

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**January 18, 2024**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager  
Members

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

A memo to inform the City Council about the 2024 International Week on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 through Friday, January 26, 2024 at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES  
Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS  
Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Lisa L. Kim  
Dept.: City Manager  
Subject: H. Louis Lake Senior Center  
2024 International Week

From: John Montanchez  
Dept.: Community Services  
Date: January 18, 2024

**OBJECTIVE**

To inform the City Council about the 2024 International Week taking place on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 through Friday, January 26, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each day at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

**BACKGROUND**

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be hosting the 2024 International Week, which celebrates a variety of cultures from around the world. The event will feature an assortment of cultural themed activities throughout the week.

**DISCUSSION**

The International Week event is an exciting and immersive cultural experience. Seniors can explore the rich diversity of global traditions through crafts, show and tell, performances, and food tastings. Programming will feature engaging activities, which offer insight into the histories and customs of various cultures, fostering cross-cultural understanding amongst our older adult community. This inclusive celebration invites participants to join us on a journey of cultural discovery, building connections, and fostering appreciation for other cultures from around the world. Attached is the schedule with information for this event.

**SUMMARY**

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be hosting the 2024 International Week starting Tuesday, January 23 through Friday, January 26.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ  
Community Services Director



By: Rene Camarena  
Human Services Assistant Supervisor

Attachment: Schedule for International Week Event



# INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2024

Join us from  
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
for a week of celebration as we highlight African,  
European, Hispanic, and Asian cultures  
throughout the week!

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**TUE.**  
January  
**23**

## ***Show & Tell***

***Bring some cultural clothing, memorabilia, or a family heirloom to share. Snacks.***

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**WED.**  
January  
**24**

## ***Crafts***

***Multicultural crafts will be available. Snacks.***

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**THURS.**  
January  
**25**

## ***Loteria (Bingo)***

***A Hispanic variation of your favorite Thursday activity. Snacks***

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**FRI.**  
January  
**26**

## ***Performances***

***Cultural performances. Snacks.***

**WEEKLY MEMO 01-18-2024**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

January 11, 2024 - January 17, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

**Included in this Report**

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 Garden Grove City Hall

 gardengrovecityhall



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 1/17/2024 5:14 pm PST

Seeking Affordable Housing, Supportive Services Operator [ggcity.org/news/esg-rfp](https://www.ggcity.org/news/esg-rfp) Help famili...

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- Seeking non-profit organizations with proven experience providing housing and supportive services to the homeless and at-risk populations.
- Proposals will be accepted for the following Emergency Solutions Grant activities:
  1. Street outreach
  2. Emergency shelter - serving families
  3. Homeless prevention
  4. Rapid re-housing
- Funding opportunity is for fiscal year 2024-25

TIMELINE

RELEASE JAN 19, 2024 → RFP DEADLINE FEBRUARY 8, 2024 → PROPOSAL REVIEW FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024 → RFP AWARD MAY 2024

Impressions	98
Potential Reach	4,707
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



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Wed 1/17/2024 5:11 pm PST

Help families and individuals experiencing homelessness regain long-term sustainability and find affordable...

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Impressions	1,098
Reach	1,048
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%



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Wed 1/17/2024 5:05 pm PST

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TIMELINE

RELEASE JAN 19, 2024 → RFP DEADLINE FEBRUARY 8, 2024 → PROPOSAL REVIEW FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024 → RFP AWARD MAY 2024

Impressions	180
Reach	177
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%



[@CityGardenGrove](#)  
Wed 1/17/2024 10:05 am PST

⚠️ Garden Grove Water Services has an emergency shutdown on Mayrene, between Gilbert St and Jerome Ln. The water is expected to remain off until 11:00 a.m. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.  
[#GG1956](#)

Impressions	134
Potential Reach	4,707
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%



[gardengrovecityhall](#)  
Tue 1/16/2024 2:31 pm PST

🏆 We're thrilled to announce our recent 2023 Mosquito Awareness Campaign Recognition award from the Orange...



Impressions	623
Reach	593
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.4%



[Garden Grove City Hall](#)  
Tue 1/16/2024 2:28 pm PST

🏆 We're thrilled to announce our recent 2023 Mosquito Awareness Campaign Recognition award from the Orange...



Impressions	562
Reach	562
Engagements	42
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.5%





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Mon 1/15/2024 8:01 am PST

Today, we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for his courageous and tireless work toward equality. He is...



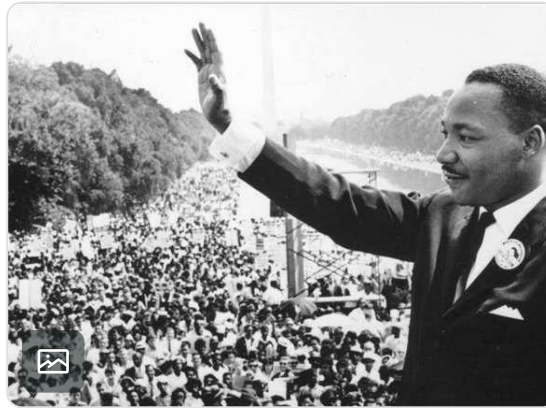
Impressions	<b>445</b>
Reach	<b>423</b>
Engagements	<b>10</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.2%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 1/15/2024 8:00 am PST

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Impressions	<b>303</b>
Reach	<b>293</b>
Engagements	<b>9</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3%</b>



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Sat 1/13/2024 10:00 am PST

On Tuesday, we proclaimed January 13, 2024, as Korean American Day, commemorating the 121 years since the...



Impressions	<b>694</b>
Reach	<b>643</b>
Engagements	<b>32</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4.6%</b>



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Sat 1/13/2024 10:00 am PST

On Tuesday, we proclaimed 1/13/24, as Korean American Day, commemorating the 121 years since the first Korean...



Impressions	165
Potential Reach	4,706
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.8%



[Garden Grove City Hall](#)

Sat 1/13/2024 10:00 am PST

On Tuesday, we proclaimed January 13, 2024, as Korean American Day, commemorating the 121 years since the...



Impressions	557
Reach	537
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



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Fri 1/12/2024 12:00 pm PST

🌟 On Tuesday, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized the @gardengrovecityhall for its notable achievements and...



Impressions	903
Reach	849
Engagements	45
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 1/12/2024 12:00 pm PST

🌟 On Tuesday, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized the @GGUSD for its notable achievements and...



Impressions	132
Potential Reach	4,707
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 1/12/2024 12:00 pm PST

🌟 On Tuesday, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized the Garden Grove Unified School District for its notable...



Impressions	716
Reach	689
Engagements	31
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%



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Fri 1/12/2024 8:00 am PST

Don't let the #Disneyland 10K or half marathon throw off your 🚗 driving groove 🌟! The **Disneyland Half Marathon...**



Impressions	2,490
Reach	1,941
Engagements	103
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 1/12/2024 8:00 am PST

Don't let the #Disneyland 10K or half marathon throw off your 🚗 driving groove 🏃! The **Disneyland Half Marathon...**



Impressions	<b>4,547</b>
Reach	<b>4,487</b>
Engagements	<b>425</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>9.3%</b>



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Thu 1/11/2024 11:40 am PST

#TBT to when the Garden Grove City Council officially welcomed Ursula Luna-Reynosa as the City's Economic...



Impressions	<b>803</b>
Reach	<b>727</b>
Engagements	<b>22</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.7%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 1/11/2024 11:36 am PST

#TBT to when the Garden Grove City Council officially welcomed Ursula Luna-Reynosa as the City's Economic...



Video Views	<b>82</b>
Impressions	<b>251</b>
Reach	<b>243</b>
Engagements	<b>5</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2%</b>



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Thu 1/11/2024 11:35 am PST

 [youtu.be/2Kz944WpNwE](https://youtu.be/2Kz944WpNwE)

[#TBT](#) to when the Garden Grove City Council officially welcomed Ursula Luna-Reynosa as the City's Economic Development and Housing Director! [@GardenGroveTV3](#) Reporter Angela Cranon has the story. [#GG1956](#)  
[#GardenGrove](#)  
[economicdevelopment](#)

Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	153
Potential Reach	4,703
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



## Post Performance

January 11, 2024 - January 17, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

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 Garden Grove Police Department

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
 Wed 1/17/2024 9:00 am PST


In Memory of Lieutenant John Reynolds, #EOW January 17, 2021. Lieutenant Reynolds became a #GardenGrovePD...




Impressions	<b>2,044</b>
Reach	<b>2,033</b>
Engagements	<b>305</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>14.9%</b>

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
 Mon 1/15/2024 8:01 am PST

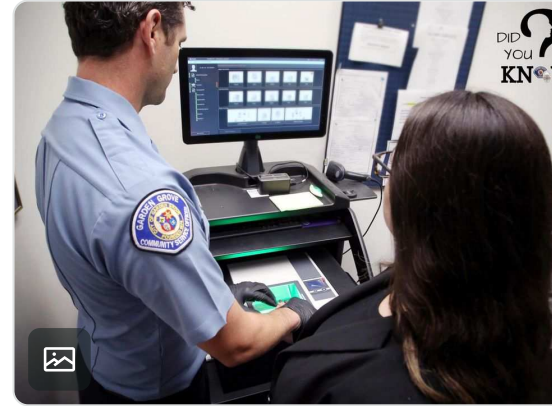
"People who have stake in their society, protect that society." ~ #MartinLutherKingJr In observance of th...



Impressions	<b>1,345</b>
Reach	<b>1,322</b>
Engagements	<b>51</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3.8%</b>

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
 Fri 1/12/2024 12:00 pm PST

#DidYouKnow, #GardenGrovePD offers Live Scan fingerprinting services to #GardenGrove residents? Live Scan is...



Impressions	<b>4,105</b>
Reach	<b>3,996</b>
Engagements	<b>132</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3.2%</b>



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# **NEWS ARTICLES**



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media



Thursday, January 18, 2024

**CITY SEEKING AFFORDABLE HOUSING,  
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES OPERATOR**

The City of Garden Grove is seeking a qualified non-profit organization to oversee the City's Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, providing supportive services to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, non-profit organizations experienced with assisting homeless individuals and families living on the street or in emergency shelters, as well as those who are at risk of becoming homeless, are invited to submit a proposal for consideration at [ggcity.org/ESG-RFP](http://ggcity.org/ESG-RFP) by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024. The submission portal will open on Friday, January 19, 2024.

Serving as the path from homelessness to permanent housing, the ESG program will help individuals and families regain long-term sustainability through street outreach efforts, providing access to programs and services, rapid re-housing, ensuring a quick exit from homelessness to affordable housing, and aiding emergency shelters with case management.

To assist with operating costs, approximately \$170,000 for the 2024/25 Fiscal Year will be awarded to the selected non-profit organizations. Funding for the ESG program is authorized through the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009, and is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

For more information and to apply for the RFP, visit [ggcity.org/ESG-RFP](http://ggcity.org/ESG-RFP) or contact

Program Specialist Dana Yang at [danay@ggcity.org](mailto:danay@ggcity.org).

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[ggcity.org](http://ggcity.org) ###

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**January 18, 2024**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the January 25, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from January 12, 2024 to January 18, 2024.
4. South Coast AQMD Newsletter, Winter 2024.
5. League of California Cities Advocate Newsletter, January 10, 2024 and January 17, 2024.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 18, 2024 – February 27, 2024

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Thursday	January 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tuesday	January 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	January 26		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	January 27	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Community Cleanup Day, Pacifica High School 6851 Lampson Ave.
Thursday	February 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	February 8	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	February 9		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	February 13	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	February 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	February 19		City Hall Closed – President’s Day
Thursday	February 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	February 23		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	February 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC



**GARDEN GROVE**

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION  
OF THE  
GARDEN GROVE  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: January 18, 2024

DAVID DENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



# Governor outlines plan to curb retail theft

Jan 17, 2024

By Jolena Voorhis, *legislative affairs lobbyist*

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a package of bills that would address retail theft and burglary. The proposed measures are a good first step towards solving the challenges identified by League of California Cities members as a [priority issue](#).

According to the [Public Policy Institute of California](#), rates of retail theft have increased in recent years, mostly in the state's largest counties. The Bay Area saw the largest increase in shoplifting.

The Governor's proposals would not amend Proposition 47, the 2017 ballot initiative that changed some nonviolent offenses to misdemeanors. He stated Prop. 47 does not need to be changed to address the current crisis. Cal Cities is part of a broad coalition advocating for changes to Prop. 47, including reducing repeat offenses without returning to the days of mass incarceration.

The proposals focus on the following issue areas:

- **Resellers.** Proposes new penalties for people engaged in retail theft to resell and those that resell the stolen property.
- **Enforcement.** Proposes changes to existing law to ensure police can arrest suspects of retail theft even if they didn't witness a crime in progress.
- **Aggregation.** Proposes clarifying that the penal code allows law enforcement to combine the value of multiple thefts — even across different victims — to reach the threshold for grand theft.
- **Auto burglary.** Proposes new penalties for professional auto burglary by increasing penalties for the possession of items stolen from a vehicle with intent to resell, regardless of whether the vehicle was locked.
- **Organized retail theft.** Proposes eliminating the sunset date for the [organized retail crime statute](#). The law, which has been effectively used by California Highway Patrol and others in the Organized Retail Crime Task Force, is set to expire on Jan. 1, 2026.

Many prominent Republican and Democratic lawmakers have put retail theft at the top of their legislative agenda this year. Some have even floated the idea of improving or revisiting Prop 47.



# Supreme Court takes up key homelessness case

Jan 17, 2024

By Sheri Chapman, *general counsel*

The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday agreed to review a lower court's ruling in *Johnson v. City of Grants Pass*. The opinion prohibits Grants Pass, Oregon, from enforcing its anti-camping ordinances against all involuntarily homeless individuals within the city.

Cal Cities partnered with the California State Association of Counties to file an [amicus brief](#) supporting the City's request the high court review the opinion. Cal Cities also anticipates filing an amicus brief on the merits of the case.

The [question](#) before the Supreme Court is "Does the enforcement of generally applicable laws regulating camping on public property constitute 'cruel and unusual punishment' prohibited by the Eighth Amendment?"

The Supreme Court's decision to review the case signals that the court may finally provide clarity on whether cities can use ordinances — one of many tools — to handle public health and safety concerns that arise from unlawful encampments on public property.

The Supreme Court's decision comes as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit made a ruling in another high-profile homelessness case. Last week, the court issued an opinion in *Coalition on Homelessness v. City and County of San Francisco* that further hamstrings cities' efforts to implement reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on camping on public property.

In that decision, the 9th Circuit confirmed that persons who are offered, but refuse shelter are not "involuntarily homeless." Therefore, cities can enforce ordinances to address concerns related to some encampments on public property. However, the court's opinion is in line with prior cases that found cities have an obligation to provide shelter before they implement anti-camping ordinances.

The dissent characterized that opinion as letting stand "an injunction permitting homeless persons to sleep *anywhere, anytime* in public in the City of San Francisco unless adequate shelter is provided."

The Supreme Court's review of *Johnson v. City of Grants Pass* should provide clarity and guidance to cities trying to respond to public health and safety concerns related to unlawful encampments on public property. With 25 amici briefs filed — 14 originating in California — there is significant interest in the high court's decision.



# What cities need to know about the first three months of CARE Court

Jan 17, 2024

By Betsy Montiel, *legislative affairs analyst*

The lead agency responsible for CARE Court released an implementation update late last year with information for existing and potential stakeholders. The League of California Cities [supported CARE Court early on](#) and provided several adopted amendments, such as a phased-in implementation period and opportunities for cities to take part in CARE plan negotiations.

An initial cohort of eight counties — Glenn, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and the City and County of San Francisco — had to start implementing the CARE Act by Oct. 1, 2023. Los Angeles implemented a CARE plan on Dec. 1, 2023. The remaining counties must begin implementation by Dec. 1, 2024.

Between October and December, 200 petitions were filed to initiate court-ordered care plans for individuals considered unlikely to safely survive in their communities. However, many individuals seeking help via the program were able to connect with supportive services without a formal petition.

The California Health & Human Services Agency (CalHHS) [projects](#) the CARE Court Program will serve over 2,000 individuals by the end of 2024 under current [eligibility requirements](#).

## Implementation background and progress

[Passed in 2022](#), CARE Court allows family members, first responders, and licensed behavioral professionals to start court-ordered care plans based on individual behavioral needs. Treatment plans are highly personalized and managed by a community care team, which connects individuals to supportive services and specialized treatment.

A [working group](#) is guiding CARE Court's implementation through 2024, with a focus on guiding principles and strategic priorities. CalHHS also created three ad hoc subgroups to include participation from key stakeholders, behavioral health experts, and members of the public. The groups also incorporate the perspectives of people with lived experience and families who have suffered alongside a family member dealing with acute behavioral health issues.

Late last year, CalHHS conducted the first round of site visits to the initial eight counties. Staff met with judges and court officials to align data collection protocols. Staff toured residential housing facilities and held discussions on outreach and engagement strategies for the program.

## CARE Court resources

The quarterly update also provides a list of resources, including the [CARE Data Dictionary](#), to ensure unified data collection and reporting across CARE counties. From



January through March, county behavioral health agencies are responsible for [submitting data reports](#) on the program's implementation.

CalHHS created a dedicated informational [website](#) for petitioners, which contains the necessary forms and process overview for submitting a court order. Currently, petitions may not be filed in the remaining counties until the Dec. 1 implementation date.

Cal Cities is committed to supporting programs that provide care to people suffering from severe mental health issues, fostering collaboration between stakeholders, and providing informational resources. For more information — including how to participate — visit the [CalHHS CARE Act website](#), the [CARE Act resource center](#), or email [info@care-act.org](mailto:info@care-act.org).



# President Daniel Parra appoints 2024 policy committee chairs and vice chairs

Jan 17, 2024

*By Cal Cities Staff*

League of California Cities President Daniel Parra announced his chair and vice chair appointments for the [2024 policy committees](#). The leadership appointments set the stage for the committees' work, which begins this week when they hold their first meetings. The work of the committees lays the foundation for Cal Cities' strong, year-round advocacy on behalf of cities.

President Parra's appointments are as follows:

## **Community Services**

- Holly Tillman, Council Member, Clayton (Chair)
- Rachel Hernandez, Council Member, Riverbank (Vice Chair)

## **Environmental Quality**

- Illece Buckley Weber, Mayor, Agoura Hills (Chair)
- Max Perrey, Council Member, Mill Valley (Vice Chair)

## **Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations**

- Frank Yokoyama, Council Member, Cerritos (Chair)
- Jaime Patino, Council Member, Union City (Vice Chair)

## **Housing, Community, and Economic Development**

- Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Council Member, Morgan Hill (Chair)
- Wes Speake, Council Member, Corona (Vice Chair)

## **Public Safety**

- Claudia M. Frometa, Council Member, Downey (Chair)
- Tessa Rudnick, Mayor, El Cerrito (Vice Chair)

## **Revenue and Taxation**

- Kuldip Thusu, Council Member, Dinuba (Chair)
- Kevin Bash, Mayor, Norco (Vice Chair)

## **Transportation, Communications, and Public Works**

- Colleen Wallace, Council Member, Banning (Chair)
- Fred Jung, Mayor Pro Tem, Fullerton (Vice Chair)

Cal Cities' policymaking process creates a platform for city leaders to discuss the top issues facing California's cities and establish the organization's policy directions. Over 400 city officials serve on policy committees and add their collective expertise, wisdom, and opinions to the organization. Policy committee recommendations are forwarded to the Cal Cities Board of Directors for action.

For questions about the policy committee appointment process, please contact [Associate Manager of Legislative Administration Meg Desmond](#).



Governing Board Member

# Carlos Rodriguez

Cities of Orange County



South Coast Air Quality Management District

Newsletter

Winter 2024

## South Coast AQMD Partnership to Pioneer a Fuel Cell Locomotive and Infrastructure for Zero-Emission Trucks

South Coast AQMD was awarded \$76 million from the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), partnering with Wabtec Corporation (Wabtec) and Prologis Mobility to pioneer the demonstration of a liquid hydrogen fuel cell freight locomotive and infrastructure to support zero-emission battery and fuel cell trucks in the South Coast Air Basin.

The award from CalSTA also leverages funding support secured by California's U.S. Senators, the Department of Energy, and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to implement these projects that will cost over \$200 million. In Southern California, where over 80% of nitrogen oxides, the key precursor of ozone and particulate matter, comes from mobile sources, including trucks, trains and ocean-going vessels, transitioning to zero-emission technologies is essential. This work will revolutionize the goods movement transportation sector and contribute to significant regional air quality improvement. Specifically, South Coast AQMD and partners will develop the first-of-its-kind hydrogen fuel cell locomotive to showcase both innovation and the reduction of mobile source emissions.



Additionally, installing 376 Direct Current Fast Chargers and 19 hydrogen refueling dispensers for the goods movement trucks will mark a significant step towards cleaner transportation by building much needed infrastructure supporting heavy-duty zero-emission trucks. More than 7,600 jobs will be created while 1.7 tons of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and 632 tons of nitrogen oxide (NOx) will be reduced in the Basin. One compelling aspect is the potential to replace diesel trucks with more than 2,100 zero-emission trucks with the support of faster charging options.

These initiatives align with South Coast AQMD's 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which aims to meet federal air quality standards by rapidly adopting zero-emission technologies in the goods movement sector.

## Happy New Year!

Welcome to my newsletter for the residents and businesses of Orange County. My goal is to help keep you informed about the policies and programs at South Coast AQMD that improve the air quality in our basin, which benefit you, our cities, and our economy. If you have suggestions for improving air quality, or on how we can do business at South Coast AQMD, please feel free to contact me at [crodriguez.scaqmd@gmail.com](mailto:crodriguez.scaqmd@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez,  
Yorba Linda City Council

## How to Engage in South Coast AQMD Meetings and Upcoming Rule Forecast



South Coast AQMD strongly encourages public participation in its rule development process. By getting involved, individuals have greater impact on new and amended rules and can provide their input in the process. Joining forces with South Coast AQMD also helps people learn about air pollution risks to which they are exposed and how to minimize exposure.

Those who'd like to get involved can check South Coast AQMD [meeting agendas](#), current and past [webcasts](#), agency [news](#), and upcoming events [calendar](#). You can also learn more about ongoing [community investigations](#) and other [public information](#), all of which can be found on the agency's website at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov). You can also [sign-up](#) to receive email notifications on upcoming events, rulemaking, and programs of interest.

Check the agendas, as many meetings can be attended virtually. By participating in these meetings, individuals can give input on proposed rules or amendments to existing rules. Many meetings provide the opportunity to sign up or raise your hand and provide public comment, either virtually or in-person.

The following presentation and proposed amended rules and regulations are tentatively

scheduled for hearings at upcoming Governing Board meetings:

### January

#### Proposed Amended Rule 1180:

*Petroleum Refinery and Related Operations Fenceline and Community Air Monitoring*

#### Proposed Rule 1180.1:

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# Get Help from the Small Business Assistance and Local Government and Community Relations Programs

South Coast AQMD has staff dedicated to helping small business owners and local government representatives by providing information on general air quality, rules, permitting, compliance, and programs to help businesses and residents.

The Small Business Assistance Office staff helps small business owners to comply with South Coast AQMD rules and regulations, permit conditions, and recordkeeping through a variety of services offered, and act as advocates. They can help small business operators find out which rules apply to their operations, how to meet South Coast AQMD's requirements, and how to keep records.

Contact the Small Business Assistance team at 1-800-388-2121 or email [smallbizassistance@aqmd.gov](mailto:smallbizassistance@aqmd.gov) for free assistance find out which rules affect your business, or get help with fee review requests, compliance issues, variance petitions, permit applications, air quality permit checklists, and clearance letters.

Under the Local Government and Community Relations Program, our staff directly assists the public, community organizations, educational institutions, cities, counties, special districts, and other governmental entities. Our team can provide information and assistance on a broad range of topics such as South Coast AQMD and air quality, how to file a complaint, and programs to help clean the air.

To contact the Local Government and Community Relations staff, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/contact/regional-contacts>.



## New Year's Resolutions to Reduce Air Pollution

A new year is beginning, which means it is time to set (and stick to) New Year's Resolutions! This year, I encourage you to add a few simple ways you can help reduce air pollution to your list.

- **Refrain from Burning Wood –**

Wood burning contributes to air pollution and is considered the other secondhand smoke. Improve your health and reduce PM2.5 emissions by switching to more eco-friendly methods of heating your home.



- **Take Public Transportation –**

More people on the bus, train and Metro means less cars on the road.



- **Carpool –**

Build some camaraderie with your coworkers and take turns driving to work.



- **Walk or Ride a Bike –**

Try walking or riding a bike instead of relying on your vehicle, particularly for short trips.



- **Turn Off Your Lights, Electric Appliances and Devices –**

If you aren't using it, turn it off! Using a surge protector for lamps, appliances and devices can make turning them off much easier. You may also save a few dollars on your electric bill.



- **Avoid Idling in Your Vehicle –**

If your car isn't going anywhere, save energy and gas by turning it off.



- **Switch to a More Efficient Vehicle –**

Automakers are continuing to release new electric, zero and near-zero emission vehicles for all types of budgets. You could be eligible to receive up to \$12,000 with South Coast AQMD's Replace Your Ride Program. More information is available at [www.replaceyourride.com](http://www.replaceyourride.com).





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Don Benninghoven, former Cal Cities executive director, passed away in November after a two-year battle with cancer. Don was a highly respected voice for cities and was known for being a skilled negotiator, his ability to resolve conflicts, great empathy, and his capacity for finding common ground. [Read more](#)

## ◆ Message from Executive Director and CEO

### [Honoring homelessness funding is positive – but Cal Cities is concerned about cuts to housing programs in proposed 2024-25 State Budget](#)

"We welcome the Governor's commitment to working closely with the Legislature on additional, ongoing funding to support local governments' response to the homelessness crisis. ... However, we can't afford to defer or delay the urgent need to put a roof over the heads of all Californians. That's why we are concerned about the roughly \$1 billion in proposed cuts to key housing programs." [Read more](#)

## ◆ Education and Events

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**Tuesday, Jan. 16, 11:00 a.m.** — Daniel Parra has served on the Fowler city council for over a decade, where he played a key role in revitalizing the city's downtown using redevelopment funds. He also now serves as the city manager for Orange Cove. Join President Parra for the latest installment of Cal Cities' Speaker Series, where he will share his personal story, insights on advocating for issues important to California cities, and priorities for the year as Cal Cities president. [Register today](#)

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## Opportunities for Cities

### **Cal Cities-sponsored bond agency issues \$10 million in tax-exempt bonds**

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority issued \$10 million in tax-exempt 501c3 nonprofit bonds for the city of Rancho Cucamonga. Pepperwood Apartments is the rehabilitation of 230 affordable housing apartments. The apartments will remain 100% affordable and provide studio, one-, and two-bedroom apartments to very low and low-income residents. [Read more](#)

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## More News for Cities

### **ICYMI: New federal report underscores the need to increase funding for affordable housing and supportive services**

A new federal report found that roughly a third of all homelessness and half of all unsheltered homelessness occurs in California. The number of people experiencing homelessness in California increased by nearly 6% over the last year. The information comes as organizations like Cal Cities call on the state to increase its investments in supportive services and affordable housing. [Read more](#)

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### **Cities as laboratories of democracy: Partnership, service & innovation**



“As a practicing scientist, I quickly realized that governing felt familiar to me,” writes NLC President David Sander (Mayor, Rancho Cordova). “I was experimenting with strategies: hypothesizing, changing variables, reinventing processes and observing the impacts, all in the pursuit of building an amazing new city. ... Our cities, towns and villages are like laboratories — places for discovery, where we have the opportunity to explore new ideas and experiment with solutions to gain a broader understanding of the world.” [Read more](#)

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## **Western City Spotlight**

### **Essential tips for effective city council meetings**



Effective governance doesn't happen by chance. There is a cadence to a successful meeting, with a long chain of steps that start well before the meeting starts. Here are some best practices for smoother, more effective council meetings that staff and elected officials alike can use. [Read more](#)

## **Cal Cities in the News**

**Sacramento jumps into California's robo-taxi wars**, Jan. 9, *Politico*, *Net News Daily*, and 4 others

... "From first-line responders to public works directors to city council members to mayors, this is one of those top issues I keep hearing about over and over again," said Damon Conklin, a lobbyist for the League of California Cities, a local government group with significant clout in Sacramento. "The current process usurps all that local control and decision making." Among the requirements local governments could consider, Conklin said, are caps on the number of vehicles allowed, buffer zones around places like schools and more ways for first responders to intervene when vehicles are in their way. [Read more](#)

**[Appeals Court Denies Berkeley Petition for Rehearing on Natural Gas Code](#)**, Jan. 5, *Energy NewsData*

... The City of Berkeley and roughly two dozen other California government bodies used the public health and safety angle, rather than reach codes, to prohibit gas connections in new buildings ... League of California Cities General Counsel Sheri Chapman told California Energy Markets via email that the organization "is disappointed" in the decision. ... Cal Cities supports the City of Berkeley, she said, and continues to support cities in the creation of local regulations to protect their communities. [Read more](#)

**[As homeless people become more visible, some cities and states take a tougher line](#)**, Jan. 3, *Stateline*, *The Orange County Register*, and 32 others

... League of California Cities point to the billions of dollars public officials have spent on supportive services, outreach teams, emergency shelters, rental subsidies, micro-dwellings and safe camping sites with 24-hour security, bathrooms and storage. It hasn't been enough. "Homelessness in California is a complex problem with many root causes, and it demands a comprehensive solution," [CSAC and Cal Cities] argue in [their amicus brief supporting Grants Pass]. Enforcing camping restrictions, they say, "is a critical component to the overall well-being of the community." [Read more](#)

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The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday agreed to review a lower court's ruling that stops California cities from enforcing anti-camping ordinances when there aren't enough shelter beds available. Cal Cities had urged the court to review the case and will likely file an amicus brief on the merits of the case. [Read more](#)

### **What cities need to know about the first three months of CARE Court**



The lead agency responsible for CARE Court released an implementation update late last year with information for existing and potential stakeholders. Cal Cities helped secure several changes to the program, such as a phased-in implementation period and opportunities for cities to participate. [Read more](#)

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### **[Free federal grant bootcamp registration open now through Feb. 2](#)**

The Local Infrastructure Hub is accepting applications for a series of bootcamps that help small and mid-sized cities develop competitive, data-driven federal grant applications. The pro-bono bootcamps will focus on six transportation, roadway, electric vehicle, climate resilience, and clean water grant opportunities. Space is limited and preference will be given to early enrollees. Registration closes Feb. 2. [Apply today](#)

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League of California Cities President Daniel Parra announced his chair and vice chair appointments for the 2024 policy committees. The leadership appointments set the stage for the committees' work, which begins this week when they hold their first meetings. The work of the committees lays the foundation for Cal Cities' strong, year-round advocacy on behalf of cities. [Read more](#)

### **NLC President David Sander talks about taking risks to build better cities**

Earlier this month, NLC President David Sander (Mayor, Rancho Cordova) joined the NLC podcast to talk about what it was like to help build a new city from the ground up and why it's so important that local leaders take big risks to deliver big outcomes. The short, monthly podcast is an entertaining resource for local policymakers looking for new ideas to bring back to their communities. [Listen to the podcast](#)

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### [How does CARE Court, California's new legal approach to behavioral health care, work?](#)



The CARE Act takes a novel, albeit controversial, approach to mental health care. Unlike previous laws, it focuses on incentivizing long-term treatment rather than imprisonment or involuntary commitment. Seven counties have already begun implementation. The rest must follow suit in 2024. [Read more](#)

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### [California budget plan to delay housing funding for Stanislaus Care Court. What else?](#) Jan. 10, *The Modesto Bee* and *Yahoo! News*

Stanislaus County officials are concerned about delays in funding for housing connected with CARE Court and a substance use treatment effort, after taking a look at Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposal to deal with a \$37.9 billion state budget deficit. ... The League of California Cities released a statement noting that funding for services



assisting the homeless remains in the state budget, but a proposed \$1 billion in cuts to housing programs is a setback for efforts to house homeless people. [Read more](#)

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