

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 7, 2021

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. CITYWORKS – OCTOBER 2021

The October 2021 publication of CityWorks includes information for residents, visitors, and business owners in Garden Grove.

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

- A.** Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Authorization to Recover Costs Related to 2019-2020 Drought, 2018-19 Firestorms, 2019 Earthquakes, 2019 Windstorms, and 2020 COVID-19 Recorded in the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account and Costs Related to Wildfire Property Insurance Recorded in the Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account.

• 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.



Scott C. Stiles
City Manager

City Works

Attachment I. A
The Mgrs. Memo 10/7/21
GARDEN GROVE
October 2021
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NOMINATE A LOCAL HERO

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic...



...residents, businesses, and organizations answered the needs of the community...



...through selfless acts of service.



The City would like to recognize these local heroes...



...but we need your help!



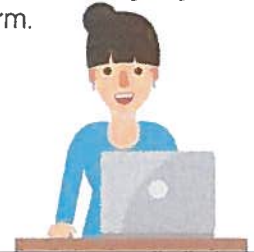
If you know of an individual, business or organization...



...whose heroic act made a positive impact on the community...



...let us know, through our multi-language online form.



VISIT [GGCITY.ORG/GGSTONG](https://ggcity.org/ggstrong)



FIND WHAT YOU'VE BEEN CRAVING ON TIKTOK!

TikTok users are invited to savor Garden Grove's best eateries through short videos published on @foodsofgardengrove.

Visit: ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove.



Be Well

ORANGE COUNTY

In partnership with Be Well Orange County, the City will launch a mobile response team to handle a variety of mental and behavioral health-related calls for service. Stay tuned for more information.




HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTERS

Leftover household products, such as batteries and light bulbs, are "household hazardous waste." Properly dispose of these items at a local waste collection center:

- Anaheim Collection Center
1071 N. Blue Gum Street
- Huntington Beach Collection Center
17121 Nichols Lane (Gate 6)

Visit: bit.ly/oilandfills
Call: (714) 834-4000



 Did you remember to prepare for disasters and emergencies? Learn how to make a plan, build a kit, and more by visiting ggcity.org/cert.



BLACK FRIDAY GOES BiGG!

From Black Friday, November 26 through Thursday, December 16, Garden Grove shoppers have the chance to win cash or a 1-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California.

Win "BiGG" while helping local small businesses. Visit ggcity.org/big



THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840



October 1, 2021

Re: Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Authorization to Recover Costs Related to 2019-2020 Drought, 2018-2019 Firestorms, 2019 Earthquakes, 2019 Windstorms, and 2020 COVID-19 Recorded in the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account and Costs Related to Wildfire Property Insurance Recorded in the Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account.

To Whom It May Concern:

On September 30, 2021, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed its application for recovery of costs recorded in the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) and costs related to wildfire property insurance recorded in the Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account (WEMA) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The CPUC has assigned Docket Number A.21-09-019.

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county within SCE's service territory and also will be included as a notice provided to every SCE customer along with their bill. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCE's filing and supporting testimony on our website, at www.sce.com/applications. You may also request a print copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Julia A. Mosel

Julia A. Mosel

JAM/kdl
Enclosures

Para más información en cómo este cambio impactará su factura, descargue esta notificación en español en el sitio Web de SCE www.sce.com/avisos

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Southern California Edison Company's Request to Increase Electric Rates
APPLICATION A.21-09-019

Why am I receiving this notice?

On September 30, 2021, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) its application for authorization to recover costs related to the 2019-2020 drought, 2018-2019 firestorms, 2019 earthquakes, 2019 windstorms, and 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, recorded in the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA), and costs related to a property insurance policy covering wildfire events recorded in the Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account (WEMA) (Application A.21-09-019). The application is requesting a total of \$132.148 million. The costs which SCE seeks to recover in the application are not funded through existing rates.

If the CPUC approves this application, SCE will recover forecasted costs in electric rates over a 1-year period beginning January 1, 2023, or upon a final decision in this proceeding. This will impact your monthly bill.

Why is SCE requesting this rate increase?

- To recover costs incurred to restore service to customers, repair or replace damaged facilities, and comply with governmental agency orders after events declared to be disasters by state or federal authorities, including seven fires in 2018 and 2019, 2019 windstorms, 2019 earthquakes, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic include, among other things, costs to modify business operations and take special health precautions, so that SCE could protect its employees and the public and continue serving customers effectively, while complying with state and federal mandates.
- To recover costs incurred as a result of taking efforts to mitigate the effects of the drought on SCE's system, including removing dead, dying or diseased trees, in an effort to reduce the likelihood of wildfires.
- To recover incremental costs recorded in the WEMA related to the purchase of a property insurance policy in effect from November 2020 to November 2021 that covers wildfire and non-wildfire events. SCE has determined the incremental costs for the policy above existing rates are driven by wildfire risks.

How could this affect my monthly electric rates?

If SCE's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill using 500 kWh per month would increase by approximately \$1.25 or 0.9% per month.

Proposed Electric Rate Increase

Bundled Average Rates (¢/kWh)					
Customer Group	Current Rates	Proposed Increase	Proposed Rates	% Increase	
Residential	24.4	0.24	24.6	1.0%	
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	23.3	0.19	23.5	0.8%	
Large Power	15.8	0.10	15.9	0.7%	
Agricultural and Pumping	18.7	0.15	18.8	0.8%	
Street and Area Lighting	24.6	0.14	24.7	0.6%	
Standby	12.6	0.06	12.7	0.4%	
Total	21.6	0.18	21.8	0.9%	

Residential Bill Impact (\$/Month)						
Description		Current	Proposed Increase		Proposed	% Increase
Non-CARE residential bill	\$	135.42	\$ 1.25	\$	136.67	0.9%
CARE residential bill	\$	91.66	\$ 0.84	\$	92.50	0.9%

How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SCE's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding are currently reviewing SCE's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?**Contact SCE**

Phone: Susan DiBernardo (626) 302-4353

Email: Susan.DiBernardo@sce.com

Mail: Susan DiBernardo, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at www.sce.com/applications.

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2109019 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on SCE's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Application A.21-09-019** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

WEEKLY MEMO 10-7-2021

**SOCIAL MEDIA
HIGHLIGHTS**



Post Performance

September 30, 2021 - October 6, 2021

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

Included in this Report

 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

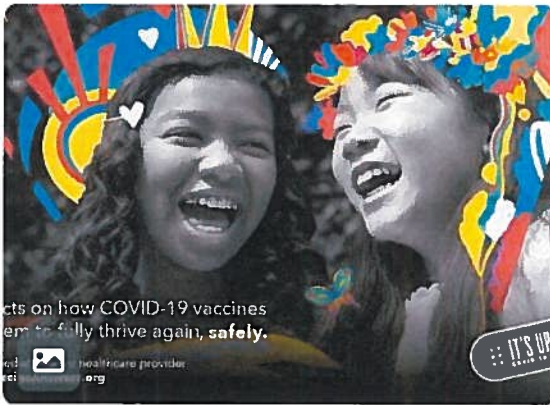
 gardengrovecityhall



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 9/30/2021 8:53 am PDT

The pandemic isn't over yet... 🤔 It's up to us to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccines allow you to protect yourself a...



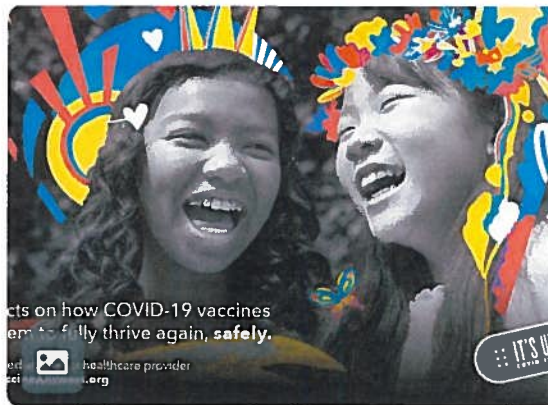
Impressions	571
Reach	556
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 9/30/2021 8:54 am PDT

The pandemic isn't over yet 🤔 It's up to us to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccines allow you to protect yourself & your love...



Impressions	250
Potential Reach	4,405
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 9/30/2021 12:06 pm PDT

🚨🐾 If you saw a coyote, would you know what to do? The City and community share the important responsibility of keeping...



Impressions	6,312
Reach	6,238
Engagements	659
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.4%



@CityGardenGrove
Thu 9/30/2021 12:19 pm PDT

🐾 If you saw a coyote, would you know what to do? The City & community of GG share the important responsibility of...



Impressions	278
Potential Reach	4,405
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4%



Garden Grove City Hall
Thu 9/30/2021 4:54 pm PDT

📱 When is crossing the street considered #jaywalking? Jaywalking occurs when you cross the street between two controlled...



Impressions	1,461
Reach	1,460
Engagements	40
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.7%



@CityGardenGrove
Thu 9/30/2021 4:58 pm PDT

📱 When is crossing the street considered #jaywalking? It occurs when you cross the street between 2 controlled intersection...



Impressions	502
Potential Reach	4,407
Engagements	33
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 10/1/2021 10:00 am PDT

Happy Friday! Ready for a #FeelGoodFriday story? 🥰 On Tuesday, September 21, residents and community...



Impressions	3,422
Reach	3,255
Engagements	228
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 10/1/2021 11:58 am PDT

Attention business owners: Foster growth for your business now! The California Small Business Development...

Digital Marketing Grant

Foster Small Business Growth for Businesses in Garden Grove

\$500 Grants for Paid Ads

- A 7-week program with the SBDC teaching all aspects of digital marketing to business owners to drive revenue, which includes a weekly webinar and one-on-one consulting sessions.
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- Designed to have an impact as the holiday approach to 20 business owners.

DATES
 Registration Closes: October 6, 2021
 Kick Off: October 19, 2021

ELIGIBILITY
 BUSINESSES MUST

- Be a commercially zoned brick and mortar business.
- Be in operation for a minimum of 1-year (3/31/2020).
- Have the ability to attend all seven sessions and meet with SBDC consultant.

Impressions	869
Reach	844
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%



@CityGardenGrove

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ATTN business owners: Grow for your business! The SBDC offers a 7-week program designed to teach all aspects o...

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Impressions	375
Potential Reach	4,407
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	0.5%



gardengrovecityhall

Fri 10/1/2021 2:30 pm PDT

Happy Friday! Ready for a #FeelGoodFriday story? 🥰 On Tuesday, September 21, residents and community...



Impressions	1,314
Reach	953
Engagements	35
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 10/1/2021 3:00 pm PDT

👮 The Garden Grove Police Department is looking for the next generation of #heroes. If you've got what it takes, visi...



Impressions	1,622
Reach	1,595
Engagements	46
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.8%



@CityGardenGrove

Sat 10/2/2021 8:30 am PDT

🍁 October's CityWorks is now available! Learn more about the Garden Grove Strong campaign, Be Well Orange Count...



Impressions	295
Potential Reach	4,408
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.7%



Garden Grove City Hall
Sat 10/2/2021 8:30 am PDT

🍁 October's CityWorks is now available!
Learn more about the Garden Grove
Strong campaign, Be Well Orange Count...



Impressions	811
Reach	785
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%



Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 10/4/2021 8:18 am PDT

Free compost is just around the corner. 🌱
Garden Grove residents may receive up to
60 gallons of compost for free at Garden...



Impressions	2,146
Reach	2,146
Engagements	89
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



@CityGardenGrove
Mon 10/4/2021 8:21 am PDT

Free compost is just around the corner 🌱
GG residents may receive up to 60 gallons
of compost at GG's Compost Giveaway o...



Impressions	334
Potential Reach	4,410
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 10/4/2021 12:10 pm PDT

Happy National Taco Day! Satisfy your taco craving with some tacos from our local BiGG businesses. Garden Grove has...



Impressions	360
Potential Reach	4,411
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 10/4/2021 3:19 pm PDT

🌮 Happy National Taco Day! 🌮 Satisfy your taco craving with some tacos from our local BiGG (Buy in Garden Grove)...



Impressions	847
Reach	822
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 10/4/2021 5:30 pm PDT

October is #EmotionalWellnessMonth. ❤️ It's important for us to process feelings in a healthy, positive way and manage the...



Impressions	2,078
Reach	2,044
Engagements	143
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 10/5/2021 9:10 am PDT

Last Friday, October 1, Garden Grove's Walmart Supercenter, located at 11822 Gilbert Street, held a remodeling...



Impressions	2,498
Reach	2,470
Engagements	150
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 10/5/2021 9:12 am PDT

Last Friday, October 1, GG's Walmart Supercenter, (11822 Gilbert Street) held a remodeling celebration for its recent...



Impressions	429
Potential Reach	4,412
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 10/5/2021 12:05 pm PDT

This week is Fire Prevention Week. 🚒🚫 The City of Garden Grove would like to provide some safeguards to prevent fires and...



Impressions	785
Reach	764
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%



@CityGardenGrove
Tue 10/5/2021 12:08 pm PDT

This week is Fire Prevention Week. 🚒🚫. The City of Garden Grove would like to provide some safeguards to prevent fire...

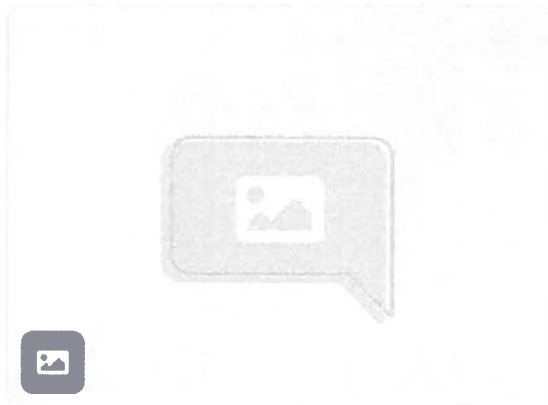


Impressions	279
Potential Reach	4,565
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.9%



Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 10/5/2021 5:02 pm PDT

Pick up those paddles! 🏓. The Drop-in Pickleball Program starts tomorrow, October 6, and will be available every...



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



@CityGardenGrove
Tue 10/5/2021 5:09 pm PDT

Pick up those paddles! 🏓. The Drop-in Pickleball Program starts tmrw, 10/6, & will be available every Wed. from 1PM-3PM a...



Impressions	350
Potential Reach	4,414
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 10/6/2021 8:28 am PDT

Attention teens, ages 13-17: Are you looking to serve your community and gain leadership skills? Look no further! The Ci...



Impressions	3,293
Reach	3,085
Engagements	106
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 10/6/2021 8:30 am PDT

ATTN TEENS: Looking to serve your community & be a leader? Look no further! The City invites you to the GGTAC kick-o...



Impressions	227
Potential Reach	4,414
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	5.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 10/6/2021 8:58 am PDT

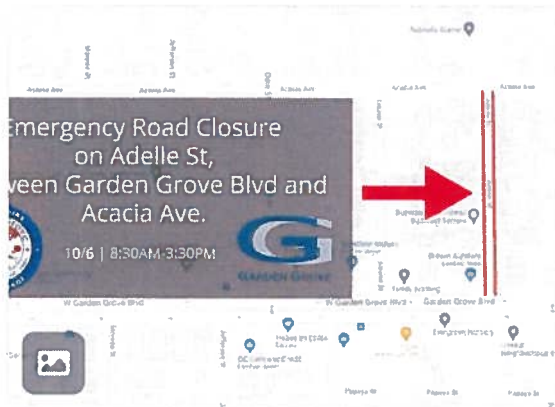
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Impressions	1,269
Reach	1,231
Engagements	45
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.5%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Wed 10/6/2021 9:54 am PDT

⚠️ Emergency Road Closure: Garden Grove Public Works Department is replacing the water service line on Adelle Street,...



Impressions	921
Reach	918
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.1%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Wed 10/6/2021 9:59 am PDT

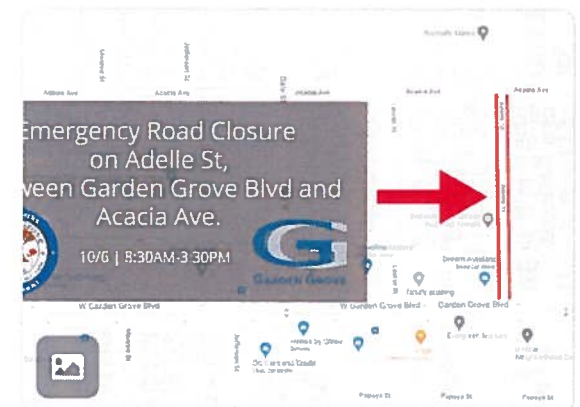
For more information on today's Pickleball Program, visit bit.ly/fb-pickleball-....



Post Link Clicks	2
Impressions	120
Potential Reach	4,414
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.7%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Wed 10/6/2021 10:01 am PDT

⚠️ Emergency Road Closure: Garden Grove Public Works Department is replacing the water service line on Adelle St, between...



Impressions	394
Potential Reach	4,414
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6.1%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 10/6/2021 11:03 am PDT

👥 Attention teens, ages 13-17: Are you looking to serve your community and gain leadership skills? Look no further! The Ci...



Impressions	982
Reach	937
Engagements	50
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.1%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 10/6/2021 11:04 am PDT

this one's for you



Impressions	525
Reach	506
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	9

  **@CityGardenGrove**
Wed 10/6/2021 11:07 am PDT

UPDATE: 10/6/21; 11:07 a.m. The deadline to register for the Digital Marketing Grant has been extended to Sunday, October ...

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Impressions	146
Potential Reach	4,414
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	0%



 **gardengrovecityhall**

Wed 10/6/2021 11:11 am PDT



Impressions	478
Reach	463
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	40



Post Performance

September 30, 2021 - October 6, 2021

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Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department  ggpdk9unit



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 10/6/2021 9:00 am PDT

In Memory of Sergeant Myron L. Trapp, #EOW October 6, 1959. Sergeant Trapp and other officers responded to a call of ...



Impressions	1,932
Reach	1,900
Engagements	93
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.8%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 10/5/2021 12:30 pm PDT

Event Reminder: Please join us tomorrow, Wednesday, October 6th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at 7 Leaves Cafe (13481 Euclid ...



Impressions	5,311
Reach	4,307
Engagements	83
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.6%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 10/1/2021 7:01 pm PDT

On September 24, 2021, #GardenGrovePD School Resource Officers (SROs) responded to #EvansElementarySchool referencing...



Video Views	5,121
Impressions	9,470
Reach	8,551
Engagements	1,474
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	15.6%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 10/1/2021 9:04 am PDT

We're looking for the next generation of #heroes. If you've got what it takes, visit <http://ggpd.org/join> and submit your...



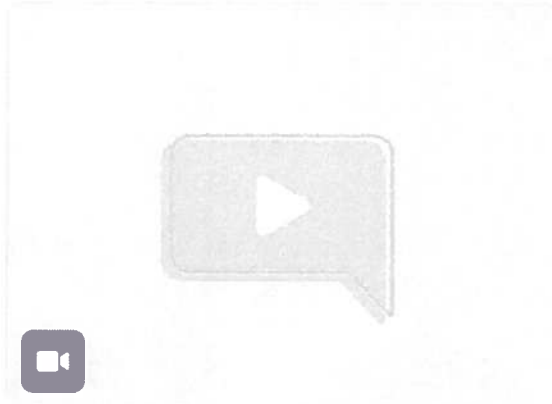
Impressions	5,783
Reach	5,642
Engagements	289
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 10/1/2021 9:01 am PDT

Join us on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM as we host #NationalNightOut2021 at...



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



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 10/1/2021 8:50 am PDT



Impressions	36
Reach	33
Engagements	108
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	300%



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Thu 9/30/2021 3:01 pm PDT

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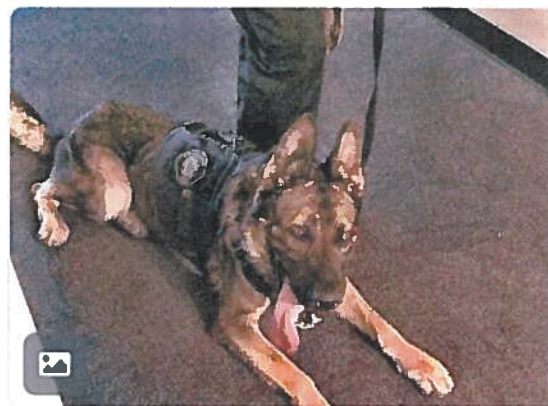
Impressions	6,032
Reach	5,980
Engagements	393
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6.5%



ggpdk9unit

Thu 9/30/2021 9:46 am PDT

Happy Birthday K9 Kody! Today he turns 5, or 35 in people years. . . . #GGPD32 #GGPD #GGPDK9Unit #Police...



Impressions	4,350
Reach	4,324
Engagements	389
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	8.9%



ggpdk9unit

Thu 9/30/2021 9:35 am PDT

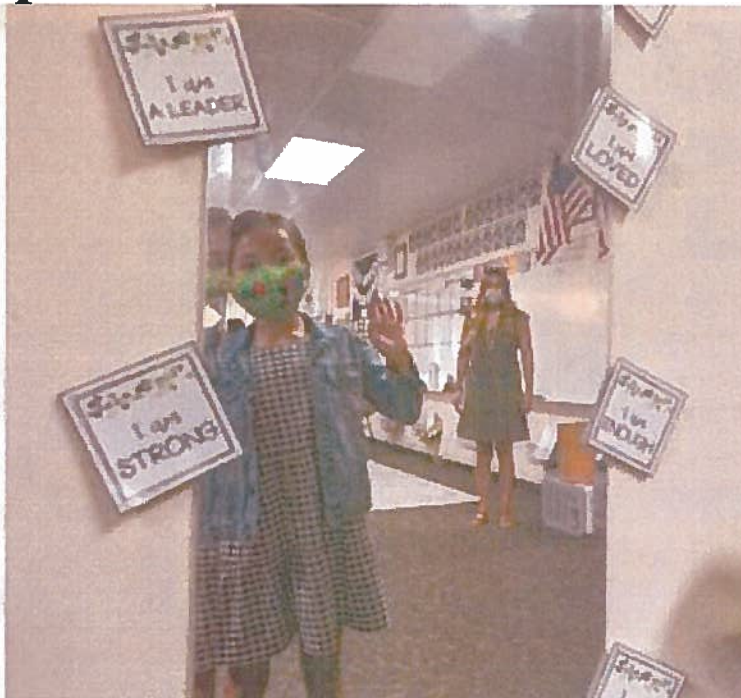


Impressions	220
Reach	218
Comments	12
Story Taps Back	6

WEEKLY MEMO 10-7-2021

NEWS ARTICLES

Teachers are amping up to help handle students' pandemic-era trauma



Third grader April Vuong waves to education specialist Bethany Garcia as she looks in to the affirmation mirror at John Murdy Elementary School in Garden Grove, CA, on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By [EMILY ST MARTIN](#) |

PUBLISHED: October 5, 2021 at 5:05 p.m. | UPDATED: October 5, 2021 at 5:05 p.m.

“Ugh! I just walked through spiderwebs! Obviously, we’ve been gone for a while – there are spiderwebs!” Julie Trujillo says as she’s walking from Riverside’s Foothill Elementary School grounds, where she teaches fourth grade, to her car while we’re chatting on the phone.

Trujillo is one of the countless teachers gearing up for a new pandemic-era school year as students return after what many are calling a lost year after time away from desks, classmates and teachers.

Among the already steep set of tasks that teachers aim to tackle this year are the newer variety of challenges specific to a COVID-centric landscape. Not only will teachers be playing catch-up, but this year they’re anticipating kids will need re-socialization and may be grappling with the anxiety, trauma and grief that has been especially rampant for adults and children alike since March 2020.

“When the kids came into the classroom, they were terrified,” says Trujillo. “They were so worried that they were going to be sick. We have this big machine in our room that

scrubs our air all the time. It's humongous, probably about 7 feet tall, 3 feet deep and 3 feet wide, and it's constantly going. I made mine look like a robot so it would be less daunting for them. It has arms and a face and antennas and things. It's pretty hysterical."

Social-emotional learning

Teachers and school administrators are stepping up, creatively and proactively approaching ways to hone in on social-emotional learning this year more than ever.

"Different schools are at different places on their social-emotional learning path," says Michelle Harmonson, a 29-year teaching veteran who teaches seventh grade English at Suzanne Middle School in Walnut. "That's kind of a buzzword right now, SEL (social-emotional learning.)"

Basically, SEL can be summed up as learning to understand and cope with your emotions, learning to have empathy for others, and learning the social and emotional skills needed to live a fulfilling life personally, professionally and within relationships with others. Because the pandemic has led to various forms of trauma for children – such as financial instability, social isolation, grieving the loss of a loved one and even homelessness – it makes sense that schools are amping up efforts to address academia-adjacent needs like social-emotional learning.

Harmonson references Maslow's hierarchy of needs when explaining how she's approaching the new school year: To set children up for learning, their basic needs must be met first, she explains.

"Starting with food and shelter. After that, you've got, 'When I go to my school, am I safe?' After that, their sense of belonging and are they loved? And that's the one we're going to spend a lot of time on this year – rebuilding that sense of love and belonging, bringing them back into that community of a school because they were all on their own last year."

When Harmonson's students returned to the classroom for six weeks during the past school year, the first day she was there she handed out a pixie stick with a welcome back note attached for each kid.

"In one class, nobody said thank you," Harmonson recalls. "One boy actually said, 'Oh, my gosh, we don't know any social skills anymore!' And he looked at me and said, 'Thank you.' This is a 12-year-old. So, they're starting to become self-aware. But they really are going to have to be resocialized."

As far as implementing social-emotional learning, Bethany Garcia, a special education teacher and education specialist at John Murdy Elementary School in Garden Grove, is a seasoned pro. She starts her classes with a morning meeting and has equipped her classroom with everything from a cool-down area for recharging to an affirmations

mirror where students can remind themselves they are smart, capable, brave and kind.

“I really focus on incorporating a curriculum called zones of regulation, which helps students to identify their emotions, helps understand why they are feeling the way they are feeling, and how to regulate those emotions,” she says. “The students can understand the different types of zones they are in, and I really emphasize with my students that you don’t have to be in a green zone – which is you’re happy, you’re ready to learn. You don’t always have to be in that zone, it’s okay to be in all the different zones. We just have to learn appropriate ways to cope with the way that we’re feeling and how to regulate those emotions.”

‘Trying to cope’

Hillary Miller teaches fourth grade at Valle Vista Elementary School in Rancho Cucamonga.

“My stepdad died from COVID in February,” she says, sitting at her kitchen table on the eve of the new school year. “Coming from having that in my background, I feel like it makes me a little more prepared to deal with any students who might have lost someone and are trying to cope.”

Miller says she anticipates kids coming back with anxiety after being away for so long. Rather than have an eagle eye on test preparation and academics the way she has during the 18 years she’s been teaching, Miller is hoping this year will create a new baseline for kids.

Education specialist Bethany Garcia teaches third graders during a pullout session at John Murdy Elementary School in Garden Grove. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

“I’m going to teach the same way that I would teach any other year. But I’m going to know all along that I’m probably going to have to spend more time on each thing and that I might not get through everything that I’m supposed to get through. I’m going to worry more about how they’re treating each other. Are they following rules? Are they comfortable? Do they feel safe? All of those things will be my number one priority.”

Marcie Griffith, the principal at John Murdy Elementary School in Garden Grove, has been busy preparing the school’s new Wellness Center, equipped with a counselor, cozy furniture, stress balls and fidget gadgets where kids can go before school, after school, during recess and lunch.

“I have teachers who have already said, ‘Hey, I’ll volunteer my time to manage, so that kids can just drop in. And if they need something, even if they just need to be in proximity to a caring adult, and they don’t want to talk, that’s a safe space for them to be.”

Griffith is expecting to see more trauma with students than she's seen in the past – whether it's from a death in the family, fear of a death in the family, parents who have lost their jobs, parents who are having mental health crises – and are struggling to be able to take care of their children the way they used to. "I'm expecting that we've only seen the tip of the iceberg in terms of the social-emotional needs that we're going to see."

Some schools are primed for the challenge. Capistrano Unified School District, for example, has a full-time counselor on staff at each of its schools (two for its high schools). That and other efforts to support students' social-emotional needs earned the district the 2021 model program recognition by the American School Counselor Association.

Fresh challenges

One challenge to consider is both teaching and learning while wearing masks. Julie Trujillo said she broke down when she heard the kids would have to wear masks this coming school year.

"The kids couldn't tell whether I was smiling at them or whether they were in trouble when I called them over," she says.

Because masks have become hyper-politicized totems of pandemic-era conflict, teachers have a new cross to bear in enforcing mask policies at schools where some students might not understand their significance, and while trying to amp up social-emotional learning with literal barriers that for now are certainly necessary, but in some ways, hindering nonetheless.

Does Principal Griffith worry masks might make it increasingly difficult for kids at her school to resocialize?

"No," she says. "And the reason I don't think it's going to be hard for them is because we've had Summer Bridge, which is a sort of summer program here. I've seen kids coming back so happy to see each other and so joyful. They're wearing their masks. They're doing everything that we're asking them to do."

Mike Marnien, a social studies teacher at Chino Hills High School, works with 10th and 12th graders. Working with older students is no doubt much different than working with younger ones, but Chino Hills High School also has a Wellness Center, which they've since revamped to suit the needs of the pandemic.

"We've had students who have lost family members to COVID or have experienced extreme financial hardship, because parents had lost jobs, and all of a sudden they had to move or they ended up living in a hotel," Marnien says. "As teachers, we're the first line of defense. We see the students first, we see them all day long. Counselors don't typically see the students unless the students either seek them out, or teachers send them.

“A lot of times, students are quiet about what’s going on,” he adds. “They don’t just come to school and say, hey, guess what, my dad lost his job. Usually, the teacher recognizes something’s off with the student, because you get to know your students so well, and will recognize the student needs some type of extra support.”

Noticing the increasing and varied workload for teachers and the mounting pressure to help struggling students catch up, I asked Marnien if he felt overwhelmed or burdened by juggling the various hats that teachers are expected to wear today.

“Every teacher would probably answer that question differently,” he says. “I personally don’t, because I enjoy that aspect of teaching. In fact, I think it’s good for the kids to be able to have a place where they can come to school and have a safe place to talk about things that are going on, or having an adult who’s in their corner. It turns out to be a pretty good support system for the students.”

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Thursday, October 7, 2021



CITY CREATES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS 101 VIDEO IN RESPONSE TO INCREASED FATALITIES

Since the start of 2021, there have been 15 traffic fatalities involving distracted drivers and drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs in Garden Grove. Six of the traffic fatalities were pedestrians in marked or unmarked crosswalks. As part of the City's Accident Reduction campaign and National Pedestrian Safety Month in October, the Garden Grove Police Department and Garden Grove TV3 created a pedestrian safety tips 101 video in multiple languages to educate pedestrians on the importance of following traffic laws. To view the pedestrian safety 101 video in English, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese, visit www.ggpd.org/arteam.

Police Chief Tom DaRé stated, "This year, Garden Grove has seen a rise in traffic collisions that tragically resulted in pedestrian fatalities. Walking while being distracted or not using crosswalks has become a serious problem and more people are getting injured or killed."

To prevent fatalities and life-changing injuries, the Accident Reduction Team, comprised of GGPD motorcycle officers, is asking pedestrians to follow safety practices such as using crosswalks; looking both ways before crossing the street; staying alert with no distractions; and making themselves visible by wearing brightly-colored clothes or reflective materials during the evening.

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CITY CREATES PEDEDSTRIAN SAFETY TIPS 101 VIDEO IN RESPONSE TO
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For more information, visit www.ggpd.org/arteam, search for
#SafeStreetsGG and #StayAlertGG on Facebook or Instagram or contact the
Garden Grove Police Department Community Liaison Division at (714) 741-5760.

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Wednesday, October 6, 2021



CITY HOSTS ANNUAL JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE AT ATLANTIS PLAY CENTER

On Saturday, October 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the City of Garden Grove will host the annual Jack O' Lantern Jamboree at Atlantis Play Center, located at 13630 Atlantis Way, in Garden Grove Park. Families are invited to attend the Halloween-themed community event.

Activities include train rides, inflatable obstacle courses, a craft, airbrush tattoos, a pumpkin patch, petting zoo and reptile show. Costumes are encouraged.

Children, ages 3-13, will have the opportunity to select a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, and receive a decorating kit. All attendees will have access to event activities and Halloween candy.

C&M Ohana will be onsite selling kettle corn, lemonade, shaved ice, and ice cream.

Pre-registration is required. Tickets go on sale next Monday, October 11 through Friday, October 29, or until quantities run out.

Ticket prices are \$10 per child, ages 3-13; \$2 for individuals, ages 14 and over; and youth, 2 and under, are free.

To purchase tickets, visit ggcity.org/register; contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200; or visit the Recreation Counter, located on the 1st floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/joj or call (714) 741-5200.



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Tuesday, October 5, 2021



LOCAL TEENS INVITED TO GG TEEN ACTION COLLABORATIVE KICK-OFF MEETING

The City of Garden Grove invites local teens, ages 13-17, to attend the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) kick-off meeting, on Thursday, October 21, at 4:00 p.m. The in-person meeting will be held at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. Interested teens may RSVP by visiting ggcity.org/ggtac or calling (714) 741-5200.

Administered by the Community Services Department and other local organizations, GGTAC is an opportunity for Garden Grove teens to serve their community in a leadership capacity, while gaining career development skills and professional guidance. Participants will obtain volunteer hours at City-wide special events, service projects, and working with various local non-profits. Additional program features include excursions, career and leadership trainings and workshops, and an annual Teen Leadership Summit.

GGTAC meetings are held monthly, on the third Thursday of every month. Participants are asked to take part in all meetings and complete a variety of commitments, such as attending a Garden Grove City Council meeting.

All attendees are required to wear face masks.

For more information, call (714) 741-5200.

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Monday, October 4, 2021

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CITY SEEKS CANDIDATE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The City of Garden Grove is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as a non-compensated commissioner on the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission (NICC). Applicants must be and remain a Garden Grove resident, and a registered voter until the term expires in December 2022. To apply online, visit ggcity.org/city-clerk/applications, or visit the City Clerk's Office, located in Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway. The position will remain open until filled.

NICC regularly meets on the first Monday of every month, at 6:30 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. Applicants must be able to attend all meetings.

Duties of NICC include recommending programs to improve and preserve neighborhoods through zoning enforcement, housing rehabilitation, street improvement, Community Development Block Grant, and promotes efficient use and conservation of energy resources throughout the community.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/city-clerk or call (714) 741-5040.

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Monday, October 4, 2021



SANTA RITA AVENUE TO CLOSE FOR COMMUNITY EVENT

On Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Santa Rita Avenue, between Winton Street and St. Mark Street, will be closed for the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show community event. Motorists are asked to plan accordingly to avoid delays.

The Chili Cook-Off and Car Show event will be held at Eastgate Park, at 12001 St. Mark Street, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Residents in the area should expect an increase of pedestrian traffic during event hours. Residents have been notified in advance.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be on site during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes.

For more information on the street closure, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704.

For event information, email kathyladd@remax-gardengrove.com or call (714) 379-8144.

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Friday, October 1, 2021



COYOTE PREVENTION AND SAFETY REMINDERS

During fall and winter months, residents may experience occasional coyote sightings. The City would like to remind residents to follow important safeguards to protect pets and property against these wild animals.

Coyotes are highly adaptable and often live in close proximity to populated areas where food and water sources are abundant. Coyotes are naturally fearful of humans. However, if they associate humans with food, their behavior may change. In order to prevent human-coyote conflicts and protect pets, residents are encouraged to take preventative measures. The following precautions are recommended by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW):

- Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes.
- Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.
- If followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.
- Put garbage in tightly closed containers that cannot be tipped over.
- Bring pets in at night, and do not leave pet food outside.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.

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Coyote Prevention and Safety Reminders
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It's important to report coyote sightings using the online portal at ggcity.org/animal-care/coyotes or by calling the City's coyote hotline number at (714) 741-5286. Callers should include the date, time, and location of sightings. If the coyote is acting aggressively, call the Garden Grove Animal Care Services at (714) 741-5565.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/animal-care/coyotes, or visit the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at wildlife.ca.gov/keep-me-wild/coyote.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Friday, October 1, 2021

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CITY NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR GARDEN GROVE POLICE POSITIONS

BE THE CHANGE--JOIN THE NEXT GENERATION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Are you, or someone you know interested in a career requiring empathy, honesty, integrity, and resiliency? The City of Garden Grove is seeking qualified and committed candidates who are service-oriented and passionate about making a difference in the community to join the Garden Grove Police Department. The City is now accepting online applications for sworn and non-sworn positions. The deadline to apply is Monday, October 25, 2021. To apply online, visit ggpd.org/join.

Job openings for part-time and full-time positions include:

- Police Cadet
- Police Recruit
- Police Recruit – Academy Enrolled
- Police Officer – Academy Trained
- Lateral Police Officer

“The Garden Grove Police Department is committed to recruiting qualified police officers who are not only public-service oriented, but also want to make a real difference in Garden Grove. They will be the next generation that will protect and serve your community,” said Police Chief Tom DaRé.

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Thursday, September 30, 2021



FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY TO GARDEN GROVE RESIDENTS

Garden Grove residents may receive up to 60 gallons of compost for free at Garden Grove's annual Compost Giveaway. The event takes place on Saturday, October 30, 2021, at the Garden Grove Municipal Center, located at 13802 Newhope Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., or until supplies run out.

Residents must enter from the rear of the center, located on A Better Way, accessible from Anabel Street, which is north of the center.

Each year, Garden Grove Disposal and the Garden Grove Sanitary District host the Compost Giveaway as a special "thank you" to residents participating in the Sanitary District's yard waste program. The giveaway essentially "closes the loop" in recycling when material placed in brown yard waste containers by residents is made into compost and returned to the community for reuse.

Residents are advised to bring their own containers or buckets to pick up the loose compost (no bags, please), and to expect long lines. Proof of Garden Grove residency is required. In adherence to COVID-19 health and safety regulations, if you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask.

For more information on the Compost Giveaway or yard waste recycling program, call Garden Grove Disposal at (714) 238-2444.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

October 7, 2021

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the October 14, 2021 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from October 1, 2021 to October 7, 2021.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7, 2021 – November 19, 2021

Thursday	October 7	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	October 8		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	October 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	October 14	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation & Arts Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	October 22		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	October 26	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	October 28	11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	Halloween Luncheon, CMC, AB Room
Tuesday	November 2	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	November 4	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	November 5		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 9	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	November 11		City Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day
Friday	November 12		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Thursday	November 18	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	November 19		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



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AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Garden Grove City Hall – 3rd Floor Training Room
11222 Acacia Parkway

Thursday, October 14, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing planning@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record. Members of the public are asked to consider very carefully before attending this meeting in person and are encouraged to wear face masks and maintain a six foot distance from others. Please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symptoms.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, 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).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) in the 3rd Floor Training Room at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Zoning Administrator 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.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-211-2021

APPLICANT: Mira Mesa Lanes, LLC
LOCATION: 12141 Valley View Street

REQUEST: To operate a new bowling alley, Valley View Lanes, LLC, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "47" (On-Sale, General) License. The new bowling alley will occupy 13,740 square feet of the former AMF Lanes tenant space. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-212-94, shall be revoked and become null and void. The site is in the Planned Unit Development No. PUD-104-73 (REV. 2018/2020) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 - Existing Facilities - of the State CEQA Guidelines.

b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-212-2021

APPLICANT: Mathiou and Amber Zaky
LOCATION: 12518 Valley View Street

REQUEST: To operate a new preschool/daycare, Marley's Preschool. The site is in the PUD-102-76 (Planned Unit Development) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 - Existing Facilities - of the State CEQA Guidelines.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT



Guide to Local Recovery Update: October 6

Oct 6, 2021

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has extended the deadline for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund recipients to submit their first Project and Expenditure Report into early 2022. Additionally, the National League of Cities is hosting two American Rescue Plan Act webinars, including one specifically for smaller cities.

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund recipients now have until Jan. 31, 2022, to submit their first Project and Expenditure Report. As a result, the report now covers the period between the award date and Dec. 31, 2021. For non-entitlement cities, the Project and Expenditure report is due on April 30, 2022, and will need to cover the period between the award date and March 31, 2022.

The (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds/recipient-compliance-and-reporting-responsibilities>) **U.S. Department of the Treasury** (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds/recipient-compliance-and-reporting-responsibilities>) is expected to provide further instructions at a later date, including an update to existing guidance and a user guide.

Additionally, the Treasury Department clarified that there are no plans to use the ID.me system for non-entitlement city (NEU) reporting at this time. The department stated, "We are working on rolling out an alternative, more user-friendly method for NEUs to login to the Treasury portal, and guidance will be

developed in the near future." Many cities, especially smaller ones, have raised concerns about the system.

The National League of Cities (NLC) is hosting two American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) webinars. On Oct. 7 at 11 a.m., NLC will host a webinar for

<https://www.nlc.org/events/how-to-implement-arpa-grant-management-for-small-cities-and-towns/> **cities with fewer than 50,000 residents**

<https://www.nlc.org/events/how-to-implement-arpa-grant-management-for-small-cities-and-towns/> who received assistance from the Fiscal Recovery Fund. The

American Rescue Plan Act was the first time many small cities received a federal grant. First-time recipients need to be aware of the guidelines and responsibilities for complying and reporting the use of federal funds.

NLC will also host ARPA Office Hour: Community Impact 101, which will cover

<https://www.nlc.org/events/arpa-office-hour-community-impact-101/> **best practices**

for conducting a community needs assessment, outreach, and strategic

usage of ARPA funds [https://www.nlc.org/events/arpa-office-hour-community-](https://www.nlc.org/events/arpa-office-hour-community-impact-101/)

[impact-101/](https://www.nlc.org/events/arpa-office-hour-community-impact-101/) and programming. The webinar is scheduled for Oct. 14, at 12:30

p.m.

City leaders seeking additional guidance should review NLC's recent "

<https://www.nlc.org/resource/from-the-event-the-fundamentals-of-budgeting-with-arpa/>

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[event-the-fundamentals-of-budgeting-with-arpa/](https://www.nlc.org/resource/from-the-event-the-fundamentals-of-budgeting-with-arpa/) " webinar or visit **Cal Cities Guide**

to Local Recovery </home/resources/guide-to-local-recovery> .



Guide to Local Recovery Updates

Oct 6, 2021

The League of California Cities is actively involved in gathering, deciphering, and providing cities with the resources they need to access pandemic relief funds, understand eligible uses for those funds, and comply with reporting requirements. Visit the Guide to Local Recovery resource page to explore the resources available to cities.

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Guide to Local Recovery Update: September 29

The U.S. Department of the Treasury **<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/capital-projects-fund>** **[released guidance \(https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/capital-projects-fund\)](https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/capital-projects-fund)** on the new American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, a \$10 billion fund for states to use on broadband, digital connectivity devices, and multi-purpose community facilities that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. The Treasury Department also announced **<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/American-Rescue-Plan-Six-Month-Report.pdf>** **[\\$700 billion of \\$1 trillion](#)**

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/American-Rescue-Plan-Six-Month-Report.pdf>) in American Rescue Plan relief has been distributed since the bill was signed in March 2021. Additionally, a [National League of Cities report](https://www.nlc.org/resource/how-hard-to-fill-infrastructure-jobs-impact-building-our-future/?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=informz&utm_content=fa-newsletter-20210921&utm_term=text-link&_zs=IF31X&_zl=1jml2) (https://www.nlc.org/resource/how-hard-to-fill-infrastructure-jobs-impact-building-our-future/?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=informz&utm_content=fa-newsletter-20210921&utm_term=text-link&_zs=IF31X&_zl=1jml2) found infrastructure jobs remain hard to fill. [Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/09/29/guide-to-local-recovery-update-september-29\)](/detail-pages/news/2021/09/29/guide-to-local-recovery-update-september-29) .

Guide to Local Recovery Update: September 15

Billions of dollars in state and federal housing funding for cities were announced in the past week. Additionally, the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued an important update on the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Guidance and the National League of Cities is hosting two webinars on American Rescue Plan implementation. [Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/09/15/guide-to-local-recover-update-september-15\)](/detail-pages/news/2021/09/15/guide-to-local-recover-update-september-15) .

Guide to Local Recovery Update: September 8

The U.S. Department of the Treasury recently announced seven new policies to accelerate the spending of Emergency Rental Assistance funds. Additionally, the National League of Cities is hosting two webinars in the coming week — one on municipal employee vaccine mandates and another on using American Rescue Plan Act funds to address long-standing water infrastructure needs. [Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/09/08/guide-to-local-recovery-update-september-8\)](/detail-pages/news/2021/09/08/guide-to-local-recovery-update-september-8)

Guide to Local Recovery Update: August 25

The reporting deadline for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds is August 31! The U.S. Department of the Treasury has [released a video walkthrough of the treasury portal for the interim report and recovery plan](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umxVcfD4p1U)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umxVcfD4p1U>) . Here's a list of all the other

[Treasury Department resources available to cities \(/detail-](#)

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Guide to Local Recovery Update: August 18

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced yesterday that it will continue to reimburse local governments for Project Roomkey costs through the rest of the year. Additionally, the United States Department of Agriculture recently made up to \$500 million in grants available to rural communities to help expand access to COVID-19 vaccines and healthcare services. Lastly, the National League of Cities will hold a webinar on how cities can use American Rescue Plan funds to support small businesses and entrepreneurs. [Read the full update](#)

([/detail-pages/news/2021/08/18/guide-to-local-recovery-update-august-18](#)) .

Guide to Local Recovery Update: August 11

This week in Guide to Local Recovery: The U.S. Senate passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a significant step forward on \$550 billion in new federal infrastructure investments; the League of California Cities submitted a support letter for Senator Alex Padilla's Amendment #2584. New resources are available for cities as well, including new information about the

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds recipient reporting portal. [Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/08/11/guide-to-local-recovery-update-august-11\)](#) .

Guide to Local Recovery Update: August 4

City leaders are encouraged to join the League of California Cities in urging Congress to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a comprehensive infrastructure package; and a number of webinars are available this month on how cities can utilize American Rescue Plan funds to advance equity in their communities. [Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/08/04/guide-to-local-recovery-update-august-4\)](#) .

Guide to Local Recovery Update: July 28

Cal Cities, along with 400 other city officials and organizations, signed a letter about the need for federal infrastructure funding. Written by the National League of Cities (NLC), the letter urged Congressional leadership to pass a comprehensive infrastructure package and outlined the top priorities of local governments. City officials are encouraged to sign a similar letter to their congressional delegation. Cal Cities also released an updated version of its American Rescue Plan Act revenue loss calculators, which includes minor changes based on member feedback. Additional resources, such as NLC's list of [\(https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/\)](https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/) **FAQs from city officials about the** [\(https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/\)](https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, are available as well. [Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/07/28/guide-to-local-recovery-update-july-28\)](#)

Guide to Local Recovery Update: July 21

The League of California's strong support of SB 156 paid off, with Governor Newsom signing the [\(https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/20/governor-newsom-signs-historic-broadband-legislation-to-help-bridge-digital-divide/\)](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/20/governor-newsom-signs-historic-broadband-legislation-to-help-bridge-digital-divide/) **historic broadband legislation** [\(https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/20/governor-newsom-signs-historic-](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/20/governor-newsom-signs-historic-)

[broadband-legislation-to-help-bridge-digital-divide/](#)) on Tuesday. The \$6 billion investment — \$5.2 billion from federal dollars — is designed to bridge the digital divide and ensure equitable digital access to underserved and unserved communities. A general overview of SB 156 can be found on Cal Cities' [website \(/detail-pages/news/2021/07/15/state-passes-historic-6-billion-broadband-investment-agreement\)](#) .

Cal Cities also submitted comments about the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/TREAS-DO-2021-0008-0002/comment>) **Interim Final Rule** (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/TREAS-DO-2021-0008-0002/comment>) to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Cal Cities requested further clarity, guidance, and flexibility for local governments on issues such as public health, economic impact, and infrastructure. The full letter can be found on the Treasury Department's (<https://www.regulations.gov/comment/TREAS-DO-2021-0008-0653>) **website** (<https://www.regulations.gov/comment/TREAS-DO-2021-0008-0653>) .

Finally, the Treasury Department released an (<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>) **updated FAQ** (<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>) for **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule** (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds/recipient-compliance-and-reporting-responsibilities>) on July 14. The update clarifies eligible uses of water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, as well as questions about revenue loss and fund eligibility for nonprofit or private organizations.

Guide to Local Recovery Update: July 15

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has released several resources on its Compliance and Reporting Guidance for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) recipients. Additionally, several recovery-related webinars are available later this month, including a Government Service

Administration Procurement training. Lastly, the deadline to submit comments and recommendations to the Treasury Department on the Interim Final Rule is on July 16. **[Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/07/15/guide-to-local-recovery-update-july-15\)](#)**

Guide to Local Recovery update: July 7

The National League of Cities (NLC) will host a two-day conference on July 8-9 in collaboration with NLC's Race, Equity and Leadership (REAL) department. More than just a public health crisis, the coronavirus pandemic has revealed and exacerbated racial inequities prevalent in our communities. This conference will consist of discussions and workshops centered around building equitable community leadership and will be followed by a panel of conference speakers.

NLC will also host a virtual event about how the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) can be used to support inclusive economic recovery. The event, Utilizing ARPA Funding to Advance Cooperative Business Ownership, will be held on July 27. With community wellness in mind, this event will cover ways in which cities can support the creation and retention of local, high quality jobs to help ensure an equitable rebuilding of local economies and communities.

Guide to Local Recovery update: June 30

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation to extend the state's eviction moratorium through September 30, 2021, and clear rent debt for low-income Californians that have suffered economic, pandemic-related hardship. Additionally, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has opened the application portal for the Emergency Connectivity Fund. The \$7.17 billion program provides funding for schools and libraries to buy laptops, tablets, WiFi hotspots, modems, routers, and connectivity to help students stay connected when they're off school premises. **[Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/06/30/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-30\)](#)**

Guide to Local Recovery update: June 23

Non-entitlement cities have until tonight, June 23 at 11:59 p.m., to access the American Rescue Plan Request for Fund Portal. Additionally, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has released clarifications on several eligible use criteria, most notably broadband infrastructure. The new language around broadband is a big win for local governments. Finally, the Treasury Department also released Compliance and Reporting Guidance for metropolitan cities, which builds on the Interim Final Rule issued on May 10. [Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/06/23/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-23\)](#)

Guide to Local Recovery update: June 16

Cal Cities, along with a team of city finance professionals and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO), created a revenue loss calculation tool to help cities determine their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation spends. The tool incorporates the latest Treasury Department's Guidance and its applicability to local government finance in California as understood by our team of finance professionals. Two versions of the calculator have been prepared to support cities' choice to use fund basis (modified accrual) or government-wide (full accrual) financial records.

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The calculator will be updated and improve as Treasury Department guidance evolves. Cities will be able to calculate revenue at multiple points throughout the

program. [Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/06/16/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-16\)](#)

Guide to Local Recovery Update: June 11

Gov. Gavin Newsom took [executive action \(https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/6.11.21-EO-N-07-21-signed.pdf\)](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/6.11.21-EO-N-07-21-signed.pdf) on June 11 to terminate the state's stay-at-home order and tiered Blueprint for Safer Economy. Measures that were included in the blueprint to protect public health, such as physical distancing, capacity limits, and the county tier system, terminate on June 15. The Governor also [issued an executive order \(https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/6.11.21-EO-N-08-21-signed.pdf\)](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/6.11.21-EO-N-08-21-signed.pdf) to begin the "winding down" of the 58 executive orders that have been implemented since the beginning of the pandemic. The provisions will sunset in phases, beginning later this month through September.

The California Department of Finance (DOF) American Rescue Plan Request for Funds Portal for non-entitlement cities is now live.

[\(https://esd.dof.ca.gov/recovery-fund/login\)](https://esd.dof.ca.gov/recovery-fund/login) Cities [categorized as non-entitlement cities \(https://www.dof.ca.gov/budget/COVID-19/Small%20City%20Allocations%20-%20ARPA/CFRF%20Allocation%20Schedule.pdf\)](https://www.dof.ca.gov/budget/COVID-19/Small%20City%20Allocations%20-%20ARPA/CFRF%20Allocation%20Schedule.pdf) (NEU) must access this portal to receive their first tranche of funds. All applications are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 23, 2021. DOF discussed the funding portal with city officials during a League of California Cities webinar earlier this week. The webinar included a robust Q & A and is [available for review \(https://youtu.be/ZW0GcVks_2I\)](https://youtu.be/ZW0GcVks_2I), along with the presentation slides. [Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/06/14/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-11\)](#)

Guide to Local Recovery Update: June 9

The California Department of Finance (DOF) unveiled its [American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Fund webpage \(https://www.dof.ca.gov/budget/COVID-19/Local_Fiscal_Recovery_Fund_Allocations/\)](#)

for non-entitlement cities and discussed the upcoming funding portal with city officials during a League of California Cities webinar earlier today. The program covered the state's responsibilities, eligible usages, the application and distribution process, reporting requirements, and the portal itself. The webinar included a robust Q & A and is **available for review** (https://youtu.be/ZW0GcVks_2I), along with the presentation slides. **Read the full update** (</detail-pages/news/2021/06/09/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-9>)

Guide to Local Recovery Update: June 2

The California Department of Finance (DOF) has released the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund allocations for non-entitlement cities, and is preparing to distribute over \$1.2 billion in American Rescue Plan payments to 291 California non-entitlement cities. **Register now**

(https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Sn0LI8JfRnWdrVYeYRaJ-w) for the next Guide to Local Recovery webinar on June 9 from 9:30-10:30 a.m., where experts from DOF will provide information about how cities can navigate the state's submission portal, when cities can expect funding, as well as answer any general American Rescue Plan questions.

Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 26

Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance on the distribution of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to non-entitlement cities. These guidelines were issued to assist the California Department of Finance (DOF) in issuing final city-by-city allocations and to help develop the process for distributing non-entitlement city funds. The League of California Cities has been in communication with DOF to determine the timing of the release of the final allocations and the distribution process, and will be hosting a webinar with DOF in the coming weeks. **Read the full update.** (</detail-pages/news/2021/05/26/guide-to-local-recovery-update-may-26>)

Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 19

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has launched its own American Rescue

Plan information hub, which includes a Fiscal Recovery Funds FAQ and the interim final rule. The FAQ will be updated periodically in response to stakeholder questions. The White House and the Treasury Department will also address the interim rule during an NLC-hosted webinar and Q & A on May 20 at 1 p.m. PST. We also hosted a webinar on the American Rescue Plan for more than 400 city officials today. Representatives from the National League of Cities discussed eligible uses for entitlement cities. The webinar **recording** (https://zoom.us/rec/share/8X_MvknJY-6i6vAnjQy2XOHhwl7x7IaF1Ztybv8-jM3Op8Tu7saXtS0plpi6OHM.4lv_VGB8Q8W-Q0LA) and slides are available for those who missed it. **Read the full update (/detail-pages/news/2021/05/19/guide-to-local-recovery-update-may-19)**

Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 12

The portal for local governments that will receive their money directly from the U.S. Department of the Treasury is now live. This **portal** (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund/request-funding>) is for cities classified as Metropolitan Cities under the American Rescue Plan. Local governments designated as non-entitlement units are also eligible to receive Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as provided in the American Rescue Plan. However, they will receive this funding from their applicable state government, not through this link. **Read the full update (/detail-pages/news/2021/05/12/guide-to-local-recovery-update-may-12)**

Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 10

The U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance May 10 on the distribution of \$8 billion for California cities in the American Rescue Plan Act. To learn more, sign up for Cal Cities Legislative Action Days May 13, where Cal Cities will provide an overview of the new guidance. Be sure to check the new resources added to the Federal Guidance and Resources tab below to read the new guidelines and access the final city-by-city allocations.

U.S. Department of the Treasury now has a **website**

<http://www.treasury.gov/coronavirus>) where people can learn more about COVID-19 economic relief, programs, and assistance for state, local, and tribal governments.

The **California COVID-19 Rent Relief program**

https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/index.html) has funds to distribute, and is urging California city governments to share this resource with impacted individuals in their communities. Landlords who participate in the program can get reimbursed for 80 percent of an eligible renter's unpaid rent, and eligible renters whose landlords choose not to participate in the program may apply on their own and receive 25 percent of unpaid rent between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. Paying 25 percent by June 30, 2021 can help keep the tenant in their home under the extended eviction protections in **SB 91**

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB91) (2021). Visit the **Housing is Key website**

https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/index.html) to learn more.

Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 5

U.S. Department of the Treasury now has a **website**

<http://www.treasury.gov/coronavirus>) where people can learn more about COVID-19 economic relief, programs, and assistance for state, local, and tribal governments. The **California COVID-19 Rent Relief program**

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Guide to Local Recovery Update: April 28

Today, the League of California Cities hosted the latest installment of its new Guide to Local Recovery webinar series, focused on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) cost reimbursement for eligible programs and services under FEMA's Public Assistance Program. The webinar featured leaders with representatives from FEMA and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to provide an opportunity to ask questions and get clarity on reimbursable costs. The webinar [recording](#)

(https://zoom.us/rec/play/Hr64SUkw_ADOU5c4eD_0W573umzGJEwUplpo5-ZQ_LmMthSB6H_fERcXF8rSHWWe2RgwGWofjyWYRbVH.3qn24fnZHWgrAsiG)

and slides are available online. Next week, the White House is hosting regional briefings on the [American Jobs Plan](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/) (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/>)

and [American Families Plan](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/28/fact-sheet-the-american-families-plan/) (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/28/fact-sheet-the-american-families-plan/>), and the briefing for California is Monday, May 3 at 2 p.m. All cities are invited to attend, and the briefing will be hosted by Daniel Hornung, special assistant to the president for Economic Policy. [Register](https://pitc.zoomgov.com/j/1603766325?pwd=SUtrWVRnajJyWmg5QTg3V01iTTRSUT09) (<https://pitc.zoomgov.com/j/1603766325?pwd=SUtrWVRnajJyWmg5QTg3V01iTTRSUT09>) for the briefing.

Guide to Local Recovery Update: April 21

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has [released new steps](https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund) (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund>) that all cities need to take to receive their city allocation under the local relief included in the American Rescue Plan. The rescue plan was signed into law in March 2021, and includes \$65 billion in much-needed direct and flexible relief for every city in the country, with an anticipated \$8.3 billion for California cities. While the Treasury Department

has not released the final city allocations, you can find city-by-city estimates on the National League of Cities [website \(https://www.nlc.org/resource/estimated-local-allocations-in-the-american-rescue-plan/\)](https://www.nlc.org/resource/estimated-local-allocations-in-the-american-rescue-plan/) . [Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/04/21/guide-to-local-recovery-update-april-21\)](#)

Guide to Local Recovery Update: April 14

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) published this week a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2021-04/FY%202021%20RAISE%20grants%20NOFO%20%28Final%29.pdf\)](#) to apply for \$1 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 discretionary grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants. Projects for RAISE funding will be evaluated based on merit criteria that include safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation, and partnership. Within these criteria, the Department will prioritize projects that can demonstrate improvements to racial equity, reduce impacts of climate change, and create good-paying jobs. To provide technical assistance to prospective applicants, DOT is hosting a [series of webinars \(http://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/outreach\)](#) during the FY 2021 RAISE grant application process. The deadline to submit an application is July 12, 2021 at 5 p.m. EST. On April 12, the White House released state-by-state fact sheets that highlight the urgent need in every state across the country for the investments outlined in the new federal infrastructure proposal. The fact sheet for California can be found on the [White House website \(https://whitehouse.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f620288bb41dd81f9c715ef4d&id=74d04bf158&e=d97cf1e38b\)](https://whitehouse.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f620288bb41dd81f9c715ef4d&id=74d04bf158&e=d97cf1e38b)

Guide to Local recovery update: April 7

As cities await final guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury on the allocation amounts and reporting process for the local relief included in the American Rescue Plan, now is the time for cities to begin identifying their priorities and developing a system to track and report the funds. The sooner priorities for local recovery are identified, the faster people can get back to work,

operations can be stabilized, and those most impacted by COVID-19 can receive support. The National League of Cities [frequently asked questions](https://www.nlc.org/resource/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=informz&utm_content=fanewsletter-20210403&utm_term=text-resource&_zs=vJKfb&_zl=awIV2) (https://www.nlc.org/resource/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=informz&utm_content=fanewsletter-20210403&utm_term=text-resource&_zs=vJKfb&_zl=awIV2) about the American Rescue Plan local relief can help cities prepare while we await official guidance.

Guide to Local Recovery Update: March 31

The Biden Administration announced [a federal infrastructure plan](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/) (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/>), which outlines more than \$2 trillion in federal investments to rebuild and expand infrastructure in our cities and towns across the nation. Cal Cities is encouraged by the proposal, as repairing and modernizing aging infrastructure is key to economic recovery and more jobs in our cities and nation. We look forward to sharing more details on the plan as they become available.

Local recovery update: March 24

The passage of the historic American Rescue Plan means over \$65 billion will be delivered directly to cities of all size. Now the real work begins. What are your local priorities for this funding? The National League of Cities (NLC) is conducting a short survey to gauge how conditions, from the economy and infrastructure to housing and education, have changed this past year, and how new funding will be used to address these challenges. The results will be part of NLC's research efforts to showcase local leadership during the pandemic. They will also shape the type of strategies and programs NLC is developing to help communities leverage newly available funds. Make your voice count and participate in the survey! Please respond no later than Tuesday, March 30.

Guide to Local Recovery Update: March 17

As city officials begin to put the unprecedented local relief from the American

Rescue Plan into action to continue critical services and jumpstart recovery in their communities, Cal Cities is here to answer questions and support your efforts with tools and resources. For more information on the American Rescue Plan and what's in it for cities, read Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman's message to city officials. and review the Cal Cities **special briefing** (https://zoom.us/rec/play/SEjfz_yS_jtL4PLawym8kaF9JloYBHE0Y3e_fJztHZtxKIUz3cZ5JwBRQap51gnVeg7bh_xKvrW6cM-6.2P_bfCjF1VI5KPRV?autoplay=true) for city officials. The National League of Cities has provided an American Recue Plan **implementation update** (https://www.nlc.org/article/2021/03/12/everything-you-need-to-know-about-covid-relief/?utm_campaign=Federal-Advocacy&utm_medium=email&utm_source=informz&utm_content=federal-advocacy-covid-relief-weekly-20210316&utm_term=image-featured&_zs=Sq77a&_zl=9W8U2) , which includes the latest on recovery priorities, relief funds, and bill summaries. Also, the White House has created a **fact sheet** (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/American-Rescue-Plan-Fact-Sheet.pdf>) for the American Rescue Plan, as well as a **summary of its impact on California** (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ARP-State-Fact-Sheet-CA.pdf>) . These are first of many resources in our guide to local recovery that we will be offering in the coming weeks and months.



Cal Cities releases new cannabis regulation publication; available for free online

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“Seed to Sale: A Guide to Regulating Cannabis in California Cities” includes information about the development of cannabis law, its current status, practical approaches to regulations, and regulatory frameworks. It also examines cannabis-related finance and taxation and outlines enforcement tools for cities.

During this year’s League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo, the Cannabis Regulation Committee of the Cal Cities City Attorneys Department announced the completion of a new publication which is intended to assist municipal attorneys in addressing legal issues related to cannabis regulation.

Cannabis issues are particularly challenging for local governments due to the lack of legal precedent and constantly evolving laws. For this reason, it is important that municipal attorneys stay abreast of current cases and precedent from other legal fields that can be applied when advising clients or offering solutions about cannabis issues. To that end, the committee offers “Seed to Sale” as a thorough and practical compilation of city attorney experience from throughout California.

“Seed to Sale” provides useful information about the development of cannabis law, its current status, and practical approaches and tips to regulation issues. It also contains a historical overview of cannabis law and the regulatory framework at the federal and state level, details the committee’s perspective on regulating

cannabis in cities, examines cannabis-related finance and taxation, and outlines enforcement tools available for cities.

The new publication will help municipal attorneys better understand the intersectionality of cannabis issues with other relevant fields, such as land use, environmental law, taxation, and public health and safety, among others. Equally important: “Seed to Sale” can be used as a reference to analyze regulation options at the administrative, civil, and criminal levels to achieve particular goals within a city.

“Seed to Sale: A Guide to Regulating Cannabis in California Cities” is available on the Cal Cities [website \(/docs/default-source/publications/cc-cannabis-ver6.pdf?sfvrsn=b52d3f32_12\)](/docs/default-source/publications/cc-cannabis-ver6.pdf?sfvrsn=b52d3f32_12) .

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