành
 phố, các kế hoạch cải thiện cho các công viên và khu vui chơi.
- <u>Ủy ban quy hoạch</u> (Planning Commission 7 thành viên) Tìm hiểu những công trình,
 kế hoạch có liên quan đến môi trường, sử dụng đất đai và phát triển của Thành phố.
- Úy ban về lưu thông (Traffic Commission 7 thành viên) Vị ủy viên sẽ phải xét duyệt những yêu cầu liên quan đến máy thử nghiệm an toàn về giao thông, có hiểu biết về thiết bị của những máy này, thu thập ý kiến đóng góp trong cộng đồng và giúp thêm trong vấn để vận chuyển lưu thông.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng gọi cho Văn phòng Thư ký Thành Phố tại số (714) 741-5040.

Article Resulting from City News Releases in the Vietnamese Media

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Garden Grove Tuyến Uỷ Viên Tình Nguyện Cho Ban Hội Đồng



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Úy ban phát triển và duy trì khu phố (Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation - 7 thành viên) - Đề nghị những chương trình để cải tiến các khu vực lần cận trong thành phố, cũng như cải thiện gia cư, đường sá, các chương trình quỹ (Block Grant Funding) của chính phủ, và những chương trình khác.

Úy ban đặc trách khu trung tâm (Main Street Commission - 7 thành viên) - Phụ trách kiểm tra hệ thống bãi đậu xe ở downtown đường Main Street.

Ủy ban công viên, giải tri và nghệ thuật (Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission - 7 thành viên) - Xem xét và cổ vấn về các điều kiện của những công viên trong thành phố, các kế hoạch cải thiện cho các công viên và khu vui chơi.

Úy ban quy hoạch (Planning Commission - 7 thành viên) - Tîm hiểu những công trình, kế hoạch có liên quan đến môi trường, sử dụng đất đei và phát triển của Thành phố.

Úy ban về lưu thông (Traffic Commission - 7 thành viên) - Vị ủy viên sẽ phải xét duyệt những yêu cầu liên quan đến máy thử nghiệm an toàn về giao thông, có hiểu biết về thiết bị của những máy này, thu thập ý kiến đóng góp trong cộng đồng và giúp thêm trong vấn để vận chuyển tru thông.

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Garden Grove: 2 nữ nghị viên gốc Việt tuyên thệ nhậm chức

December 14, 2016



Hai nữ tân nghị viên gốc Việt của Garden Grove, Thu Hà Nguyễn (trái) và Kim Bernice Nguyễn. (Hình: Dân Huỳnh/Người

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Hai nữ tân nghị viên gốc Việt ở Garden (vừa tuyên thệ nhậm chức trước buổi họp Hội Đồng Thành Phố tối Thứ Ba, 13 T Mười Hai.

Đó là tân Nghị Viên Thu Hà Nguyễn, đại diện Địa Hạt 3, và tân Nghị Viên Kim I

Nguyễn, đại diện Địa Hạt 6.

Trong cuộc bầu cử ngày 8 Tháng Mười Một vừa qua, cả hai người này đều thắn đối thủ là người bản xứ. Và đây cũng là lần đầu tiên hai phụ nữ này tranh cử.

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Đó là tân Thị Trưởng Steve Jones, tuyên thệ dưới sự chủ tọa của bà Susan Emgiám đốc phát triển thành phố.

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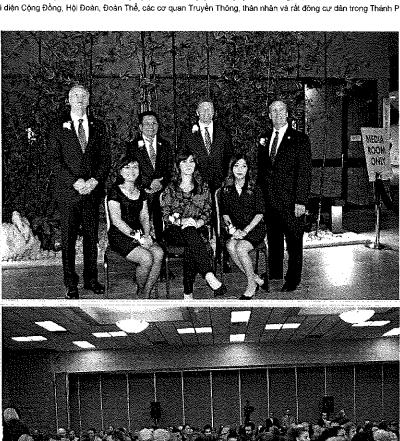
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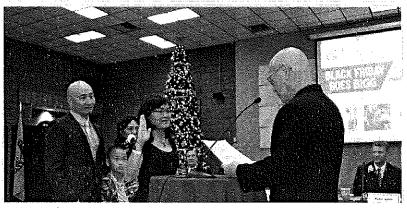


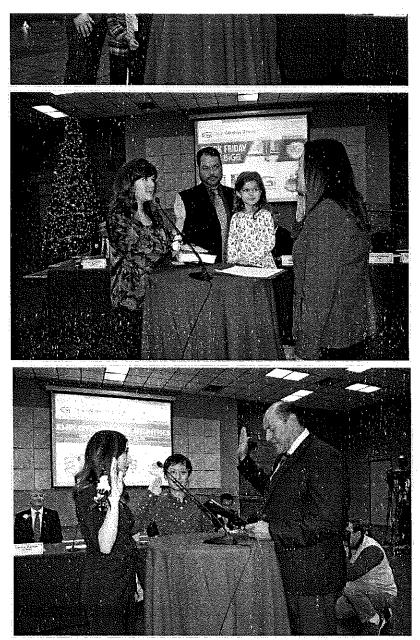












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Sau nghi thức khai mạc Thị Trưởng Bào Nguyễn cùng các Nghị Viên đã trao bằng tướng lục và qùa lưu niệm cho những nhân viên của Thành Phố về hưu. Sau đó nghị thức lễ Tuyên Thệ cho Tán Thị Trưởng Steven R. Jones do Bà Susan Emery làm lễ, Lễ tuyên thệ cho Thu Hà Nguyễn do ông Nguyễn Phục Hưng, Lễ Tuyên Thệ cho Stephanie Kiopfenstein do Thượng Nghị Sĩ Janet Nguyễn, Lễ tuyên thệ cho Kim Bernice Nguyễn do Dân Biểu Liên Bang Lou Correa.

Tiếp theo, Thị Trường Bảo Nguyễn và Nghị Viên Christopher V. Phan chúc mừng các tân cử, hai vị này cũng nói lời cảm ơn và chia tay. Trong dịp này ông Lý Vĩnh Phong, Đại diện Đân Biểu Liên Bang Lowenthall lên trao bằng tưởng lục cho Thị Trường Bảo Nguyễn và Nghị Viên Christopher V. Phan.

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Republic Services encourages the community to incorporate sustainability into their celebrations and family gatherings with seven helpful sustainability tips. #GardenGrove



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The City's Accident Reduction Team will be conducting a Bicyclist/Pedestrian Safety operation today at 2:30 p.m. at Harbor Blvd. and #GardenGrove Blvd. It's important for bicyclists and pedestrians to follow traffic safety rules, and the Garden Grove Police Department is encouraging commuters to #StayAlertGG.

Visit www.garden-grove.org/stay-alert to learn more about the Accident Reduction Team and its campaign.

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Last night. December 13, 2016, the City of Garden Grove celebrated its newly-elected Mayor and City Council Members during a Swearing-In-Ceramony and Reception.

It was an exciting moment enjoyed by approximately 200 people, including members from the community, friends and family of the Mayor and Council Members, and local and state representatives.



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The charity event will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Joe's Crab Shack in #GardenGrove, located on 12011 Harbor Boulevard

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This workshop is co-hosted by the City of Garden Grove, the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, and the Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce.

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On behalf of the City of Garden Grove, we'd like to extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the Margolin family for the recent loss of Connie Margelin.

Connie was an inspiring woman who served the community through countiess acts of volunteerism, including producing the Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant from 1986 to 1997, sitting on the board of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, and acting as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Garden Grov. . See Note



Connie Margolin, prominent backer of Miss Garden Grove pageant and the Strawberry Festival, dies

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If you're shopping in #GardenGrove this weekend, remember to save your receipts. Next week is the last chance to turn in receipts for the City's Buy In Garden Grove (BiGG) \$500 cash giveaway. To learn more about how you can win BIGG, visit https://www.d.garden-grove.ca.us/...ifinal-weekfor-BIGG-mon...

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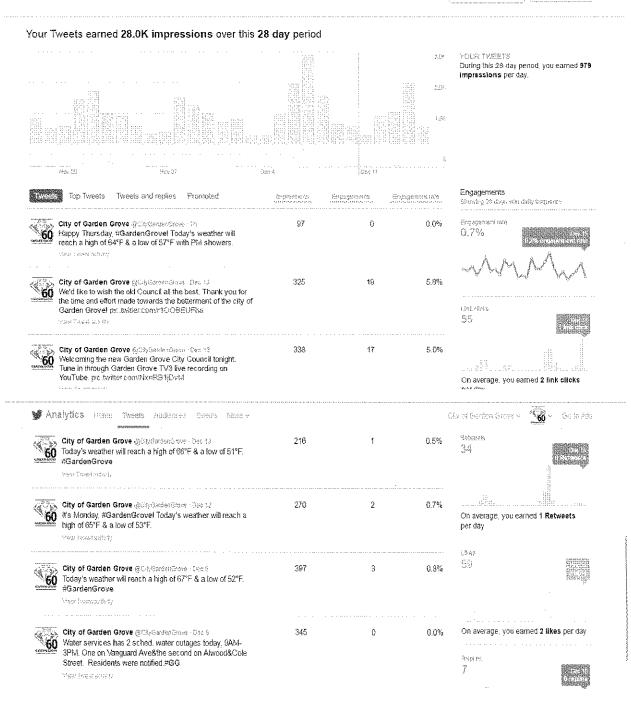
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

December 15, 2016

- 1. Calendar of Events
- 2. Notice of Cancellation of December 22, 2016 Zoning Administrator meeting.
- 3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated December 9, 2016.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 15, 2016 – January 3, 2017

	December 15 - December 24		Spark of Love Toy Drive Drop off Locations: Garden Grove Fire Stations and City Hall (City Hall closed Dec. 23-24)
Thursday	December 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC B Room CANCELLED
Thursday- Sunday	December 15- December 18		One More Productions presents "The Holiday Gem", Gem Theater
Friday	December 16	6:00 p.m 10:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance, CMC A Room
Saturday	December 17	8:00 a.m Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Monday- Wednesday	December 19- December 21	8:00 a.m.	Laughlin Getaway Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Thursday	December 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room <i>CANCELLED</i>
	December 23- January 1		City Hall Closed – Holiday Season
Tuesday	December 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Meeting, CMC A Room Sanitary District Meeting, CMC A Room Successor Agency Meeting, CMC A Room City Council Meeting, CMC A Room CANCELLED (ALL)
Wednesday	December 28	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, CMC Constitution Room CANCELLED
Thursday	December 29	10:00 a.m Noon	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's New Year's Eve Party Senior Center Dining Room
Monday	January 2		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	January 3	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting CMC Constitution Room



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

OF THE

GARDEN GROVE

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED:

December 15, 2016

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for December 22, 2016 has been cancelled.

JUDITH MOORE SECRETARY

Dec. 9, 2016 Issue #100

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2017-18 Legislature Sworn In, Senate Introduces Package of Infrastructure and Housing Bills

The Capitol was busy on Monday, Dec. 5. Members of the 2017-18 Legislature came to town to be sworn in and quickly got to business introducing a record number of bills for a first day. Along with the usual ceremony and celebrations, legislators also passionately debated resolutions on immigration. For more, see Page 2.

Sens. Atkins and Beall Introduce Key Affordable Housing Legislation League of California Cities Strongly Supports Both Measures

The League of California Cities® applauds the Senate's introduction of a meaningful and proactive infrastructure funding package that includes affordable housing. As part of the "California Rebuild" legislative package, Sen. Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) introduced SB 2, The Building Homes and Jobs Act. This measure establishes a permanent source of funding for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs via a \$75 recordation fee on real estate transaction documents. It is estimated that this fee will generate hundreds of millions of dollars annually for much needed housing. For more, see Page 3.

CalPERS Board Eying Discount Rate Reduction (Assumed Rate of Return)

With Potential Action as Soon as Dec. 20, Cities Encouraged to Share Concerns and Comments with CalPERS and the League

CalPERS reported another year of low annual investment returns in July 2016. Due to volatile financial markets and challenging global economic conditions, the country's largest pension fund reported 0.61 percent net return on investments — well below the assumed rate of return of 7.5 percent. Of additional concern, overall CalPERS pension funded status recently dropped from 73 percent funded to 68 percent. For more, see Page 3.

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Legislation Introduced on Transportation Funding, Housing and Parks

Some of the usual celebration of the swearing in day was eclipsed by legislative business, as well as some partisan rancor over immigration and reaction to the President-elect. All total, legislators introduced 113 bills and 23 resolutions.

The League began analyzing legislation introduced on Dec. 5 and will continue this work through the bill introduction deadline. Once bills have been reviewed, the League will issue its hot and priority legislation list, which will be updated periodically through the entire legislative session.

Among the 113 bills introduced on Monday is a package of infrastructure bills in the Senate named <u>"California Build."</u> The five-bill package comprises legislation on transportation funding, goods movement, housing and water.

The League on Dec. 5 published an update on the introduction of <u>SB 1 (Beall) and AB 1 (Frazier)</u>, which both address transportation funding. Published before the bills were in print, the League is preparing a comprehensive analysis. The League and the <u>Fix Our Roads Coalition</u>, of which the League is a founding member, have been engaged in an effort to urge the Legislature to pass a comprehensive and sustainable transportation funding solution to fix and maintain California's aging local and state transportation network.

Two bills in the Senate package address housing. <u>SB 2</u> (Atkins) establishes a permanent fund for affordable housing through a \$75 fee on real estate transaction documents. The League supported similar legislation in 2015 and 2016 with Assembly Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins' (D-San Diego) <u>AB 1335</u>, which ultimately failed to move in early 2016. Sen. Jim Beall's (D-San Jose) <u>SB 3</u> is a \$3 billion statewide affordable housing bond. The bill is similar to the senator's 2016 <u>SB 879</u>, which the League supported. A thorough analysis is being prepared by the League on these measures.

Immigration was a hot topic on Dec. 5 in both legislative debate and the introduction of a number of related public safety measures in both houses. Both houses adopted resolutions in response to the President-elect's campaign statements on immigration, HR 4 (Rendon) and SR 7 (de León). In addition, the introduced legislation, AB 3 (Bonta), SB 6 (Hueso), SB 21 (Hill) and SB 29 (Lara) are all aimed at protecting California's immigrant residents from policies that could be implemented under President-Elect Donald Trump's Administration.

Composition of New Legislature

Local government continues to be very well represented in the Legislature. Seventy-four percent of the Assembly came from local government. In the Senate, that number is 53 percent. These members ran for higher office after serving on city councils, county boards of supervisors and school boards.

California's changing demographics are reflected in the new Legislature, especially in the Assembly where 54 percent of members make the body majority-minority, while the transition has been slower in the Senate, according to the <u>California Research Bureau</u>. Gender balance has declined somewhat with 26 women legislators, the lowest number since the 1991-92 Legislature.

Democrats now hold a super-majority in both houses, which potentially gives the party the ability to pass tougher two-thirds measures without needing bipartisan support. The Senate has 27 Democrats, its super majority threshold, and 13 Republicans. The Assembly has 55 Democrats and 25 Republicans.

Dates and Deadlines

The Legislature will reconvene on Wednesday, Jan. 4. The Constitutional budget introduction deadline approaches fast less than a week later on Jan. 10.

Legislators and staff will also be busy submitting bill requests to the Legislative Counsel by Jan. 20 to meet the Feb. 17 bill introduction deadline for the year. Legislative policy committees ramp up typically in March but informational hearings begin early in the year. Schedules have yet to be announced but the League will provide information through *CA Cities Advocate* once it is available.

'Bills Introduced' Continued from Page 1...

"California has made significant progress recently in promoting economic and social justice and fighting climate change, but serious challenges remain, and at the top of the list is our infrastructure," said Sen. Toni Atkins. "The Senate Democrats' legislative package on infrastructure — including my bill, SB 2, to create a permanent source of funding for badly needed affordable housing — will go a long way toward improving quality of life for Californians and grow our state's economy."

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

As a companion measure, Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) introduced <u>SB 3</u>, The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018, which authorizes a \$3 billion general obligation bond to fund existing and highly successful affordable housing programs and infill infrastructure projects.

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

- \$1.5 billion to the existing Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) to assist in the
 construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing
 for persons with incomes of up to 60 percent of the area median income.
- \$600 million to the Transit-Oriented Development and Infill Infrastructure Account, which the bill creates within the Fund, and allocates as follows:
 - o \$200 million for the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program;
 - \$300 million for the Infill Infrastructure Financing Account for infill incentive grants to assist in new construction or rehabilitation of infrastructure that supports highdensity affordable and mixed-income housing; and
 - \$100 million for the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN)
 Program Fund to make grants to cities and counties to assist qualified first-time home buyers with down payments.
- \$600 million to the Special Populations Housing Account, and allocates as follows:
 - o \$300 million to the existing Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Fund; and
 - \$300 million to the Local Housing Trust Fund to provide matching grants to local public agencies and nonprofit organizations that raise money for affordable housing.
- \$300 million for the existing CalHome Program to provide direct, forgivable loans for mortgage assistance.

The League is pleased to strongly support both SB 2 and SB 3. Cities are eager to provide affordable housing, but with the loss of over \$1 billion per year of redevelopment housing funds they lack the resources to do so. These measures will go a long way to fill the gap.

'CalPERS' Continued from Page 1...

Fund Stability Concerns Growing

Concern about overall sustainability of the pension fund has been building. In September 2016, then CalPERS Chief Actuary Alan Milligan (now retired) advised the CalPERS board's Administration and Finance Committee on ways to mitigate market volatility and reduce volatility of employer contributions to bring more long-term stability to the fund. The focal point of the

recommendation was to lower the discount rate (the assumed rate of investment return), phased in over time. Specifically, the board is considering lowering the discount rate for state and local agencies effective January of 2018 from 7.50 percent to 7.25 percent — then to 7.00 percent in 2019.

CalPERS has been proactive in reaching out to the League and other local agencies to solicit feedback on this proposal through in-person meetings and an online survey. League staff has attended the in-person meetings and over 240 cities responded to the survey.

Lowering the discount rate means higher contribution rates for city employers and employees, and runs counter to previous recommendations to smooth the rate over a 20 year period. Survey results reflected that sentiment. When asked about the option of lowering the discount rate over time versus one sudden drop in the rate, 82 percent of city respondents preferred the phased-in-over-time approach. When asked to rate the level of (financial) impact lowering the discount rate in the next 12 months would have on cities, 26 percent of respondents rated the impact as "extremely high," while 42 percent rated the impact as "high."

City officials understand the importance of bringing stability to the fund while reducing spikes in employer contributions. When asked what the most important aspect to lowering the discount rate was to a city, 70 percent of respondents noted reducing the volatility of employer contributions as their primary reason for supporting a potential reduction in the discount rate.

Board May Take Action Dec. 20, Comments Encouraged Immediately

The full board could vote as early as Dec. 20 on this potential change, however, action could be delayed until February. CalPERS has asked that the League and city officials provide public comment on this pending action. League representatives and several city officials plan to be there on Dec. 20.

If your city is concerned about this proposed change, please send comments to <u>CalPERS</u> <u>Stakeholder</u> <u>Relations@calpers.ca.gov</u> or call David Teykaerts with questions at (916) 795-3991.

Reporting on California Pension Crisis

<u>CalMatters</u>, a nonprofit reporting outlet, in conjunction with the <u>Los Angeles Times</u>, has produced a series of articles on California's pending pension crisis. The articles have played a strong part in applying pressure to the CalPERS board to address the major unfunded liabilities within the system.

The articles are:

- The Pension Gap
- The Fight
- The Ruling
- The Overhaul
- The Squeeze
- The Facts

Informational Briefing: Housing — What to Expect During the 2017 Legislative Session

Free Webinar for Members

Addressing the housing affordability challenges facing California is a top priority for the League of California Cities[®] and the Legislature. Join League Legislative Representative Jason Rhine and Interim Acting Executive Director Director Dan Carrigg for a webinar being held Dec. 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. regarding pending housing related legislation and what to expect when the Legislature reconvenes on Jan. 4.

Please register for this webinar at www.cacities.org/events by Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. This webinar is free for League members and League Partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100. Two connections will be allowed per city to provide easier access for members.

Webinar log-in information will be sent on the morning of Dec. 15. For questions about how to register for the webinar, please contact <u>Megan Dunn</u>. For all other questions, please contact <u>Sarah Nowshiravan</u>.

Community Health Partnerships Resource Center Now Available

ILG recently launched an online <u>Community Health Partnerships Resource Center</u> with tools for local officials and staff interested in using collaborative approaches to address community challenges.

Made possible through the generous support of Kaiser Permanente, the resource center includes:

- The Stretching Community Dollars Guidebook;
- Examples of collaborative efforts focused on healthy eating/active living, violence prevention and safety;
- Information about the benefits of a collective impact approach; and
- Practical examples and tips on how to pursue leader-to-leader meetings between city, county and school officials.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$11 Million in Tax-Exempt Affordable Housing Bonds in Vacaville

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

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued \$11,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds for the multi-family affordable housing for Rocky Hill Veterans Apartments in Vacaville.

About Rocky Hill Veterans Apartments

Rocky Hill Veterans Apartments is the new construction of 39 affordable housing units by Community Development Partners (CDP). The benefits of the project for the city of Vacaville and Solano County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income tenants:
- 29 units are restricted for veterans (11 of which will serve chronically homeless veterans);
 and
- The project consists of 11 one-bedroom, 15 two-bedroom, and 12 four-bedroom units to house local residents, along with one manager's unit.

CSCDA and CDP partnered with Citibank to provide \$11 million in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities[®] and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-

approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit <u>CSCDA's website</u> for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

California City Solutions: Manhattan Beach Creates A Healthy Community by Committing to Blue Zones Project

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2016 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called <u>California City Solutions</u>. The Manhattan Beach Blue Zones Project was submitted in 2016 for the Health and Wellness Programs award category.

The city of Manhattan Beach made a commitment in 2010 to support the Blue Zones Project — a Beach Cities Health District (BCHD)-led wellbeing and health initiative in the Beach Cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. The Blue Zones Project uses a communitywide approach designed to make healthy choices easier where people live, work, learn and play. In Manhattan Beach, implementation of this vision focused on providing healthy food options, providing walking and bicycling infrastructure, and adopting a smoke-free policy.

What began as a *New York Times* bestseller by *National Geographic* explorer and researcher Dan Buettner, shaped the creation of the Blue Zones Project by identifying nine lifestyle principles (Power 9[®] Principles) common to areas of the world where people lived the longest. The Power 9 Principles include:

- 1. Move naturally live in environments that naturally get you moving without thinking;
- 2. Purpose;
- 3. Down shift reduce stress;
- 4. 80 percent rule stop eating when your stomach is 80 percent full;
- 5. Plant Slant or stick to a plant-based diet;
- 6. Wine @ 5 moderate alcohol intake;
- Belong engage in spirituality or religion;
- 8. Loved Ones First engage with family members; and
- 9. Right Tribe engage in social networks, people with similar health behaviors.

Becoming a <u>Blue Zones</u> Community supports the city of Manhattan Beach's strategic goal on environmental stewardship to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for the community through creation of a built environment that compliments the natural environment.

Healthy Food Alternatives

BCHD certifies that local restaurants make healthy choices available and easy to find on their menu. There are currently more than 100 Blue Zones restaurants and five grocery stores in BCHD. The city also works with the Downtown Manhattan Beach Farmers Market and Growing Great to provide and raise awareness on local produce. Growing Great teaches nutrition education through garden plots at each of the elementary schools, and is recognized by the city each Earth Day for their incredible work.

Leadership Manhattan Beach (LMB) in 2013 created an awareness campaign and raised funds for the purchase of five water filling stations so users can easily refill reusable water bottles while they are riding bikes, walking/jogging, or playing sports at the city's parks — and do away with disposable plastic pollution. Through the partnership with LMB, the city installed the stations at each of the sites and maintains them. The school district has also implemented similar fundraising campaigns in each its schools.

Active Transportation

Receiving grant funding and partnering with Grades of Green and BCHD, the city designed three walking school bus routes to encourage students to walk to school. The city installed several art inspired bicycle racks through another partnership with LMB, and held a special "Moving Planet"

community event in September 2011 to promote active transportation. The city adopted a regional bicycle master plan in November 2011, which proposed an additional 31 miles of bikeways in an effort to improve the community's bikeability and reduce auto reliance. Staff vetted the routes with South Bay Bicycle Coalition volunteers, and beginning February 2012 designated two "Bicycle Friendly Streets," installed bike route signs, installed a Class II bike lane in the downtown area, and "Sharrows" to encourage drivers to share the road with cyclists. In October 2015, a 1.25 mile Class II bike lane was installed, with an additional 1.25 miles in final design.

Breathe Free MB

A smoke-free outdoor areas policy helps protect the health of the 86.9 percent of Californians who are nonsmokers, and tackles cigarette pollution before it reaches the coast. On June 17, 2014, the Manhattan Beach City Council voted to adopt Ordinance 14-0008 to prohibit smoking in all public places in the city of Manhattan Beach and prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes wherever smoking is not allowed.

The Smoke-Free Public Places ordinance became effective in July 2014, and became eligible to be enforced after August 2014. The Breathe Free MB policy was adopted with the assistance of several volunteers who surveyed residents and local businesses to determine support for a policy that would protect families, employees, and visitors from exposure to second hand smoke. BCHD, Los Angeles County, Surf rider, and Smoke Free Areas for Everyone are a few of the key partners. The city also worked with Grades of Green and the National Charity League to promote smoking prevention to youth through annual "Kick Butts Day" activities.

The Blue Zones Project presented a very unique opportunity for Manhattan Beach to participate in a nationally recognized initiative that brought positive attention to the community, and improved the quality of life for those that live and work in Manhattan Beach. Civic engagement is a priority in Manhattan Beach, and throughout the Blue Zones Project the community was involved from planning meetings to provide input, to classes and workshops, volunteer opportunities, and special community events. Today residents are healthier and more engaged with the community than ever before.

One way to illustrate this is through the number of participants in the city's recreational programs. In 2015, the city had 662,939 attendees in our parks, fields and programs — an increase of over 150,000 participants from 2010. For a population of 36,000, that participation level is outstanding, and shows the value the community places on the availability of recreational and wellness programs.

To continue the promotion of healthy lifestyles, BCHD partners with more than 25 fitness studios connecting residents with free fitness opportunities. In 2015, more than 2,800 participated in the weekend fitness series, while over 3,000 participated in a 12-week summer series that included beach yoga and zumba in the park.

Health and wellness results in Manhattan Beach and the Beach Cities have been phenomenal. Measurements from The Gallup|Healthways Well-Being Index reported a \$12 million savings in annual healthcare costs in the Beach Cities. In 2015, Gallup reports indicated exercise has increased 5 percent, healthy eating has increased 6 percent, and smoking has decreased 28 percent.

In addition, the Beach Cities collectively earned the highest 2015 Well-Being Index score in the U.S. — outpacing all 190 metro areas measured. Individually, Manhattan Beach ranked first, with Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach ranking second and fifth nationally. Another key indicator where Manhattan Beach outpaced California, and the nation, is low smoking rates of 5.6 percent. In California that number is 13.7 percent and nationwide it is 18.8 percent.