

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
February 10, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Maria Stipe, Assistant City Manager
Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. LETTER OF SUPPORT – AB 1595 VETERANS CEMETERY, COUNTY OF ORANGE

A copy of letter of support from Mayor Jones for AB 1595 – Veterans Cemetery, Orange County is included for your information.

B. TOBACCO LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT AWARD PROGRAM

The memorandum conveys information about the Tobacco Law Enforcement Grant award to the City by the Department of Justice.

• **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.



Maria Stipe
Assistant City Manager



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

February 8, 2022

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva
Assemblymember, 65th District
1440 North Harbor Boulevard, Suite 270
Fullerton, CA 92835

The Honorable Steven Choi, Ph.D.
Assemblymember, 68th District
3240 El Camino Real, Suite 110
Irvine, CA 92602

Steve Jones

Mayor

Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen
Mayor Pro Tem - District 3

George S. Brietigam
Council Member - District 1

John R. O'Neill
Council Member - District 2

Patrick Phat Bui
Council Member - District 4

Stephanie Klopfenstein
Council Member - District 5

Kim Bernice Nguyen
Council Member - District 6

SUBJECT: AB 1595 –Veterans Cemetery, County of Orange – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Quirk-Silva and Assemblymember Choi:

On behalf of the City of Garden Grove, thank you for authoring Assembly Bill (AB) 1595 to allow the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to design, develop, and construct a state-operated veterans cemetery in Orange County. Home to former Army, Navy, and Marine bases and an estimated 104,949 veterans, Orange County is California's largest county without a veterans cemetery.

On July 27, 2021, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved allocating \$20 million exclusively for site development of a veterans cemetery at Gypsum Canyon and adopted a resolution to move forward with planning and developing a site to honor and respect the men and women who served our great country. The Board previously allocated over 200 acres of county-owned land at Gypsum Canyon in Anaheim Hills near the intersection of the 91 freeway and 241 toll road, which has been deeded to the Orange County Cemetery District (OCCD) for the purpose of building a veterans cemetery.

The County and OCCD have met with CalVet regarding the Gypsum Canyon site. CalVet is aware that the property will have a separate public civilian cemetery adjacent to it, and that it will be constructed and financed by OCCD separately from a veterans cemetery. OCCD will pay all costs to bring utilities and shared infrastructure to the property.

After years of delay due to lack of consensus on a location, the County's \$20 million commitment along with OCCD's financing plan offer an unprecedented opportunity to immediately begin funding the site. All 34 Orange County cities have adopted resolutions supporting the Gypsum Canyon site. In addition, a bipartisan majority of Orange County state and federal delegation members, numerous veterans organization leaders, and more than 140 local elected officials all

enthusiastically support a veterans cemetery at Gypsum Canyon. However, legislation is needed to amend the Military & Veterans Code in order to proceed.

AB 1595 would allow CalVet to acquire, study, design, develop, construct, and equip a state-owned and state-operated Southern California Veterans Cemetery in Orange County so that we may honor the men and women who served our country and who deserve the right to be buried in Orange County. For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove supports AB 1595.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Jones
Mayor

Cc: Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin – Chair, Assembly Military & Veterans Affairs Committee
Senator Bob Archuleta – Chair, Senate Military & Veterans Affairs Committee
Christian Burkin – Chief Consultant, Assembly Military & Veterans Affairs Committee
Veronica Badillo – Staff Director, Senate Military & Veterans Affairs Committee
Members, Orange County Legislative Delegation
Members, Orange County Board of Supervisors

TOBACCO LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT AWARD PROGRAM

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5. Provide support for Retailer Training through education.

FISCAL IMPACT

The DOJ grant program does not require a match from the City. The expected yearly cost includes a full-time contractual Tobacco Code Enforcement Officer, operating expenses, enforcement supplies, and administrative costs. There is no impact to the City's General Fund.

CONCLUSION

The next step in the grant award process is for the DOJ to finalize the budget adjustments, and draft the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City. Proposal for the awarded contract, MOU terms, and Resolution are anticipated to be presented to the City Council in the first quarter of 2022.



Lisa L. Kim
Assistant City Manager
Community and Economic Development Director

By: Alana Cheng, Administrative Officer

Attachment 1: Department of Justice Letter Award Notification and Letter of Intent.



DIVISION OF OPERATIONS
TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM
P.O. BOX 160187
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-0187
Telephone: (916) 210-6422
E-Mail Address: TobaccoGrants@doj.ca.gov

November 18, 2021

Scott C. Stiles, City Manager
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Re: Tobacco Grant Award Notification FY 21/22

Dear Scott C. Stiles:

Congratulations! On behalf of the California Department of Justice, I am excited to inform you that your agency's grant application for funds authorized under the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 has been approved for Funding in the amount of \$467,699¹.

The California Department of Justice was excited to receive applications totaling over \$71 million to support local law enforcement agencies in educating minors about the harms of tobacco products, enforcing state and local tobacco laws, and conducting retailer enforcement. Consequently, some awards were approved with modifications.

In order to accept the award, your agency must, within 15 calendar days of the date of this letter, respond with a signed Letter of Intent (template attached) affirming either 1) your agency will seek a resolution to accept the award, if your agency has a governing body; or 2) no governing body exists and no resolution is required. The letter can be sent via email to TobaccoGrants@doj.ca.gov with subject line "FY 21-22_Letter of Intent_City of Garden Grove" and/or hard copy to:

✓ CA Department of Justice
Division of Operations
Tobacco Grant Program
P.O. Box 160187
Sacramento, CA 95816-0187

If the Letter of Intent is **only** being sent via hard copy, it must be postmarked within 15 days of the date of this letter. Upon receipt of the Letter of Intent, the Local Assistance Unit

¹Award amounts are subject to change due to appeals or declinations of awards.

12/9 emailed & mailed

November 18, 2021

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within the California Department of Justice will provide documents as part of your grant agreement (Memorandum of Understanding, Handbook, etc.).

Also provided with the electronic version of this letter are the Award Summary and approved Budget Detail which will reflect any necessary modifications. If you wish to realign the approved funds, please reference the attached instruction sheet and return your revised Budget Detail with your letter of intent.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 210-7006 or at TobaccoGrants@doj.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

**Stacy
Heinsen**

Digitally signed by Stacy
Heinsen
Date: 2021.11.17
17:32:57 -08'00'

**STACY HEINSEN
Manager, Tobacco Grant Program**

For **ROB BONTA
Attorney General**



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

(714) 741-5100

December 1, 2021

Department of Justice
Division of Operations
Tobacco Grant Program
PO Box 160187
Sacramento, CA 95816-0187

Steve Jones

Mayor

Kim Bernice Nguyen

Mayor Pro Tem - District 6

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Stephanie Klopfenstein

Council Member - District 5

RE: **Letter of Intent to Accept the Tobacco Grant Program Award**
(FY 2021-22)

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this as affirmation that our agency intends to accept the Tobacco Grant Program award in the amount of \$467,699.

This option applies to our agency (choose one):

- Our agency will seek a resolution from our governing body in order to accept the award, or
 Our agency has no governing body, and will not require a resolution in order to accept the award.

Sincerely,

Scott Stiles
City Manager

WEEKLY MEMO 2-10-2022

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 2/3/2022 9:44 am PST

Garden Grove does it again🔥 The Orange County Fire Authority is proud to announce the opening of Cadet Post 11 in the City ...



Impressions	1,925
Reach	1,852
Engagements	38
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 2/3/2022 9:49 am PST

Garden Grove does it again🔥 The OCFA is proud to announce the opening of Cadet Post 11 in the City of GG. Interested in...



Impressions	142
Potential Reach	4,507
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	0.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 2/3/2022 11:33 am PST

Interested in protecting the community from vectors and vector-borne diseases?🦟 If so, Orange County Mosquito and Vecto...



Why Join the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control Team

- Starting Pay \$17.75
- Make a Difference in the Community
- Learn New Skills

Benefits
Competitive Pay

Open the Camera App
Scan the QR Code
Click on web link to Apply

Impressions	2,331
Reach	2,237
Engagements	72
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.1%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Thu 2/3/2022 11:43 am PST

Interested in protecting the community from vectors and vector-borne diseases? 🦟 If so, Orange County Mosquito and Vecto...




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Benefits
Competitive Pay

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Impressions	164
Potential Reach	4,488
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.8%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Fri 2/4/2022 8:53 am PST

 In observance of the Presidents' Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the temporary City Hall lobby services buildi...



Impressions	444
Reach	414
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.2%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Fri 2/4/2022 8:54 am PST

 In observance of the Presidents' Day holiday, Garde Grove City Hall and the temporary City Hall lobby services buildi...



Impressions	149
Potential Reach	4,488
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	0.7%



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Fri 2/4/2022 9:10 am PST

🇺🇸 In observance of the Presidents' Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the temporary City Hall lobby services buildi...



Impressions	914
Reach	866
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 2/4/2022 11:43 am PST

Residents, your input is needed! 🚌 OCTA is conducting the Making Better Connections study which will reevaluate...



Impressions	804
Reach	779
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.4%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 2/4/2022 11:44 am PST

Residents, your input is needed! 🚌 OCTA is conducting the Making Better Connections study which will reevaluate the bus...



Impressions	184
Potential Reach	4,508
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sat 2/5/2022 9:33 am PST

The City's Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets returns Saturday, April 2, from 2PM-6PM!



Impressions	3,344
Reach	3,344
Engagements	172
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	5.1%



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Sat 2/5/2022 2:23 pm PST

#SaveTheDate! The City's Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets event is back! 🚲🚲 Saturday, April 2, 2022, 2PM-6P...



Impressions	2,186
Reach	2,003
Engagements	120
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	5.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sat 2/5/2022 2:23 pm PST

#SaveTheDate! The City's Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets event is back! 🚲🚲 Saturday, April 2, 2022, 2PM-6P...



Impressions	1,073
Reach	1,071
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Sat 2/5/2022 2:39 pm PST

Sat, April 2, 2-6PM, #GardenGrove streets will be car-free to ride, bike, and walk. 🚲 🚸 A number of activities are...



Impressions	267
Potential Reach	4,488
Engagements	28
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	10.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 2/7/2022 9:54 am PST

🔊 The Tuesday, February 8 Garden Grove City Council meeting will be conducted telephonically. In an effort to protect pub...



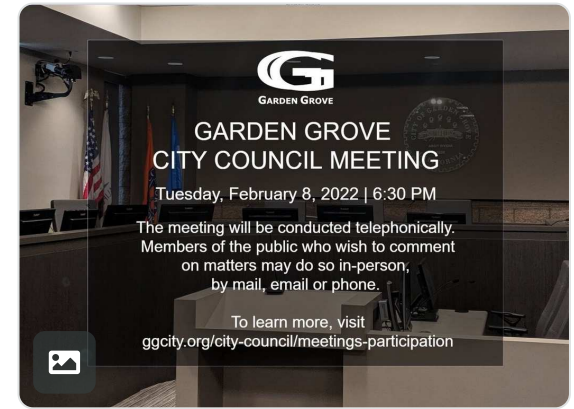
Impressions	873
Reach	860
Engagements	27
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%



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Mon 2/7/2022 9:57 am PST

The community is encouraged to view the meeting online or by television at youtube.com/c/GardenGroveT... or...



Impressions	167
Potential Reach	4,507
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 2/7/2022 2:55 pm PST

🔔 ! Attention The Garden Grove Police Department lobby, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, and all other Community...



Impressions	2,518
Reach	2,447
Engagements	113
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.5%



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Mon 2/7/2022 2:55 pm PST

🔔 ! Attention The Garden Grove Police Department lobby, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, and all other Community...



Impressions	1,489
Reach	1,382
Engagements	43
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.9%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 2/7/2022 2:55 pm PST

🔔 ! Attention The Garden Grove Police Department lobby, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, and all other Community...



Impressions	224
Potential Reach	4,490
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 2/7/2022 4:23 pm PST

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES UP TO \$35/HR 🍃 The City is seeking multiple part-time staff to fill the positions of Pool...



Impressions	8,642
Reach	7,491
Engagements	920
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	10.6%



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Mon 2/7/2022 4:26 pm PST

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES UP TO \$35/HR 🍃 The City is seeking multiple part-time staff to fill the positions of Pool...



Impressions	1,640
Reach	1,512
Engagements	43
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.6%



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Mon 2/7/2022 4:29 pm PST

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES UP TO \$35/HR 🍃 The City is seeking multiple PT staff to fill the positions of Pool Manager,...



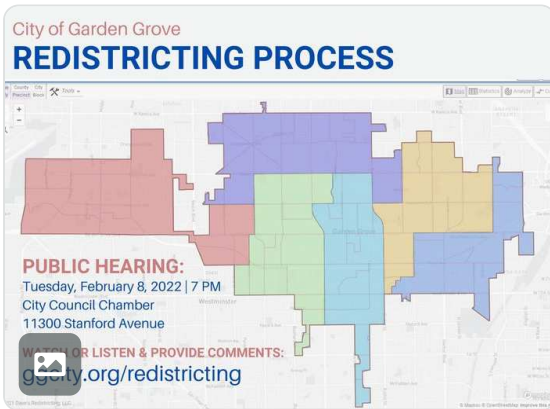
Impressions	173
Potential Reach	4,508
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	10.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 2/8/2022 8:51 am PST

📍 Be a part of the process that will help define the six Garden Grove City Council districts by participating in tonight's pub...



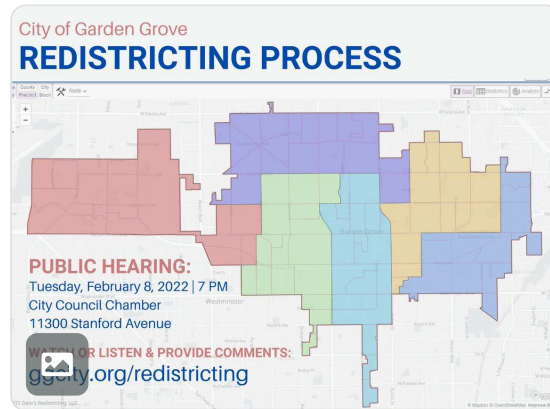
Impressions	352
Reach	347
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 2/8/2022 8:55 am PST

📍 Be a part of the process that will help define the six GG City Council districts by participating in the public hearing. The...



Impressions	172
Potential Reach	4,509
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 2/8/2022 11:00 am PST

🚌 OCTA Alerts Bus Passengers of Potential Strike: OCTA has been notified about a potential coach operator's strike as soon...



Impressions	1,592
Reach	1,543
Engagements	70
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.4%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 2/8/2022 11:06 am PST

🚌 OCTA Alerts Bus Passengers of Potential Strike: [@goOCTA](#) has been notified about a potential coach operator's strike as so...



Impressions	158
Potential Reach	4,509
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	7.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 2/8/2022 2:07 pm PST

Teens: It's time to get linked-in! 📧 Join us this Thursday, February 10, for the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative's Career...



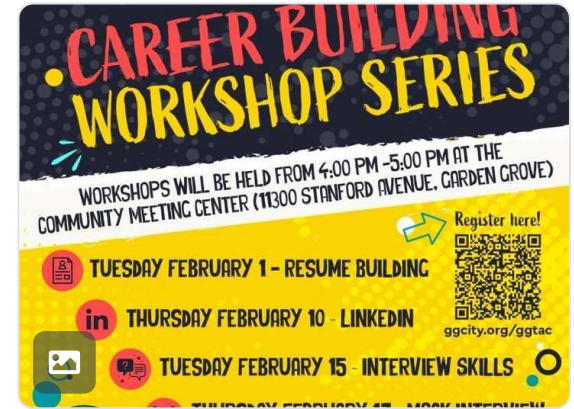
Impressions	616
Reach	601
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



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Tue 2/8/2022 2:07 pm PST

Teens: It's time to get linked-in! 📧 Join us this Thursday, February 10, for the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative's Career...



Impressions	615
Reach	600
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Tue 2/8/2022 2:07 pm PST

Teens: It's time to get linked-in! 📝 Join us this Thursday, February 10, for the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative's Career...



CAREER BUILDING WORKSHOP SERIES
WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD FROM 4:00 PM -5:00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER (11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE)
Register here!
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1 - RESUME BUILDING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10 - LINKEDIN
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15 - INTERVIEW SKILLS
ggcity.org/ggtac

Impressions	144
Potential Reach	4,491
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.2%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 2/8/2022 2:24 pm PST



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N STREETS
AY, APRIL 2, 2022
- 6:00 PM
streets, pop-up activities
the Civic Center!
ggcity.org/openstreets

Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 2/8/2022 4:52 pm PST

February is Black History Month ✨ This month, let's honor and celebrate the achievements of African Americans and...



CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY
GARDEN GROVE

Impressions	658
Reach	638
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 2/8/2022 4:52 pm PST

February is Black History Month ✨ This month, let's honor and celebrate the achievements of African Americans and...



Impressions	289
Potential Reach	5,454
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1%



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Tue 2/8/2022 4:53 pm PST

February is Black History Month ✨ This month, let's honor and celebrate the achievements of African Americans and...



Impressions	487
Reach	453
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%




Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 2/9/2022 8:18 am PST


👉 We'd like to thank the two dozen volunteers who helped make the City and Garden Grove Police Department's Fall...



Video Views	121
Impressions	351
Reach	334
Engagements	34
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.7%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 2/9/2022 8:26 am PST

👉 We'd like to thank the two dozen volunteers who helped make the City and @gardengrovecityhall's Fall 2021 Community...




Video Views	141
Impressions	366
Reach	354
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%

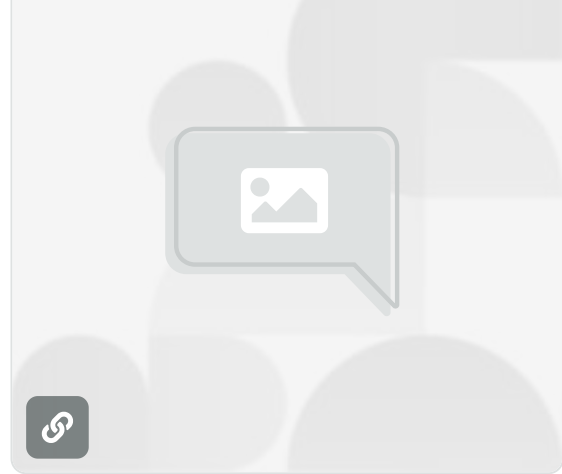
 **@CityGardenGrove**
Wed 2/9/2022 8:34 am PST

[▶youtube.com/watch?v=qCPI1z...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCPI1z...) We'd like to thank the volunteers who helped make the Fall 2021 CERT program a success! Individuals were trained to prepare for, recover from disasters & learned life-saving skills. They're prepared to assist the community during an emergency. **#GG1956**

Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	79
Potential Reach	4,511
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Wed 2/9/2022 8:51 am PST

Garden Grove City Hall updated t...



Post Link Clicks	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 2/9/2022 12:01 pm PST

NEW COMMUNITY COVID TESTING SITE AT TOYOTA PLACE Located at 9670 Trask Avenue, Toyota Place #GardenGrove is...

Impressions	565
Reach	552
Engagements	31
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 2/9/2022 12:05 pm PST

NEW COMMUNITY COVID TESTING SITE AT TOYOTA PLACE Located at 9444 Trask Avenue, Toyota Place #GardenGrove is...

Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,883
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 2/9/2022 4:38 pm PST

🏆 We have outstanding individuals in #GardenGrove, and one of them was recently named a 🏆 2021 Outstanding...



Impressions	902
Reach	900
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%



gardengrovecityhall

Wed 2/9/2022 4:41 pm PST

🏆 We have outstanding individuals in #GardenGrove, and one of them was recently named a 🏆 2021 Outstanding...



Impressions	885
Reach	738
Engagements	38
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 2/7/2022 12:00 pm PST

Over the weekend, Community Impact Unit (CIU) Officers were conducting directed enforcement in the area of Lampson Ave...



Impressions	9,152
Reach	8,790
Engagements	986
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	10.8%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 2/5/2022 4:35 pm PST

Happy Lunar New Year! Come out to the Tet Festival at the OC Fair and talk to us about a career in law enforcement. We'll...



Video Views	843
Impressions	1,491
Reach	1,432
Engagements	200
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	13.4%




Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 2/5/2022 9:20 am PST


#PhysicalAgilityTesting is happening right now. Good luck to all our applicants going through the test! If you missed our...




Impressions	5,015
Reach	4,946
Engagements	367
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	7.3%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Fri 2/4/2022 6:30 pm PST


The #GardenGrovePD front lobby will be returning to regular operations Monday, February 7, 2022. Our hours are Monday...




Impressions	4,740
Reach	4,340
Engagements	87
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.8%

 **ggpdk9unit**
 Fri 2/4/2022 9:47 am PST


Enjoying a day off. @k9commander
 #GGPD32 #GGPD #GGPDK9Unit #Police
 #PoliceOfficer #Cops #Code3...



Impressions	455
Reach	415
Engagements	90
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	19.8%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Thu 2/3/2022 12:00 pm PST

#DidYouKnow, #GardenGrovePD offers the Text to 9-1-1 service? This service is available to everyone in Orange County...



Impressions	6,897
Reach	6,787
Engagements	330
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.8%



Garden Grove TV 3

Wed 2/9/2022 8:40 am PST

👉 We'd like to thank the two dozen volunteers who helped make the Garden Grove City Hall and Garden Grove Police...



Video Views	19
Impressions	32
Reach	31
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%



@GardenGroveTV3

Wed 2/9/2022 8:40 am PST

[▶youtube.com/watch?v=qCPI1z...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCPI1z...) We'd like to thank the volunteers who helped make the Fall 2021 CERT program a success! Individuals were trained to prepare for, recover from disasters & learned life-saving skills. They're prepared to assist the community during an emergency. **#GGTV3**

Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	9
Potential Reach	444
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%

WEEKLY MEMO 2-10-2022

NEWS ARTICLES

New COVID sick pay bill leaves out at least 1 in 4 California workers

The bill, which the Legislature passed Monday, doesn't apply to small employers with 25 or fewer workers.



Luna Walker bags chocolate croissants for a patron at Nabolom Bakery in Berkeley on Jan. 19, 2022. (Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters)

By [CALMATTERS](#) |

PUBLISHED: February 8, 2022 at 11:48 a.m. | UPDATED: February 8, 2022 at 12:06 p.m.

By **Grace Gedye** | CalMatters

A bill on its way to Gov. Gavin Newsom would require large employers in California to offer workers up to 80 hours of COVID-related paid sick leave.

But there's a catch: The bill, [which the Legislature passed Monday](#), doesn't apply to small employers with 25 or fewer workers. That exemption — which California's 2021 COVID sick leave law also included — applies to more than 90% of companies in California and leaves at least 1 in 4 workers without access to the new paid leave, [according to data](#) from California's Employment Development Department. Without additional leave, most workers in California are legally entitled to just three paid sick days. Early in the pandemic, the federal government was reimbursing employers for COVID sick leave, including small employers. But in September 2021, both the state law and the federal reimbursements for additional paid COVID leave lapsed.

“Both state and federal leaders are to blame here for being short-sighted and not anticipating the need for additional paid leave,” said Kristin Schumacher, senior policy analyst for California Budget and Policy Center.

California [Department of Public Health guidelines](#) say that workers who are exposed to COVID or test positive should quarantine or isolate for at least five days.

“When people don’t have paid sick days, they will work sick — and that’s a real danger,” said Jenya Cassidy, director of California Work and Family Coalition, which advocates for paid leave policies. This new bill is the product of compromise, she said, and it will wind up helping a lot of workers if it gets signed into law.

But, she said, “obviously if we’re trying to do this for public health and for the health and well-being of workers and their families, then why would anybody be exempted? Nobody should be exempted.”

“This employee threshold was part of finding compromise with employer organizations and legislators concerned about the economic impact of the pandemic on small businesses,” said Senate President Toni Atkins, a San Diego Democrat, in a statement.

Bad for small business workers

The [vast majority of businesses](#) in California have four or fewer employees according to data from California’s Employment Development Department. Workers at smaller companies earn lower wages, on average, than employees at larger firms, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

That’s concerning because nationally, workers with household incomes under \$25,000 were [3.5 times as likely to miss a week of work due to COVID-19](#) compared to workers with household incomes of \$100,000 or more, according to analysis from the Economic Policy Institute.

Good for small business owners

Small businesses have been buffeted around by closures, staffing issues, and supply chain snafus. Business plans have been upended with each new wave of the virus, and while companies like Amazon, Apple, Tesla and UPS have seen their stock soar during the pandemic, profit margins for many small businesses have worn thin.

Larger employers generally have more cash on hand and easier access to credit, so they might have an easier time adapting to new costs, said David Nelson, director of public policy for California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce.

“If the exemption was not put in place for small businesses, a mandate like that likely could have been the death knell for many small businesses, especially minority small businesses,” said Nelson. He estimates that the average Asian American and Pacific Islander-owned business in California has between four and 12 employees.

But leaving small businesses out entirely wasn't the only option lawmakers had to soften the impact.

California will have a [\\$21 billion surplus](#) for the coming budget year, based on the Newsom administration's projections. Seemingly everyone involved in California state politics has their own idea for how to spend it. That includes small business advocates, who say the state could have reimbursed small business owners for providing additional paid sick leave to workers.

"We recognize, especially with another historic surplus in the budget, that there are ways that the administration could make this place that small business owners are in much easier," said Bianca Blomquist, California policy director for the advocacy group Small Business Majority.

Other small business groups opposed the bill, despite the exemption for small employers.

"There's this assumption by the progressives in the Capitol that employers are not doing their part," and making leave available, said John Kabateck, California state director for the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

"California is rich with employee leave programs," he said, pointing to a [list](#) of leave programs, many of which do not apply to workers exposed to COVID-19, such as time to serve on a jury, or for victims of domestic violence to file restraining orders.

Jim Relles, a florist in Sacramento, is glad the new leave requirement won't affect his business if it's signed into law. He's got 19 employees and said it's been hard to keep up with shifting requirements during the pandemic. A new paid leave policy would mean more bookkeeping and another rule to stay on top of.

What other COVID protections do small business workers have?

Small business employees who are exposed to COVID at work have significantly more protection than workers who get exposed or sick outside of work.

Under California's COVID-19 [workplace rules](#), workers who get sick due to a workplace exposure are supposed to be [sent home with full pay](#) until they're able to return to work. If an employer offers more sick days than the minimum of three that workers are granted by state law, then they can ask workers to use those additional sick days to quarantine or recover.

Workers who are sure they were exposed to COVID outside of work don't have the same pay protection, but they might be eligible for other programs, such as disability insurance. The state has a website to help workers [figure out what sort of leave they're eligible for](#) based on their situation.

Cassidy, from the Work and Family Coalition, said she hopes small business owners are working paid sick leave for COVID into their budgets: "It really seems like being able to support workers should be a very basic cost of doing business."

2022 elections: Orange County's Assembly races draw \$2.7 million in donations

Incumbent Cottie Petrie-Norris leads local fundraising, with Tom Daly in a distant second place.



With voting in the June 7 primary four months away, 26 candidates are so far competing for nine Assembly seats that cover portions of Orange County. (Photo by Mark Rightmire, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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The 26 candidates competing in the June 7 primary for nine Assembly seats that cover portions of Orange County raised a combined \$2.7 million in 2021, according to campaign finance reports due to the state this week.

That figure is expected to shoot up significantly over the next four months, particularly since redistricting shuffled boundaries in late December and at least 14 serious candidates entered local Assembly races after the close of the lastest reporting period for fundraising. But a look at 2021 totals still offers an early clue at which races will be heated this year and which candidates are likely to struggle to get enough funds to be competitive.

Assemblywoman [Cottie Petrie-Norris](#), D-Laguna Beach, easily raised the most money of any local contender last year.

The two-term incumbent is moving over to run for the new 73rd District, which includes Irvine, Costa Mesa and Tustin and favors Democrats by 13 points. Petrie-

Norris took in \$807,176 in donations in 2021 and ended the year with \$637,699 in campaign cash.

That total, combined with the advantage in voter registration, give Petrie-Norris an upper hand even though she's the only state incumbent competing locally against another incumbent.

Also in the AD-73 race is Assemblyman Steven Choi, R-Irvine, who's in his third term. Choi raised \$148,491 in 2021 and finished the year with \$148,932.

In second place in terms of 2021 fundraising – and first in terms of cash on hand at the end of the year – was Assemblyman Tom Daly, D-Anaheim, who's running in a new 68th District that includes all or portions of Santa Ana, Orange and Anaheim, favors Democrats by 29.8 points and is majority Latino. The incumbent raised \$494,551 last year and closed it out with \$1.1 million, with significant cash rolled over after five terms in office and a lack of serious competition in recent elections.

Someone who hopes to change that by challenging Daly from the left is Bulmaro "Boomer" Vicente, D-Santa Ana, who is policy director for Chispa. But Vicente entered the race Jan. 18 and hasn't filed campaign finance reports yet.

Not far behind Daly when it came to fundraising last year was Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, D-Fullerton, who's running for the new 67th District. The district includes Fullerton, Buena Park, Cypress and west Anaheim plus Cerritos in L.A. County. It favors Democrats by 17.4 points and is majority Asian American. Quirk-Silva, who is a 4-term incumbent, raised \$447,247 and had \$619,322 cash as of Dec. 31.

Two AD-67 challengers – Democrat Paramvir "Param" Brar and Republican Sou Moua of Stanton – haven't reported any fundraising.

In fourth place in terms of local Assembly fundraising is Phillip Chen, R-Brea, a three-term incumbent who raised \$378,803 last year and ended it with \$249,766 in campaign cash. He isn't facing any challengers yet in his bid for the solidly red 59th District, which includes Yorba Linda, Placentia, Brea, Anaheim Hills and North Tustin along with Chino Hills in San Bernardino County.

Next up is Assemblywoman Laurie Davies, R-Laguna Niguel, a freshman who's running for the new 74th District that stretches from Laguna Niguel south along the coast to Oceanside in San Diego County and favors the GOP by 0.6 points. Davies raised \$227,805 for her campaign in 2021 and had \$128,800 cash as of Dec. 31. Democratic challenger Laurie Girand, D-San Juan Capistrano, who's a well-known local activist and technology consultant, entered the race just before the end of the year and kicked in \$100,000 of her own money on Dec. 31.

San Clemente Mayor Pro Tem Chris Duncan, who's a Democrat, entered the AD-74 race after the start of the new year.

An Assembly race with no incumbent is the 72nd District, which covers north coastal O.C. from Seal Beach to Laguna Beach. Newport Beach Councilwoman Diane Dixon, who's got the backing of the local GOP, raised \$105,580 in 2021 and ended the year with \$104,596 cash.

While the district favors Republicans by 6.5 points, Dixon faces a challenger who also has name recognition in Democrat Judie Mancuso, an animal rights activist from Laguna Beach. Mancuso entered the race Jan. 18 and hasn't reported fundraising yet.

Neither has Republican AD-72 challenger Benjamin Yu, who's a businessman from Lake Forest.

Same goes for five Democrats who've won office before and have pulled paperwork to run for the solidly blue and majority Latino 64th District seat, which includes southern L.A. County cities plus La Habra. Candidates include Cudahy Mayor Elizabeth Alcantar, Norwalk school board member Roberto "Rob" Cancio, La Habra Councilwoman Rose Espinoza, Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco and Norwalk Vice Mayor Ana Valencia.

However, candidates have to file special reports within days if they get donations of \$5,000 or more from a single source. On Jan. 15, Pacheco reported loaning her campaign \$50,000. two weeks later, Valencia loaned herself \$100,000.

One Democrat – Garden Grove Mayor Pro Tem Diedre Nguyen – and four Republicans — Fountain Valley Councilman Ted Bui, Los Alamitos nonprofit consultant Emily Hibard, Westminster Councilwoman Kimberly Ho and Westminster Mayor Tri Ta – are running for the solidly blue 70th District centered around Little Saigon. But they all entered the race after the start of the year, so no fundraising reports are available.

That's also true for Temecula Mayor Matt Rahn and Jennifer Richter, who are both Republicans running for the solidly red 71st District that includes Mission Viejo and Rancho Santa Margarita, unincorporated south O.C. and canyon communities, and Riverside County cities.

Candidates have until March 11 to file formal declarations to run for office. The next campaign finance reports, covering Jan. 1 through April 23, are due by April 28. And the top two vote-getters in each race during the June primary will advance to the November election.



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Friday, February 4, 2022

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OPEN STREETS, CAR-FREE EVENT RETURNS APRIL 2

The City's Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets event returns on Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This year, attendees can walk, bike, skate, scooter, or ride a 2.2-mile, car-free route from Brookhurst Street to Nelson Street and 8th Street. A number of activities are being planned for the free event.

Some of the new attractions this year include activities along the newly-dedicated Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail, Lucha Libre entertainment, and Ferris wheel. The 2.2-mile route will also feature live music, food trucks, and free surrey bike rentals.

This year, the annual Re:Imagine Garden Grove Art in the Park program featuring the Garden Grove Unified School District's First Impressions Student Art Gallery will be showcased during the event.

The Open Streets event is part of the City's continuing efforts to highlight Garden Grove's Downtown, while promoting the Re:Imagine Garden Grove mission of bringing more art to the community, create more walkable areas of the city, and encourage people to live a healthier, more connected life.

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OPEN STREETS, CAR-FREE EVENT RETURNS APRIL 2
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Additional programming, including live entertainment, demonstrations, and activities will be announced in the weeks to follow.

To protect the health and safety of everyone, attendees are asked to follow current COVID-19 safety precautions which will be posted throughout the route.

For event details and updates, visit ggcity.org/openstreets or @ggopenstreets on Facebook. For more information, please contact Mark Freeman, Community Services Supervisor, at markf@ggcity.org or (714) 741-5212.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

February 10, 2022

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the February 17, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from February 4, 2022 to February 10, 2022.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 10, 2022 – March 25, 2022

Friday	February 11		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	February 17	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	February 21		City Hall Closed – Presidents’ Day
Tuesday	February 22	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, CM
Thursday	February 24		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	February 25		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	March 1	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	March 7	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission, CMC
Tuesday	March 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	March 10	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	March 11		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
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AGENDA

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

February 17, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Meeting conducted telephonically – Public attendance at Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840 or by phone at (669) 900-6833 ID 85185070121 - further instructions at <https://ggcity.org/commissions/planning-meetings-participation>.

COVID-19 Information: Consistent with State Assembly Bill 361, members of the Planning Commission may be present or participate telephonically. Members of the public can address the Planning Commission during the public comment portion of the meeting in person or via teleconference. If you plan to attend the meeting in person, in City facilities, masks or face coverings must be worn at all times by those who are unvaccinated. If you feel ill or are showing symptoms of COVID-19, please participate via teleconference. Teleconference instructions are available on the City's website at <https://ggcity.org/commissions/planning-meetings-participation>.

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, should contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

Agenda Item Descriptions: Are intended to give a brief, general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

Documents/Writings: Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (1) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Public Comments: Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission may complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing planning@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record. Members of the public participating via teleconference should review the instructions on the City's website pertaining to Live Virtual Public Comments at: <https://ggcity.org/commissions/planning-meetings-participation>

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: CHAIR PEREZ, VICE CHAIR LINDSAY
COMMISSIONERS ARESTEGUI, CUNNINGHAM, LEHMAN, RAMIREZ,
SOEFFNER

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

- A. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
- B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - C.1. January 20, 2022
- D. ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION
 - D.1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2021 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT
- E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- F. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- G. ADJOURNMENT



Cal Cities-sponsored bond agency issues more than \$167 million in tax-exempt bonds for housing in Santa Maria, Riverside, and West Hollywood

Feb 9, 2022

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) recently announced the issuance of \$55,221,000 in tax-exempt affordable housing bonds to construct affordable housing in Santa Maria and Riverside. The joint powers authority also issued \$111,915,000 in tax-exempt Essential Housing Revenue Bonds to acquire Crescent Apartments in West Hollywood, which will be converted into workforce housing.

Santa Maria

In Santa Maria, CSCDA issued \$32,221,000 in tax-exempt affordable housing bonds to construct Centennial Gardens. The 160-unit affordable housing project consists of two-, three-, and four-bedroom units. Units will be reserved for households earning less than 30%, 50%, 60%, and 70% of the area median income.

The joint powers authority partnered with the city of Santa Maria and others for the issuance of bonds. The financing requires that the affordability of the units for low and very-low-income tenants be maintained for 55 years.

Riverside

CSCDA also provided \$23,000,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the construction of Vista de la Sierra Apartments in Riverside. The 93-unit development consists of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units, as well as a manager's unit. Units will be restricted to households earning less than 30%, 50%, or 60% of the area median income.

The organization partnered with the city and others for the issuance of housing bonds. The financing requires that the affordability of units for very-low- and low-income tenants be maintained for 55 years.

West Hollywood

CSCDA also issued \$111,915,000 in tax-exempt Essential Housing Revenue Bonds to acquire Crescent Apartments in West Hollywood. The 130-unit multifamily residential rental community includes a fitness center, swimming pool, spa, cabanas, clubhouse, and courtyard. All units will be converted into workforce housing for households earning less than 80%, 100%, and 120% of the area median income.

The joint powers authority partnered with West Hollywood and others for the acquisition of the property and issuance of bonds. Due to the area's high rents, the program was customized to utilize the city's existing waitlist of qualifying tenants.

About CSCDA

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. More than 530 cities, counties, and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently financed, locally-approved projects. Visit the organization's [\(https://cscda.org/\)](https://cscda.org/) **website** (<https://cscda.org/>) to learn how CSCDA can help your city.



City priorities top the agenda at meetings between Cal Cities leadership and state lawmakers

Feb 9, 2022

League of California Cities leadership met virtually on Tuesday with key state policymakers from the Governor's Office, the Senate, and the Assembly to discuss the 2022 Cal Cities [Action Agenda \(/home/action-agenda\)](/home/action-agenda). During the meetings, Cal Cities Officers mapped out what cities need from the state to advance shared priorities, such as increasing housing supply and affordability, supporting unhoused Californians, sustaining critical infrastructure, and strengthening disaster preparedness, resiliency, and recovery from climate change impacts.

The Cal Cities delegation included President Cindy Silva, Mayor Pro Tem, Walnut Creek; First Vice President Ali Sajjad Taj, Council Member, Artesia; Second Vice President Daniel Parra, Council Member, Fowler; Immediate Past President Cheryl Viegas Walker, Council Member, El Centro; Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman, and other Cal Cities legislative affairs staff.

During a meeting with Sen. John Laird, the Cal Cities delegation noted that long-term funding is critical to addressing the state's affordable housing crisis. Although last year's budget contained significant investments in housing, cities need a sustainable, long-term funding source in order to plan for and encourage development. Sen. Laird shared those concerns, noting that cities need more long-term funding to deliver on key projects.

During the meeting, Cal Cities Officers also thanked Sen. Laird for the instrumental role (<https://www.westerncity.com/article/2021-legislative-year-review>) he played in securing additional resources and time for SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) organic waste diversion regulations.

Cal Cities leadership also met with Assembly Member Tasha Boerner-Horvath, where they spoke about the need for more resources for housing and homelessness. Although this year's budget proposal builds on last year's investments to support unhoused Californians, flexible, long-term investments are needed. Assembly Member Boerner-Horvath stressed the need to establish obtainable, statewide housing goals and her desire to improve the delivery of housing and emergency shelters to unhoused residents at the local level.

The Cal Cities delegation met with Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry as well. Last year, Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry helped pass two complementary measures aimed at providing high-speed, reliable, and widely available broadband to unserved and underserved communities. The two parties discussed the important role broadband plays in Californians' everyday lives and the critical need for broadband expansion, especially in disadvantaged and rural communities.

The delegation also spoke with Legislative Affairs Secretary in the Office of the Governor Angie Wei. During the meeting, the Cal Cities delegation highlighted several successful housing projects, noting that streamlined funding and state resources can quickly create tangible results.

Cal Cities looks forward to working with the Governor and state lawmakers to advance shared legislative priorities so that all cities and Californians can thrive.



Governor signs new COVID-19 sick leave legislation into law

Feb 9, 2022

Bill does not include direct funding to employers to offset sick leave costs or costs for testing

Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed a new COVID-19 sick leave bill, (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB114) **SB 114 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)** (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB114), into law. The bill was introduced in the Legislature last week and requires employers, including public agencies with more than 25 employees, to provide up to 80 hours of supplemental sick leave to recover from COVID-19.

The Governor and legislative leaders reached an agreement on the new legislation two weeks ago. After announcing the deal, the bill was quickly introduced and sent to the Governor, allowing little time for stakeholders to review the legislation.

Under the new law, workers have access to at least 40 hours of supplemental sick leave, as well as an additional 40 hours if they show proof of a positive test result from themselves or a family member. This applies retroactively to Jan. 1, and sunsets on Sept. 30.

To access the first 40 hours of supplemental sick leave, the new law has the same qualifying reasons as last year's (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB95) **SB**

95 (Skinner) (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB95), with the addition of the following:

- The covered employee is attending an appointment for themselves or a family member to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or the covered employee is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- The covered employee is caring for a family member experiencing symptoms related to a COVID-19 vaccine that prevents the employee from being able to work or telework.

In a welcome addition, this new law requires wage statements to display the amount of time used instead of what is remaining. Another major change is that employers cannot require that the leave be exhausted before using leave available under the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health's aerosol transmissible diseases standard. Additionally, employers must provide a COVID-19 test upon request by the employee.

Direct funding to cities and other local agencies to offset sick leave costs or costs for testing is not included in the new law. When the bill was originally introduced, a coalition of local government associations, including the League of California Cities, submitted (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=ab%2084&t=bill>) **a letter of concern** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=ab%2084&t=bill>) to both legislative houses, noting the administrative and budget impacts the bill would have on local governments.

However, paying for the new supplemental paid sick leave is an eligible expense of American Rescue Plan Act funds. Moreover, as of Jan. 1, insurance companies must pay for the cost of COVID-19 testing. This may help offset some of the costs to local agencies.

While there is currently no state-level funding to offset these costs, during a floor speech on Monday Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting said that lawmakers are negotiating a funding plan to offset expenses related to paid COVID-19 sick leave for small businesses in the absence of federal aid. This relief could be included in the June budget. Cal Cities will remain engaged in ongoing funding conversations and provide additional information as it becomes available.

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New local streets and roads revenue estimates reflect a rebound from last year's peak pandemic impacts

Feb 9, 2022

The League of California Cities has released new city and county local streets and roads revenue estimates. This update contains individual city and county estimates for the current fiscal year, 2021-22, and the upcoming budget year, 2022-23. Cities and counties should use these estimates for budgeting.

Overall local streets and roads allocations to cities and counties from the Highway Users Tax Account and the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account are projected to climb 14.8% in the current fiscal year, 2021-22, above last year, reflecting a rebound from peak impacts of the pandemic in 2020.

For the budget year 2022-23, allocations are projected to grow 10.8% over the current year. This presumes that if the scheduled July 1 cost-of-living fuel tax increase is suspended, the Legislature will backfill any revenue impacts to local governments as leaders have pledged.

The estimates are based on new statewide tax revenue estimates released by the California Department of Finance with the Governor's 2022-23 Proposed Budget. The county estimates were prepared in collaboration with the California State Association of Counties.

The revenue estimates, along with a detailed explanation of local streets and roads revenue and allocations, may be found at [CaliforniaCityFinance.com](http://californiacityfinance.com) (<http://californiacityfinance.com/LSR2201.pdf>) as part of the **California Local**

Streets and Roads Funding Explainer

(<http://californiacityfinance.com/LSR2201.pdf>). The document also includes guidance for long-term projections of local streets and roads revenue estimates.

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