

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**January 4, 2018**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

- A. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**  
This memorandum provides an update regarding the City's Budget Subcommittee meetings.
- B. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG**  
A copy of the Public Records requests for the month of December 2017 is provided by the City Clerk for your information.

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

- A.** Letter from Orange County Water District (OCWD) updating on its groundwater cleanup efforts.
- B.** Public Notice from the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District to potentially affected government agencies regarding application of pesticides (January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018).

**• OTHER ITEMS**


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



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City Manager

**CITY OF GARDEN GROVE**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Scott C. Stiles   
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: Budget Subcommittee Update  
Date: January 4, 2018

OBJECTIVE

To provide a status update regarding the City's Budget Subcommittee meetings.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On June 27, 2017, the City Council established a budget subcommittee to explore various revenue opportunities and determine each department's current and future critical needs. Meetings began on August 9, 2017, and the subcommittee meets every other week. Below is a summary of the highlights:

**City Revenue Sources:** Staff provided the Subcommittee with an in-depth review of the City's General Fund revenue sources. This included projections regarding the City's "Big 4" revenue sources (sales, property, motor vehicle, and transient occupancy taxes), which generates 72% of the City's General Fund revenues. The remaining 28% includes gas tax, property transfer tax, building permits and fees, franchise fees, business licenses, traffic and other fines, parking citations, grant overhead support, sports facility income and self-supporting recreation, deferred municipal support, interest, and street repair charges.

**Business License:** Information regarding the City's current business tax structure and rates were provided and compared to the cities of Anaheim, Orange, Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, Irvine, and Fullerton.

**Revenue Tax Benchmarking Data:** Data was provided regarding sales, utility, transient occupancy, and parcel/property tax rates for all Orange County cities.

**Internal Service Funds:** Staff presented financial data regarding the City's internal service funds, which includes, Risk Management, Workers' Compensation, and Fleet Management. The presentation included 10-year cash flow statements and an overview of the funds' purpose and program costs. In addition, the City has contracted with the consulting firm, Revenue and Cost Specialists, to review the City's internal service funds. The Consultant has met with various City departments and obtained financial data regarding the funds. A report from Revenue and Cost Specialists is pending.

**Community Priorities and Preferences:** Staff obtained the services of research group, FM3, to independently survey and analyze Garden Grove residents' general attitudes and concerns about their community and City services. Four hundred voters were surveyed and the results have been published on the City's website.

**Department Presentations:** The Subcommittee is in the process of meeting with all City departments to address concerns regarding the anticipated 5% budget reduction for fiscal year 2018-19 and to discuss critical issues pertinent to each department. The following is a summary of the departments' presentations:

*City Manager's Office* – Budget reductions in the City Manager's would result in decreases in legal services for City Council and staff, reduction in staff in the City Clerk's Office, and a reduction in various regional memberships that provide significant legislative support to the City.

*Human Resources* – The Human Resources department's budget reductions would affect staffing levels for recruitment efforts, benefits administration, legal costs for labor contract negotiations, and other employee relations services. Challenges for the department include PERS compliance, workers' compensation claims, and ever changing employment laws.

*Information Technology* – With the growing use of technology, concerns regarding the City's network infrastructure and cyber security remain a top priority for the Information Technology department. Budget reductions would result in deferring computer replacement for City staff and a reduction in graphics, word processing, and reprographics services.

*Police* – The Police department addressed their concerns with increases in crime, homelessness, and overall calls for service. The need to significantly increase the number of police officers, as well as providing the necessary equipment and infrastructure to the Police Department, is essential to maintaining the quality of life residents and visitors expect. Budget reductions would likely affect staffing for school resource officers, crossing guard services, purchase of equipment, forensic services, and enforcement of red-light traffic violations, marijuana dispensaries, and massage permits.

*Public Works* - Budget reductions would reduce tree trimming services, special event support, park maintenance, janitorial services, closure of park restrooms, and defer facility maintenance. Public Works identified risks from new environmental regulations, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, aging buildings and infrastructure, vandalism at City parks, and the ongoing increases in construction and service contracts.

Meetings with Finance, Fire, Community Services, and Community and Economic Development have been scheduled for the upcoming weeks.

**Next Steps:** Staff will be working with all departments to recommend and summarize fiscal year 2018-19 budget reductions. Information will be presented to Council at the Council Retreat, tentatively scheduled for March 9, 2018.

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By: ANN EIFERT  
Division Manager

**PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST - DECEMBER 2017**

#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
<u>3292</u>	12/21/17	Derek Smith <i>Royal Pacific Industry</i>	Hello, I was hoping to obtain a listing of new businesses who have received business licenses in Garden Grove recently. Such information should include contact information and the nature of the business, if possible. If not here, whom should I c... December 21, 2017	Revenue Management	01/02/18	
<u>3291</u>	12/21/17	Brandy Holmes <i>LRI Investigations</i>	Garden Grove Fire Department Attn: Records P.O. Box 3070 Garden Grove, CA 92842	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	01/02/18	12/21/17
<u>3290</u>	12/21/17	Erin Sommer <i>Terracon</i>	Our firm is currently investigating a fire loss that occurred in your area. Pursuant to the Insurance Code 1875, we are requesting a copy ... RE: 12111 and 12101 Valley View Street in Garden Grove	Environmental Comp Fire Suppression Fire Prevention Building Serv	01/02/18	
<u>3289</u>	12/21/17	Mark MAheu <i>Blue Violet Networks</i>	In reviewing the city council meeting agenda we saw that you are taking the RFP S-1216 to the board for consideration to award to CDW-	Purchasing	01/02/18	

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3288	12/21/17	Stacy Phan	<p>G. After reviewing their proposal pricing and seeing that we were around \$25,000+ less and knowing that the RRP...</p> <p>I would like to get any kind of complains or police report for specifically on this property 11741 Samuel Drive Garden Grove, CA 92840</p>	Police Support Serv	01/02/18	12/21/17
3287	12/19/17	Robert Scarritt <i>Unisource Discovery</i>	<p>Thank you</p> <p>Hello Denise, this is what my client is asking for. Please give us what you can that falls within this description:</p> <p>"Any and all documents, including permits, plans, and/or dimensions, relating to any work performed related to the basketball co...</p> <p>Would like to request records for a possible fire department dispatch on Bailey St in Garden Grove in the last 30 days (11-17-17 to 12-17-17) for smoke or fire at a residence on that street...</p> <p>Would it be possible to get a list of the STR units that have been fined or issued a warning?</p>	Planning Serv Building Serv	01/02/18	
3284	12/18/17	eric eggleston		Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	01/02/18	12/18/17
3283	12/15/17	Bobby Donelson	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>We participated in the City's RFP S-1216 for a VoIP Phone System. We respectfully request a copy (electronic preferred) of the detailed</p>	Neighborhood Impr Building Serv	01/02/18	12/18/17
3281	12/15/17	Matt Orr <i>IntelesysOne</i>		Purchasing	01/02/18	12/18/17

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			scoring results for the vendors who submitted proposals in response to this RFP.			
			In addition, we would like...			
			I am requesting the fired report of the fire that happened on the night of 12/12/2017 on 10622 Bolsa Ave Apt 3, Garden Grove CA 92843. I am the tenant who lives there. The incident # is G1714124	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	01/02/18	12/18/17
<u>3280</u>	12/15/17	Ariel Oswaldo Mejia	I would like to request:			
		Junior Mazariegos	1. Maintenance records for the sewer line in Manley Street - the stretch of sewer running from Lampson Ave south to around 12561 Manley St. Would like to obtain copies of the maintenance records going back as far ...	Planning Serv Sewer	01/02/18	12/21/17
<u>3279</u>	12/14/17	TAIT Environmental Services, Inc.	RE: 10641 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840	Environmental Comp		
<u>3278</u>	12/14/17	Erin Sommer Terracon	We would like to review environmental information that your office may have on file for the above-mentioned property for all dates; specifically, any hazardous material responses, records of so...	Building Serv Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	01/02/18	12/18/17
<u>3277</u>	12/14/17	Marwan	I am requesting a copy of the report findings for the complaint filed on property 11542 Daniel Avenue. Complaint was filed with Community and Economic Development on 10/3/17.	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention Neighborhood Impr Revenue	01/02/18	12/15/17

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			I am also requesting copies of all permits on file for this same pro...	Management Building Serv		
<u>3276</u>	12/14/17	Jim Brown <i>Forensic Fire Investigations</i>	Fire Incident Report 11212 Rainier Ct. Garden Grove Date of Loss: April 9, 2017  Please see the attached request regarding  Camera Red Light Ticket: GG103440PE Incident Date: August 2017 Location: Intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Trask Ave.	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	01/02/18	12/14/17
<u>3275</u>	12/13/17	Minhhang T. Dang	Requesting:  1) Any and all records establishing the below equipment are r... Pmt# 1347c 2/28/08 Complaint: Addition behind garage w/o permits 9301 weldon Hello,	Community Policing Engr Services	01/02/18	12/19/17
<u>3274</u>	12/13/17	Raphael salim <i>A Plus Realty</i>		Building Serv	01/02/18	12/13/17
<u>3273</u>	12/13/17	Kevin Nguyen	I'm requesting a copy of the "Request to speak" yellow cards for all speakers for the council meeting that was held on 12/12/17. Thank you.	City Clerk	01/02/18	12/21/17
<u>3272</u>	12/13/17	Nagah Abdelshahid	Subject: RFP S-1228 Crossing Guard for City of Garden Grove, CA Hello,	Purchasing	01/02/18	12/19/17

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		<i>American Guard Services, Inc.</i>	Under the freedom of information act, can you please provide us a written debriefs of this bid including the bid tabulation and scoring/evaluation factors for each respondent...			
<u>3271</u>	12/12/17		I request information on Garden Grove intakes housed at Orange County Humane Society - GFC0001069, GFC0001081, G0001137, G0001155 ,GFC0001175. To include all notes, including medical, current location at time of this request and outcome.	Street Maint	01/02/18	
<u>3270</u>	12/12/17		I request information on Garden Grove intake G0001259, at Orange County Humane Society -. To include all notes, including medical, current location at time of this request and outcome.	Street Maint	01/02/18	12/21/17
<u>3269</u>	12/12/17	Marwan	I am requesting a copy of the report findings for the complaint filed on property 11502 Daniel Avenue. Complaint was filed with Community and Economic Development on 10/3/17.	Revenue Management Neighborhood Impr Fire	01/02/18	12/14/17
			I am also requesting copies of all permits on file for this same pro...	Suppression Fire Prevention Building Serv		
<u>3268</u>	12/12/17	Candis Shelnut GEICO	I am a claims adjuster with GEICO. GEICO's policyholder was involved in a motor vehicle accident that resulted in a broken fire hydrant. GEICO has accepted responsibility for the damage to the fire hydrant and I am trying to find the contact infor...	Revenue Management Budget	01/02/18	12/12/17



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			Hello City Clerk			
<u>3267</u>	12/11/17	Ashley Blanco Level2Security & Automation	I'm emailing you today towards the request of NEW business licenses for the month of November with full names, phone number, address, email, and name of their firms. Please email the document back in excel format if possible. ...	City Clerk	12/21/17	12/11/17
<u>3266</u>	12/11/17	LexisNexis	Copies of the Fire Department Incident Report for a building fire that occurred on December 4, 2017, at 11080 Cobblestone Lane in Garden Grove.	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	12/21/17	12/19/17
<u>3265</u>	12/11/17		I would like to know who is the owner of the listed below property, and its contact information since I am interested in buying it.	City Clerk	12/21/17	12/11/17
<u>3264</u>	12/11/17	Richard Wilson EFI Global, FAX (949) 528-0158	13112 Blue Spruce Ave. Garden Grove. CA REQUEST FOR FIRE PREVENTION RECORDS for 12622 & 12632 Monarch Street Garden Grove, CA 92841 APN: 215-031-07 EFI Global is preparing a Property Condition Report on the above-named property for a financial services client. We are re...	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	12/21/17	12/11/17
<u>3263</u>	12/07/17		Requesting information on a dog held at Orange County Humane Society - ID: G0001232. I request all notes and medical records, location held and outcome	Street Maint	12/18/17	12/15/17
<u>3262</u>	12/07/17		I am interested to buy the property listed below	City Clerk	12/18/17	12/07/17

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<u>3261</u>	12/07/17	Angie garcia	13112 blue spruce avenue garden grove. I would like to know on the city record who owns this property. Thank you bankruptcy records for Schafer Brothers Furniture	City Clerk	12/18/17	12/07/17
<u>3259</u>	12/06/17		I request information on Garden Grove intakes housed at Orange County Humane Society - G0001259, G0001260. To include all notes, including medical, current location at time of this request and outcome. SECOND REQUEST	Street Maint	12/18/17	12/12/17
<u>3258</u>	12/06/17	Rich Arredondo LexisNexis	LexisNexis Reference No. 676020701 Copy of Garden Grove Fire Department Incident Report for a building fire that occurred on October 20, 2017, at 12738 Josephine in Garden Grove. SECOND REQUEST	City Clerk	12/18/17	12/06/17
<u>3257</u>	12/06/17	Rich Arredondo LexisNexis	LexisNexis Reference No. 676020091 Copy of Garden Grove Fire Department Incident Report for an auto accident that occurred on October 20, 2017, at 12738 Josephine in Garden Grove. SECOND REQUEST	City Clerk	12/18/17	12/06/17
<u>3256</u>	12/06/17	Cynthia Vazquez LexisNexis	LexisNexis Reference No. 675434951	City Clerk	12/18/17	12/06/17

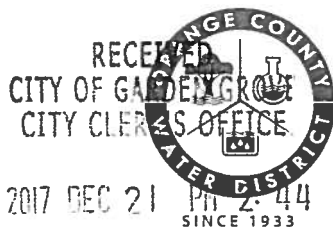
#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
			Copy of Garden Grove Fire Department Incident Report for a car fire that occurred on October 16, 2017, at 8232 Central Avenue in Garden Grove. Denise,  I received this from a fellow citizen:			
<u>3255</u>	12/06/17	Tony Flores	In October, the city commissioned a firm to conduct a phone survey. *400 registered voters in Garden Grove. 67% said they are satisfied with the direction the city is moving in....hmmm	City Manager	12/18/17	12/15/17
			"Peopl...			
<u>3254</u>	12/06/17		Identity of Holly McCoy in regards to Lily Strand of Orange, California.  We are doing an environmental site assessment on the property and would like to know if there are any records in regards to underground/aboveground storage tanks, hazardous materials, hazardous waste and/or any clarifiers on the property located a...	City Clerk	12/18/17	12/06/17
<u>3253</u>	12/05/17	Frank Trinidad <i>Odic Environmental</i>	I request information on Garden Grove intakes housed at Orange County Humane Society - G0001245, G0001250, G0001243, G0001244, G0001254. To include all notes, including medical, current location at time of this request and outcome.	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	12/15/17	12/07/17
<u>3252</u>	12/04/17			Street Maint	12/14/17	12/12/17

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<u>3251</u>	12/04/17	Ashley Level 2 Security and Automation	I'm emailing you today towards the request of NEW business licenses for the month of November with full names, phone number, address, email, and name of their firms. Please email the document back in excel format if possible. ...	City Clerk	12/14/17	12/05/17
<u>3250</u>	12/04/17	Helen McColl, Esq. Law Offices of Helen McColl	Intersection of Exit 13 from I-22 eastbound, onto Fairview. Accident on 8/22/17 took place as person exiting eastbound 22 turned left on left arrow and was broadsided. I need 1) measurements of intersection; 2) number of accidents at intersectio...	Engr Services Police Support Serv	12/14/17	12/13/17
<u>3249</u>	12/04/17	Johnny Ta ADT	Can I please get the listing for new businesses for the month of November, thanks.	City Clerk	12/14/17	12/05/17
			Hello City clerk			
<u>3248</u>	12/04/17	Ashley Level 2 Security and Automation	I'm emailing you today towards the request of NEW business licenses for the month of November with full names, phone number, address, email, and name of their firms, excel format if possible	City Clerk	12/14/17	12/05/17
			Thank you			
<u>3247</u>	12/04/17	Chris Davis Market Force One	Requests the Nov 'new business list' in Excel format	City Clerk	12/14/17	12/05/17

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3246	12/01/17	Ron Feldstein <i>EBI Consulting</i>	I am conducting a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for two properties that are located in Garden Grove: Cityview Plaza, 12361 - 12465 Lewis Street Garden Grove Town Center, 9918 Katella Avenue and 11021 Brookhurst Street I am looking for ...	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	12/11/17	12/05/17
3245	12/01/17	Bela Christensen <i>Accutrend Data Corporation</i>	All new business licenses filed in November of 2017.	Revenue Management	12/11/17	12/05/17

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**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Attachment II. A.  
Mgrs. Memo 1/4/18

First Vice President  
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December 12, 2017

The Honorable Steven Jones  
Mayor  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

RE: Update on Orange County Groundwater Basin Cleanup Projects

Dear Mayor Jones:

The following is an update regarding the Orange County Water District's (OCWD; the District) groundwater cleanup efforts.

On Friday, December 8, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Administrator Scott Pruitt's decision to list twenty-one polluted sites for immediate action under Superfund. The proposed list includes the North Basin Groundwater site located in Fullerton, Anaheim and Placentia. Enclosed is a copy of the EPA's statement.

This is a preliminary decision. Formal proposal for the National Priority List (NPL) entails an orderly process with opportunity for public review and comments. Listing North Basin on the NPL was endorsed by the State of California early this summer and would allow the cleanup of the site to proceed after many years of negotiations and legal proceedings with potentially responsible parties.

North Basin falls squarely within EPA's core function of enforcement and compliance with the nation's environmental laws. In addition, the innovative approach will provide for expedited protection of a critical groundwater resource, cooperation of EPA with local and state agencies, and should expedite engagement of potentially responsible parties regardless if formal enforcement action is ultimately taken. There is significant correlation with Superfund Task Force Recommendations, including the goals and actions designed to be dynamic, adaptable and accelerate cleanups.

OCWD will inform you if/when such a decision is made regarding NPL status. In the meantime, below is information regarding parallel actions taken by OCWD to address threats to the Orange County Groundwater Basin.

### **North Basin [Fullerton, Anaheim, and Placentia areas]**

- OCWD has been conducting a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) under EPA oversight. OCWD field geologists and hired consultants are nearly finished with the first phase of drilling, with 10 of the planned 14 monitoring wells complete. Subsequent phases of drilling will include wells in La Palma Park and sites along the northern edge of the plume in order to fill data gaps that hinder the delineation of the width and depth of the pollution plume. These additional locations were requested by the EPA. The data offered by these recent wells so far confirms OCWD's site conceptual model developed with previous studies carried out over the years. OCWD expects to complete the EPA directed remedial investigation by April 2018.
- Six extraction wells were drilled by OCWD several years ago. Up until recently, none of those wells were placed into service for the capture and control of plume spreading. The delay in well completion was the result of legal challenges including a CEQA lawsuit. After waiting a few years for a resolution of the legal challenge and considering the new directions set with the EPA, the OCWD Board of Directors took it upon themselves to direct staff to install and operate well EW-1, considered one of the most important of the original 6 wells due to its location upgradient of two drinking water wells. To expedite the completion of the well, OCWD engineers re-designed it to allow discharge of the contaminated water to the nearby sanitary sewer. Construction of the new pumping system was completed and the new well became fully operational in November.

The water discharged by the well is sent into a sanitary sewer that is tributary to Orange County Sanitation District's (OCSD) Plant 1 where it is treated extensively and then sent to OCWD's Groundwater Replenishment System where the water undergoes a three-step advanced purification process. The purified water is then recharged into the groundwater basin for subsequent reuse.

- OCWD staff has been working with the Prop 1 grant administrators within the State Water Resources Control Board to secure partial funding of the RI/FS work at both the North and South Basin sites (planning grants) and for the construction of the pumping systems and piping for the North Basin EW-1 project (implementation grant). Grant funds cannot be used for long-term operation of remediation systems. The District will be looking to potentially responsible parties to fund those operations either through collaboration, litigation or by order of the EPA.

### **South Basin [Irvine, Santa Ana, and Tustin areas]**

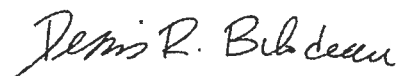
- OCWD is conducting a RI/FS to investigate and develop a remedy for a large groundwater contaminant plume and has entered into a cost reimbursement agreement with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). This voluntary and primarily self-funded program is proceeding despite a lack of cooperative agreement from most of the potentially responsible parties. There are some notable exceptions where individual parties have settled with OCWD and/or are performing important RI/FS and remediation work.

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The current scope of OCWD work includes the drilling of 21 monitoring wells in 6 clusters. These wells will fill data gaps in both the geologic characterization and in the distribution of contaminants underground. They will also allow for additional aquifer analysis and groundwater modelling. Most of the new wells have been drilled. The current schedule for completion of the RI/FS is April 2019.

If you have any questions regarding EPA's recent preliminary decision and/or other matters related to the cleanup, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Hunt, Director of Special Projects, at (714) 378-8229 or [whunt@ocwd.com](mailto:whunt@ocwd.com)

Sincerely,

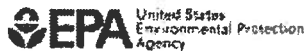
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis R. Bilodeau".

Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E.  
President

Encl. EPA Press Release: EPA Prioritizes Cleanup of Orange County North Basin  
Groundwater December 8, 2017



We've made some changes to EPA.gov. If the information you are looking for is not here, you may be able to find it on the EPA Web Archive or the January 19, 2017 Web Snapshot.



## News Releases from Region 09

# EPA Prioritizes Cleanup of Orange County North Basin Groundwater

## Twenty-One Sites Targeted for Immediate, Intense Attention Nationwide

12/08/2017

### Contact Information:

Nahal Mogharabi ([mogharabi.nahal@epa.gov](mailto:mogharabi.nahal@epa.gov))  
213-244-1815

**LOS ANGELES** – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the list of Superfund sites that Administrator Pruitt has targeted for immediate and intense attention. The 21 sites on the list – from across the United States – are in direct response to the [Superfund Task Force Recommendations](#), issued this summer, calling for this list. The Orange County North Basin, which provides much of the water used in 22 cities, including parts of Fullerton, Anaheim and Placentia, has been selected.

“By elevating these sites we are sending a message that EPA is, in fact, restoring its Superfund program to its rightful place at the center of the Agency’s mission,” said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. “Getting toxic land sites cleaned up and revitalized is of the utmost importance to the communities across the country that are affected by these sites. I have charged the Superfund Task Force staff to immediately and intently develop plans for each of these sites to ensure they are thoughtfully addressed with urgency. By getting these sites cleaned up, EPA will continue to focus on ways we can directly improve public health and the environment for people across America.”

In developing this initial list, EPA considered sites that can benefit from Administrator Pruitt’s direct engagement and have identifiable actions to protect human health and the environment. These are sites requiring timely resolution of specific issues to expedite cleanup and redevelopment efforts. The list is designed to spur action at sites where opportunities exist to act quickly and comprehensively. The Administrator will receive regular updates on each of these sites.

Orange County Water District (OCWD), under EPA oversight, is currently conducting an interim remedial investigation and feasibility study to address groundwater contamination in the Orange County North Basin. OCWD has agreed to complete this study and work with EPA so that cleanup can begin as soon as possible. Since the workplan was approved by EPA in June 2017, 11 monitoring wells have been constructed and sampled and an additional 10 monitoring wells are planned for construction. The data collected as part of this study will provide EPA with the information needed to develop an initial remedy that will prevent further vertical and horizontal migration.

The groundwater plume is contaminated with chlorinated solvents and other contaminants covering over five square miles. Contamination in the North Basin is believed to be the result of spills and leaks from industrial activities in the area such as manufacturing and metals processing businesses that utilized solvents as well as dry cleaning facilities over the last several decades. There are many properties in the North Basin where historical industrial activity has contaminated the soil and groundwater with chemicals, including tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE), and 1,4-dioxane.

EPA is considering listing the site on the National Priorities List (NPL) to further expedite cleanup of the groundwater basin. EPA received a letter from the State of California on June 28, 2017, in support of placing this site on the NPL.

EPA remains dedicated to addressing risks at all Superfund sites, not just those on the list. The Task Force Recommendations are aimed at expediting cleanup at all Superfund sites and Administrator Pruitt has set the expectation that there will be a renewed focus on accelerating work and progress at all Superfund sites across the country.

The Task Force, whose work is ongoing, has five overarching goals:

- Expediting cleanup and remediation;
- Reinvigorating cleanup and reuse efforts by potentially responsible parties;
- Encouraging private investment to facilitate cleanup and reuse;
- Promoting redevelopment and community revitalization; and
- Engaging with partners and stakeholders.

The Task Force will provide the public with regular updates as it makes progress on the Administrator's Emphasis list and other Task Force activities.

The list is intended to be dynamic. Sites will move on and off the list as appropriate. At times, there may be more or fewer sites based on where the Administrator's attention and focus is most needed. There is no commitment of additional funding associated with a site's inclusion on the list.

The list of sites can be found [here](#).



In May 2017, Administrator Scott Pruitt established a task force to restore EPA's Superfund program to its rightful place at the center of the Agency's core mission to protect health and the environment.



## Public Notice

December 22, 2017

***Re: Notification to Potentially Affected Governmental Agencies Regarding  
Application of Pesticides by the Orange County Vector Control District (January 1, 2018– December 31,  
2018)***

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) is hereby notifying potentially affected governmental agencies of our continued application of mosquito control pesticides within Orange County pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (Order No. 2016-0039-DWQ) [General Permit No. CAG 990004]. This permit is for discharges of biological and residual pesticides to waters of the United States, per those pesticide active ingredients approved for application within the provisions of the approved Pesticide Application Plan and the Notice of Applicability, as adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on March 1, 2016, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021. This notification is for applications made from January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 for the suppression of vector populations and arbovirus transmission when non-chemical strategies are not feasible or effective. Each year the District will update interested agencies regarding the control products being used within the District's boundaries (see enclosed service area map).

The District is a public health agency charged with protecting the citizens of Orange County under Division 3 of the California Health and Safety Code (CAL. HSC. §2000-2910). The District carries out its mission with a balanced approach focused on protecting public health and the environment through an effective, county-wide Integrated Vector Management (IVM) Program. As part of the IVM Program the District applies mosquito control pesticides that primarily target aquatic, immature (larval) stages of mosquitoes to prevent the emergence of adult mosquitoes, which inflict painful bites and may transmit diseases such as West Nile virus. District personnel conduct larval mosquito control year-round in a variety of urban and natural habitats, such as unmaintained swimming pools, ornamental ponds, small containers, stormwater treatment systems, riparian corridors, tidal marshes, and seasonal and permanent wetlands. Adult mosquito control, if necessary, occurs typically in the warmer months near mosquito producing habitats, like seasonal and permanent wetlands, tidal marshes, and urban areas.

All mosquito control pesticides are applied only when necessary by licensed, District personnel according to product label instructions and in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations. Proper applications maximize a product's effectiveness while avoiding or minimizing any adverse impacts to the public and environment. No special precautions need to be taken by your representative agencies as the District performs these ongoing activities. There are no known water use restrictions or precautions during treatment. Please refer to the District's website for all product labels and Safety Data Sheets.

The NPDES Permit requirements for listing of the Public Health Pesticides anticipated to be used were modified from the previous permit, to the new permit which took effect July 1, 2016. The newer requirements specify that any pesticide product can be used that contain approved active ingredients, provided all pesticide label restrictions and instructions are followed. In addition, pesticides which fall under the "minimum" risk

pesticides have been exempted from FIFRA requirements, and a list of these can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides/inert-ingredients-approved-use-minimum-risk-pesticide-products>. The following tables list the active ingredients approved for the FIFRA regulated pesticides.

Active Ingredients for Larval Mosquito Control:

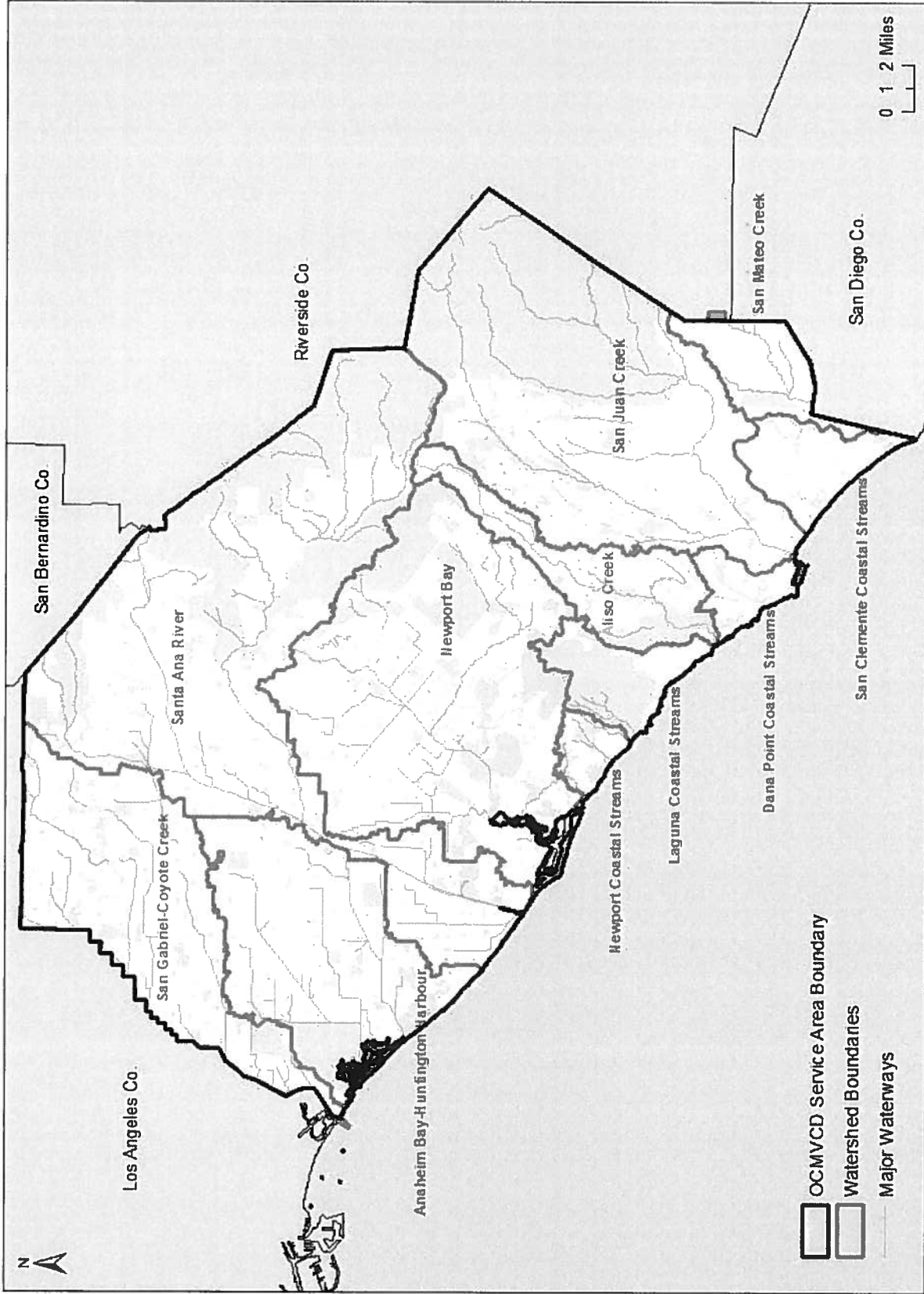
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i> ( <i>Bti</i> )
<i>Lysinibacillus sphaericus</i> ( <i>Ls</i> ) formerly <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i> ( <i>Bs</i> )
Methoprene
Monomolecular Films
Petroleum Distillates
Spinosad
Temephos

Active Ingredients for Adult Mosquito Control:

Deltamethrin
Etofenprox
Lambda-Cyhalothrin
Malathion
Naled
N-octyl bicycloheptene dicarboximide (MGK-264)
Piperonyl butoxide (PBO)
Permethrin
Prallethrin
Pyrethrin
Resmethrin
Sumithrin

For more information, please call (714) 971-2421 or visit the District's website ([www.ocvcd.org](http://www.ocvcd.org)).

# Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) Service Area Boundary



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# **NEWS ARTICLES**

Register  
"Fountain Valley View"  
Jan. 4, 2018

# Garden Grove saves room for dessert and many more delicacies

If you're like Brainiac, you might have sworn off the sweet treats for the new year. All those



**Peter  
Larsen  
Brainiac**

Christmas cookies and pies and coffee cakes? Well, what could we do? If we didn't try to eat 'em up as soon as they

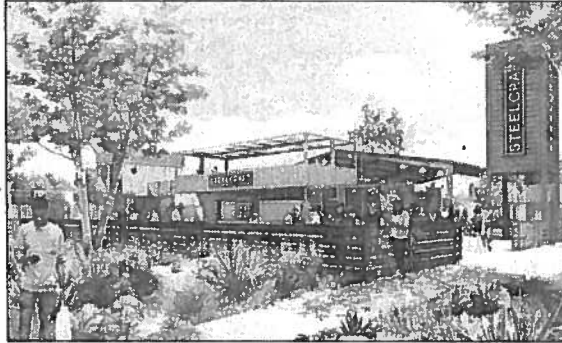
arrived on the table at home or the counter in the office, someone else would have had to. And because we're nice, we didn't want anyone else to bear the burden of those extra holiday pounds.

But now you say it's going to be Dessert Week in Garden Grove? Oh dear, oh dear, what can we do about that?

Garden Grove Restaurant Week starts Jan. 20 and runs through Jan. 27, and the city is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to promote all the tasty desserts getting served in restaurants in the city.

"This year, we wanted to highlight one of the best foods our community has to offer — desserts!" said Lisa Kim, community and economic development director for the city, in a news release announcing the event. "The city has welcomed many new restaurants in the past year, including E Patisserie Café, Mr. Matcha and Bruster's Real Ice Cream, all of which are excited to participate in this year's Restaurant Week."

Brainiac, you might remember, wrote about the arrivals of Bruster's



RENDERING COURTESY OF STUDIO ONE ELEVEN

SteelCraft Garden Grove will include food retailers and restaurants selling goods from cargo containers as long as 40 feet on a 1.8-acre lot behind City Hall.

Real Ice Cream and Mr. Matcha, so apparently we are overdue for a visit to E Patisserie Café.

You can find all of the special menus or special prices offered during Restaurant Week by visiting [ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek](http://ci.garden-grove.ca.us/restaurantweek).

And, in an echo of the Buy In Garden Grove raffle held from Black Friday to late December, you can eat your way to winning a \$100 gift card to one of the participating restaurants during the event, too. With the purchase of any dessert from a participating restaurant, you'll be able to trade in your receipt for a raffle ticket. Bring the receipts to the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at 12866 Main St., No. 102, by 5 p.m. Jan. 29, and you're in.

For more information about Garden Grove Restaurant Week, call the city's Office of Community Relations at 714-741-5280 or the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at 714-638-7950.

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Sticking with the res-

taurant news in Garden Grove, the long-awaited arrival of SteelCraft is on target for this year, and it was listed recently as one of the biggest upcoming restaurant stories of 2018 by our colleague at the Orange County Register.

SteelCraft Garden Grove is the second food hall to be built using shipping containers — thus the SteelCraft of its name — by Howard CDM and SteelCraft, after the Long Beach location that opened in 2017.

Garden Grove's version will be twice as big as the Long Beach location and offer a mix of five food tenants, plus beer, wine, coffee and dessert shops — again, the desserts! — in cargo containers as long as 40 feet.

It's expected to be ready in the second half of the year, and will be located behind Garden Grove City Hall. Retailers and restaurants will be announced at the city's State of the City address Jan. 31, and the project breaks ground the next day.

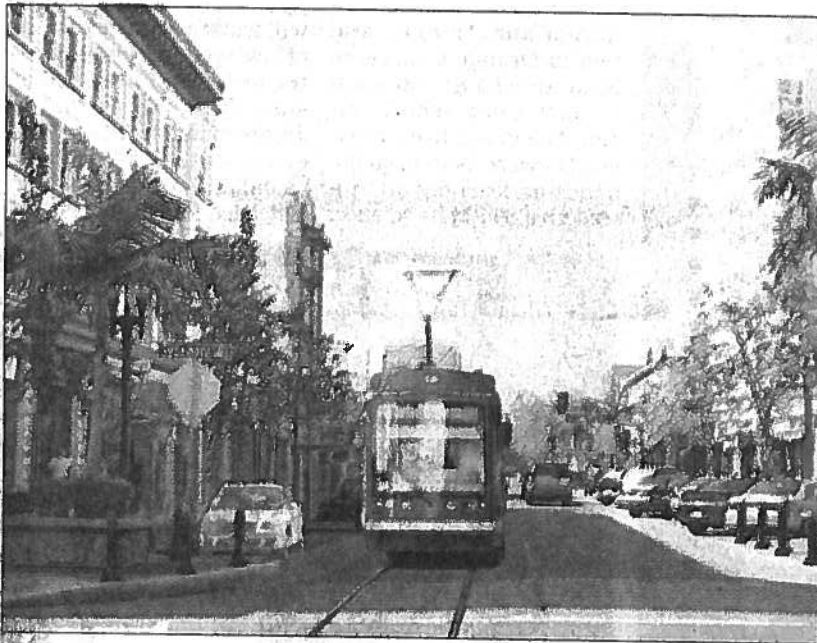
TRANSPORTATION

# Streetcar design desired.

By Louis Casiano Jr.  
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The Orange County Transportation Authority recently approved an invitation for bids to build OC Streetcar, a proposed trolley that would run 4.1 miles through Santa Ana and Garden Grove.

Project costs are estimated at \$299 million. Funding will come from the state, the federal government and Measure M proceeds, a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, according to an OCTA release. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of next year with operations beginning in 2020.



RENDERING COURTESY OF OCTA

A preliminary rendering of what the OC Streetcar might look like.

CRIME

## Craigslist ad for laptop leads to armed robbery in Garden Grove parking lot

By Scott Schwebke  
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**GARDEN GROVE »** A Craigslist ad for a MacBook Pro led to an armed robbery in a parking lot, police said Saturday.

The robbery occurred about 7:40 p.m. Friday,

when the seller and a potential buyer met in a parking lot at 14231 Euclid St., said Garden Grove police Sgt. Juan Centeno.

The seller and buyer had exchanged text messages and email before agreeing to meet in a public spot, police said.

Once there, the suspect

brandished a handgun and took the laptop, Centeno said.

The suspect fled in an older, four-door black sedan, possibly a 2000 Nissan Altima, according to Centeno.

The suspect was described as a black man, 20 to 25 years old, 6 feet tall

and about 165 pounds. He had short curly hair, wore a silver hoodie and had a black, semi-automatic handgun, Centeno said.

Anyone with information should contact the Garden Grove Police Department's Crimes against Persons Bureau at 714-741-5800.



## REAL ESTATE

# Hotter housing: Garden Grove or Westminster?

By Jonathan Lansner

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Here are homebuying highlights for Garden Grove and Westminster from ReportsOnHousing for October.

This house-hunting report tracks listing, buying and selling of existing detached and attached residences in the communities.

Analysis includes October trends based on closed sales: sale counts; average price vs. average list price; high and low price paid in the month; average cost per square foot and average size; plus, based on broker listing networks stats on Nov. 30 the "market time" metric comparing supply of listings to new escrows opened in past 30 days.

In Garden Grove ...  
Sales: 93 sold vs. 87 a year ago.

Average sales price: \$540,396 that ranked No. 40 out of 46 Orange County markets tracked and was up 6.4 percent in a year.

Compared to list: Sellers got 98.8 percent of what they typically asked for, ranking No. 15 of the 46 markets.

Range: High sale of \$981,000 vs. the \$242,000 low.

Sizing: On average, buyers paid \$385 per square foot on a 1,402 square-foot residence. This pricing metric was up 7.9 percent in a year.

Market speed: 35 days, listing to escrow opened vs. 54 days a year ago and 43 days two years ago.

In Westminster ...

Sales: 38 sold vs. 30 a year ago.

Average sales price: \$661,949 that ranked No. 28 out of 46 Orange County markets tracked and was up 8.8 percent in a year.

Compared to list: Sellers got 99 percent of what they typically asked for, ranking No. 11 of the 46 markets.

Range: High sale of \$885,000 vs. the \$446,000 low.

Sizing: On average, buyers paid \$373 per square foot on a 1,776 square-foot residence. This pricing metric was up 8.9 percent in a year.

Market speed: 40 days, listing to escrow opened vs. 50 days a year ago and 41 days two years ago.

Compare these patterns to five October trends we saw in all of Orange County ...

1. Sales: 2,553 sold vs. 2,575 a year ago.

2. Average sales price: \$868,090, up 10.4 percent in a year.

3. Compared to list: 98.4 percent.

4. Sizing: On average, buyers paid \$464 per square foot — up 9.7 percent in a year — on a 1,870 square-foot residence.

5. Market speed, as of Nov 30: 62 days vs. 73 days a year ago and 75 days two years ago.

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## GARDEN GROVE

# Family resource center renamed by district

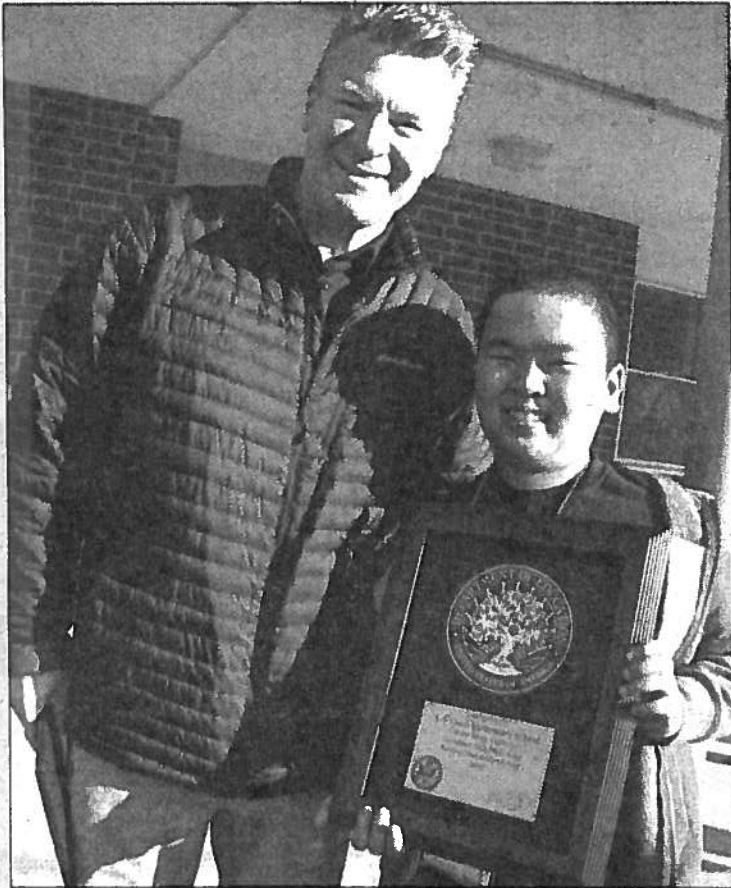
Chris Haire

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The Garden Grove Unified School District recently renamed its new family resource center, located on the Clinton-Mendenhall El-

ementary School campus, after former Doig Intermediate School teacher Lloyd Stone. Stone died in 2014. The Lloyd M. Stone Family Resource Center opened in August.

# The year in pictures – Part II



File photo

**Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones shares a moment with Phillip Phi, a sixth grader at Cook Elementary School. For more year-in review photos, see pages 8-9.**

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## **Armed robbery**

A man who attempted to sell a laptop on Craigslist was robbed at gunpoint from a man posing as a buyer Friday night, Dec. 29, according to authorities.

The victim was robbed last week in the parking lot of 14231 Euclid St. The victim had advertised a MacBook Pro laptop on Craigslist and after communicating through text messages and email agreed to meet a potential buyer at that location, Garden Grove police said in a statement.

But during the transaction, the man posing as a buyer brandished a handgun and took the laptop from the victim, who was not injured, according to the statement.

The robber fled the area in an older four-door black sedan, possibly a 2000s Nissan Altima, southbound on Euclid Street. He is described as being black, about 20 to 25 years of age, about 6 feet tall, 165 pounds with short curly hair, wearing a silver hoodie and armed with a black semi-automatic handgun.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Garden Grove Police Department's Crimes against Persons Bureau at 714-741-5800.

## **Tree pickup**

Have you put out your Christmas tree yet?

Now's the time to do it.

First, eliminate a fire hazard.

Second, Republic Services, the city's trash-collection provider, will pick up Christmas trees through Jan. 6.

Trees must be out on the curb by 7 a.m. on regular collection days.

Flocked trees not eligible.

For information, call 714-741-5375.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS to provide citizens, public agencies and other interested parties an opportunity to provide input for the Garden Grove Housing Authority Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Public Hearing and express opinions related to the Annual Plan.

The Annual Plan for the Garden Grove Housing Authority will be available for public view by February 28, 2018, at the offices of the Garden Grove Housing Authority located on the first floor at 12966 Euclid Street, Suite 150, Garden Grove, California 92840. The Garden Grove Housing Authority's business hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and is closed every other Friday with business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the open Friday.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Community Meeting Center

11300 Stanford Avenue  
Garden Grove, California 92840

All written testimony must be received no later than March 27, 2018, at 12:00 noon. Any person or organization may file written testimony on the Annual Plan with the City Clerk's Office, located in City Hall at 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
Secretary

Date: December 15, 2017

Publish: January 3, 2018, and January 10, 2018  
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**LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE \* INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

\* THURSDAY, 6:00 P.M., JANUARY 18, 2018

**SITE PLAN NO. SP-042-2017**

A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new, 3,867 square foot In-N-Out Burger restaurant with a drive-thru located on two lots with a combined land area of 57,882 square feet. The project includes demolition of the existing 5,449 square foot building footprint of the Coco's restaurant and preservation of the existing building's curved roof, round support columns, and roof sign. The existing Rocky's Market liquor store, at 12542 Chapman Avenue, will also be demolished to provide additional parking and an overflow drive-thru lane. The site is at 12032 Harbor Boulevard and 12542 Chapman Avenue in the HCSP-TCB (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan-Tourist Commercial B) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section Nos. 15301 - Existing Facilities; 15302 - Replacement or Reconstruction; and 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on January 18, 2018. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 7415312.

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THINGS TO DO > RESTAURANT REVIEWS + FOOD

# Here are the 13 most exciting new Orange County restaurants opening in 2018

By **NANCY LUNA** | [nluna@scng.com](mailto:nluna@scng.com) | Orange County Register

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14 COMMENTS

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In 2017, Orange County saw yet another lofty increase in the number of restaurants operating from Seal Beach to San Clemente.

The restaurant count soared to 9,159, a jump of 282 establishments from last year's count of 8,877 as of Dec. 1, 2017, according to county records.

And it was a thrilling year for fine dining and international concepts — from the reborn Marche Moderne in Newport Beach to one-dish wonder Yang's Braised Chicken Rice in Tustin.

Looking ahead to 2018, expect more dazzling dining coming to Orange County including Chef Amar Santana's new global food market at South Coast Plaza.

From rain forest coffee to a food hall made of cargo containers, these are the new restaurants to watch for this year.

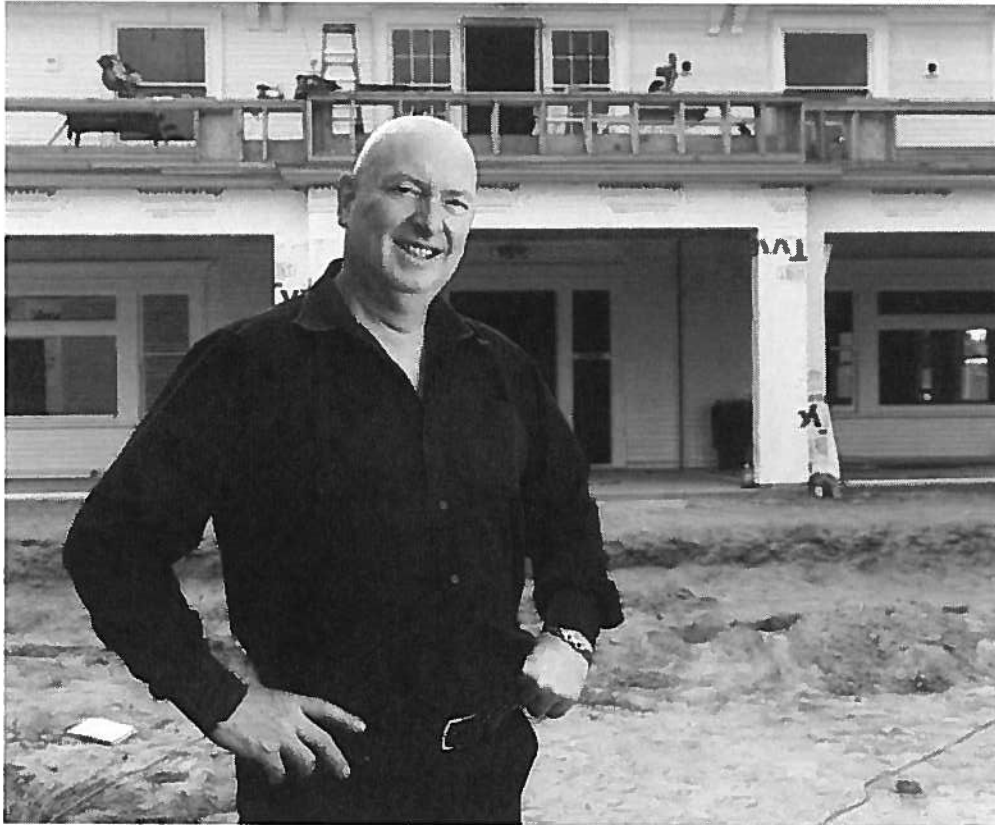


## **1. Urth Caffe in Old Towne Orange**

The last we heard from Urth Caffe, renovation crews were uncovering pieces of history from an 1888 building that will serve as the coffee shop's next Southern California location. Urth's Los Angeles outlets, frequented by celebrities, are famous for their heirloom organic coffees and pastries. The Orange location, which will serve breakfast and lunch, has a view of the city's historic downtown plaza — and is ironically surrounded by two Starbucks cafes. Opening: The cafe was expected to open by late 2017. No word yet on when it will open in 2018.  
100 W. Chapman Ave.

## **2. The Hall**

Celebrated local chef Amar Santana is giving birth to his third concept: The Hall at South Coast Plaza. Santana's global marketplace will house two European food stands selling French baked goods, sandwiches, salads, Mediterranean dishes, coffee and fresh juices. Santana, a "Top Chef" finalist, is the chef-owner of Vaca in Costa Mesa and Broadway in Laguna Beach. Those restaurants deliver the goods and we expect this European marketplace to be no different.  
Coming late 2018 to the old Z-Tejas space.



Bruno Serato stands in front of his White House restaurant in Anaheim. The restaurant is being rebuilt after a fire destroyed most of the structure. (Photo by Bill Alkofer, Orange County Register/SCNG)

### **3. The Rebirth of the Anaheim White House**

Last February, a fire destroyed most of the iconic Anaheim White House, owned by philanthropist and CNN Hero Bruno Serato. His palatial restaurant was in ashes — and he was heartbroken. His nightmare is almost over. The restaurant is currently being rebuilt, and restored so it more closely resembles the original features of the 1909 home. Expect a few frescos and dazzling fixtures as before along with a new layout and second floor bar called the B Bar. The restaurant is accepting reservations for an anticipated reopening in February.

### **4. Malibu Farm**

Does Orange County need another farm-to-table outsider? Yes — if it combines a view of Newport Harbor with the rustic luxe look of Malibu Farm. The transformed Lido Marina Village is getting a mashup version of Malibu Farm's two popular pier venues — a casual breakfast cafe and a separate bar and restaurant. The Lido restaurant will offer a menu of organic and locally sourced ingredients as well as some exclusive specials and handmade ice cream. Opening in spring 2018.



SteelCraft Garden Grove will include artisanal retailers and restaurants selling goods from cargo containers as long as 40 feet on a 1.8-acre lot behind City Hall. (Rendering courtesy Studio One Eleven)

## 5. Steel container food hall in Garden Grove

Orange County diners, who embraced the food hall movement years ago, are slated to get another unique food experience when SteelCraft Garden Grove opens in late 2018. The food hall project behind Garden Grove City Hall is the second shipping container development for partners Howard CDM and SteelCraft. The two Long Beach companies developed and opened SteelCraft Long Beach in early 2017. Garden Grove's version will be twice as big with a mix of beer, wine, coffee and dessert shops, as well as five food tenants — all housed in cargo containers as long as 40 feet.

Retailers and restaurants will be announced at Garden Grove's State of the City address Jan. 31, 2018. The project will break ground Feb. 1. 12900 Euclid St.

**CRIME**

## Authorities arrest accused serial thief, who allegedly left blood on some shattered glass, for burglary of a bookstore in Garden Grove

**By Kelly Puente**

*kpuente@scng.com*

*@KellyPuenteOC on Twitter*

**SANTA ANA »** An accused serial thief was charged on Friday for allegedly burglarizing a Garden Grove bookstore after his blood was found at the crime scene, authorities said.

David Navor Andrade, 26, of Garden Grove allegedly shattered the glass front door of a business at about 4:45 a.m. Dec. 6 and stole \$220 in cash, four external hard drives and a box of checks, the Orange County District Attorney's Office said.

Police collected blood from the broken glass and

quickly got a match to Andrade's DNA profile, the DA's Office said. Authorities said Andrade had provided his DNA to the District Attorney's Office as a condition of his sentencing after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor drug charge in 2014.

He was arrested on Wednesday while appearing at the Fullerton courthouse on misdemeanor drug charges, authorities said. Authorities said he had a counterfeit \$100 bill at the time of his arrest and had stolen property at his home, including a passport, multiple identification cards, check stubs and two Louis Vuitton handbags.

He is charged with two

counts each of felony burglary and forgery and misdemeanor counts of identify theft, mail theft and receiving stolen property. He is also facing sentencing enhancements for committing crimes while being out on bail on other charges, authorities said.

In May, he was accused of stealing a vehicle in Garden Grove, authorities said. He was out of custody for 50 days before he was accused in July of stealing a vehicle in Orange and fleeing from police while being under the influence, authorities said. He was out of custody for 35 days before the alleged burglary in Garden Grove.



### **Police patrols**

Think it's OK to drive after a couple drinks at a party?

Think again.

That's what the Garden Grove Police Department wants you to do.

Extra patrols will be on the streets through the New Year to look out for people driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the Garden Grove Police Department has announced.

The department will also have DUI checkpoints throughout the city during the holidays.

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# 2017: Snapshots of an

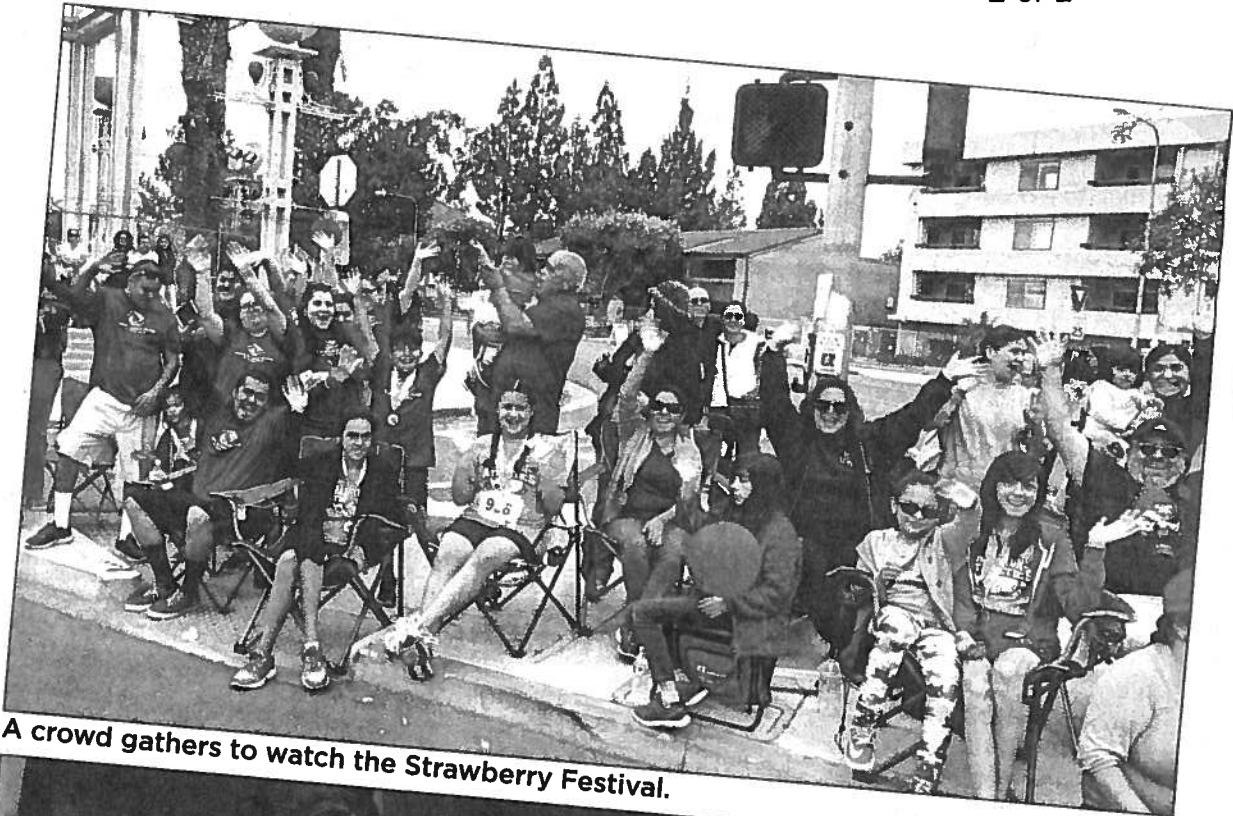
A look back, through the lens, at some memorable moments

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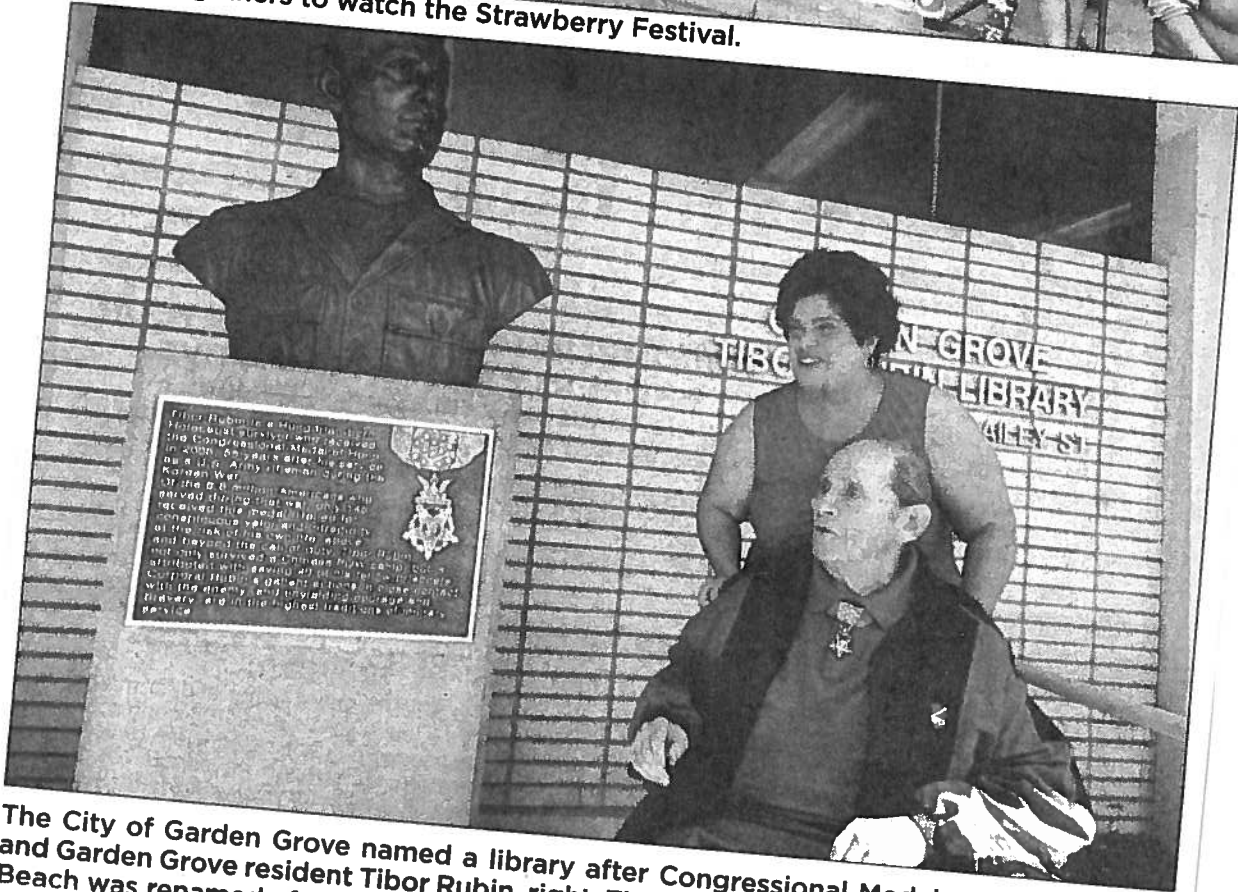
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File photos  
The 59th annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival — the biggest event of the year in Garden Grove — took place in late May at the Village Green. Here is a scene from the festival, which annually draws about 300,000 over the weekend.



A crowd gathers to watch the Strawberry Festival.



The City of Garden Grove named a library after Congressional Medal of Honor winner and Garden Grove resident Tibor Rubin, right. The Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Long Beach was renamed after the late Rubin.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## 2017: The year in pictures



File photo

Garden Grove High School's valedictorians; salutatorians, ASB student leaders, Principal Steve Osborne, second from right, and Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education President Lan Nguyen, far right, celebrate the successes of the Class of 2017 following the high school's graduation ceremony at Bolsa Grande High stadium. For more year-in-review photos, see pages 6-7.

# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out Chamber holds Friday meetings The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Orange County Emergency Pet Clinic, 12750 Garden Grove Blvd. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

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

Dance Center hosts social Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on

classes, call Eileen Silvia at 949-637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

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

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

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# Learning center opens in West GG

## Chamber hosts ribbon-cutting ceremony at Valley View site

by Loreen Berlin

Kumon Math and Reading Center is now open in West Garden Grove.

The Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting recently to announce the arrival of the learning center at 1891 Valley View St.

Kumon Learning Centers began 60 years ago in Japan, when the founder, Toru Kumon, saw that his son was struggling with math in the second grade. Teiko Kumon, Toru's wife, wanted their son to improve in math and since. After all, Toru was a math teacher in a public Japanese school.

By the time Takeshi, the son, was in the sixth grade, his parents found his math skills were improving and the goal then became to make the college entrance exams while he was still in the sixth grade, which he was able to accomplish.

Jasmine Wong, owner of the new Kumon Center in Garden Grove, said the Kumon's neighborhood kids in Japan saw what Takeshi was accomplishing and began asking the father to help them and so the father did.

And so it was, that out of a need, came the Kumon Learning Centers. The mother opened the first Kumon Learning Center in Ooka, Japan, which started with math and now encompasses reading, too.

Wong said their new center offers classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

"Our program is a worksheet-based program. We assign daily worksheets for students to practice that meet their abilities," said Wong. "Before a student starts our program, a placement test is given for 3 year-olds to the 12th grade for boys and girls."

Wong said the new facility can serve as many students as are interested.

"Our lesson plan is 20-30 minutes, which is done on-site and they also get work to take home for daily practice," said Wong. "We also help the students develop good self-learning skills by reading and following the instructions along with the study and exam that's provided."

Wong said the students' studies include time management and that there is a standard completion time for each worksheet.

"The time helps demonstrate mastery of each concept," Wong said.

Wong is an educator who has been in the field of teaching for seven years in Orange County.

Having grown up in Cypress, she attended Grace Christian Elementary School and Mid-Valley High School in Cerritos. Wong has a BA in liberal studies from California State University, Long Beach.

"Our goal and hope is not only to teach math and reading concepts but to partner with the parents and family in developing



Photo by Loreen Berlin

The Kumon Math and Reading Center recently held a grand opening in Garden Grove. From left, are consultant Yumiko Whitaker and owner Jasmine Wong. For information, visit [www.Kumon.com/Garden-Grove-west](http://www.Kumon.com/Garden-Grove-west).

independent skills, hard work and self-learning skills in children so they can be successful citizens in the community and in life," said Wong.

Wong explained that she earned a multi-subject teaching credential through CSULB so she could understand the school system and standards set for children and their education.

Her inspiration for teaching?

"I have wanted to be an educator since I was in grade school and I played school at home with my younger brother," said Wong. "I remember one day when he was young he said, 'No,' but he's been very supportive."

"With Kumon, one of their core tenants is developing a student's self-learning ability and I liked that idea because that's something that will carry on with students past high school and throughout their life."

For information about Kumon, call 657-667-3888 or visit [www.Kumon.com/Garden-Grove-west](http://www.Kumon.com/Garden-Grove-west).

"One father's love for his son gave birth to the Kumon method of learning, and the materials he created in 1955 became the prototype for today's Kumon worksheets. Children have an inherent potential to grow," Toru Kumon once said.



Courtesy photo

From left, Garden Grove Unified School District Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, Board of Education Trustee Walter Muneton, Board of Education Trustee Teri Rocco, Board of Education Vice President Lan Nguyen and Garden Grove City Councilwoman Kim Nguyen celebrate the the life of Doig Intermediate School teacher Lloyd M. Stone, who passed three years ago.

## ‘A champion for his students’

### Resource Center named after teacher Lloyd M. Stone

More than 100 people attended a Memorial Dedication Ceremony hosted by Garden Grove Unified School District last week to name the district’s Family Resource Center after former Doig Intermediate School teacher Lloyd M. Stone on the third anniversary of his passing.

Stone taught at Doig Intermediate School for 12 years, and made a significant impact in the lives of his students, parents, colleagues, and the community. Stone is remembered for his passion to help students who came from tough beginnings

and for the difference he made in the lives he touched. He was recognized as an Orange County Teacher of the Year shortly before he died.

“Lloyd’s impact on his students’ lives extended far beyond their time in the classroom; he was a father figure and a mentor to so many students,” said Lan Nguyen, Board of Education vice president. “It is a natural fit to name the Family Resource Center in Lloyd’s name because of all that his name represents.”

“Lloyd will be remembered as a champion for his students and

their families,” said Teri Rocco, Board of Education trustee. “He was naturally gifted at connecting with families and empowering them with tools to improve their lives and help their students succeed.”

“We know that Lloyd’s legacy and his dedication to serving this community will live on through the work of the Family Resource Center,” said Walter Muneton, Board of Education trustee. “The way he cared for his students is an inspiration to us all.”

The Garden Grove Unified School District opened the Family Resource Center in August and already it has connected families with critical housing resources, a variety of counseling and mental health programs, tutoring services, food and health care assistance, transportation, immigration information, and more. The new Lloyd M. Stone Family Resource Center will carry out Lloyd’s commitment to improving the lives of students and their families.

During the Memorial Dedication Ceremony, school district officials as well as Stone’s family, friends, and former students and colleagues shared personal stories about Stone’s legacy.

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1232

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk for the City of Garden Grove, Third Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide all Materials, Equipment, Tools, Labor and all related work for the Brookhurst Triangle Demolition Project-Phase II per the Bid Specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Please direct any questions regarding this bid process to Greg Blodgett via email [greg1@garden-grove.org](mailto:greg1@garden-grove.org). Bids are due in the office of the City Clerk no later than 1:30 p.m., local time, on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 and will be opened in Room 3 North, located on the third floor of Garden Grove City Hall. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: December 20, 2017

Greg Blodgett

Senior Project Manager  
Successor Agency to the  
Garden Grove Agency for  
Community Development

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17-60825

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Dec. 27, 2017

# State chamber gives local rep an 'A+'

**Sen. Janet Nguyen honored for supporting businesses**

The California Chamber of Commerce, which represents 14,000 businesses throughout California, has released its 2017 CalChamber Vote Record and Sen. Janet Nguyen, who has her headquarters in Garden Grove, has been cited for her advocacy on behalf of California's business community with a 100 percent rating.

The rating marks the second time Nguyen has received this recognition.

"California is consistently losing small and large businesses to other states like Texas, Arizona and Nevada which offer them a more favorable economic environment and incentives," said Nguyen. "CalChamber's scorecard reflects my commitment



File photo

**Sen. Janet Nguyen**

to the success of California's businesses. We need policies that allow our companies to stay here and thrive."

To produce their rating, CalChamber tracked 16 bills in the State Senate that reflect legislators' attitudes toward private enterprise, fiscal responsibility and the state's business climate.

CalChamber is a not-for-profit organization committed to helping California businesses thrive while complying with the state's complex laws and regulations. CalChamber represents members ranging from Fortune 500 companies such as Microsoft and the Walt Disney Corporation to small businesses with a handful of employees.

To learn more about CalChamber's 2017 Vote Record visit <http://advocacy.calchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Vote-Record-11-03-2017.pdf>.



Register  
Dec. 25, 2017

**GARDEN GROVE**

# Driver hits, flips parked vehicle in a late night crash

**By Lauren Williams**

*lawilliams@scng.com*

*@LAWilliams30 on Twitter*

A driver was taken to the hospital after crashing into and flipping a parked vehicle in Garden Grove, police said Sunday.

At 11:47 p.m. Saturday, the motorist was driving a dark colored sedan southbound on Haster Street near Lampson Avenue when the car hit another vehicle parked at the curb, said Garden Grove police.

The force of the crash flipped the parked vehicle. No one was inside the vehicle at the time of the crash.

The driver of the sedan was taken to UC Irvine Medical Center for treatment.

Police did not release the gender or age of the driver of the sedan and continue to investigate the cause of the crash.

# Students ramp up tech skills

## Hour of Code involves problem solving, collaboration

Thousands of Garden Grove Unified School District students from every grade level took to their devices last week to learn critical computer programming

skills by participating in the "Hour of Code," a global initiative held during Computer Science Education Week, December 4-10.

"Our schools have really em-

braced the Hour of Code to give students another tool in their toolbox of computer skills which are so important in today's technology-driven job market," said Bob Harden, Board of Education president. "There is no doubt that we are educating the next generation of computer engineers and this event helps students code their way into exciting futures."

District students practiced logical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration during the Hour of Code, which is known as the largest learning event in history. The district's Technology Teachers on Special Assignment supported a variety of coding activities, including school-wide participation from every grade level at some campuses. Hazard Elementary School sixth graders actually became the teachers as they taught kindergartners how to code Dash robots.

The district has a robust computer science program and offers several computer science classes as well as a dedicated career pathway for computer science. Courses offered at Garden Grove, La Quinta, Pacifica, and Santiago high schools include Mobile Apps Development, 3D Printing Web Development, Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles, Robotics, UC Computer Science and Software Engineering, Video Game Design and Development, among others.

Seventh and eighth grade students are also exposed to computer science concepts through the district's CTE (Career and Technical Education) STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) classes. Many schools throughout the district offer after-school coding and robotics clubs.

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# GG district makes AP Honor Roll

Key was increased participation in advanced courses

The Garden Grove Unified School District was named to the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) District Honor Roll.

The honor roll is a special recognition for school districts across the nation that increased access to AP courses and maintained or improved the rate that AP students earned scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. The district is one of only 447 districts to make the list.

"We are so proud of GGUSD's administrators and educators for their shared focus on equity and rigor," said Lan Nguyen, Board of Education vice president. "We know that our AP courses give students a competitive advantage for college, and we remain committed to providing our schools

with the support they need to grow our AP program."

The AP District Honor Roll is based on AP data from 2015-2017 and requires that large districts like the Garden Grove district increased participation to AP courses by at least 4 percent, increased or maintained percentage of minority students taking AP exams and/or scoring a 3 or greater on at least one AP exam, and improved performance levels of AP scores from 2015 to 2017.

The district was highlighted for its AP success among an AP student population in which 30 percent or more are underrepresented minority students and/or students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

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**10 Friday, December 22, 2017**

## LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE \* INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., JANUARY 18, 2018

### SITE PLAN NO. SP-042-2017

A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new, 3,867 square foot In-N-Out Burger restaurant with a drive-thru located on two lots with a combined land area of 57,882 square feet. The project includes demolition of the existing 5,449 square foot building footprint of the Coco's restaurant and preservation of the existing building's curve-shaped roof, round support columns, and roof sign. The existing Rocky's Market liquor store, at 12542 Chapman Avenue, will also be demolished to provide additional parking and an overflow drive-thru lane. The site is at 12032 Harbor Boulevard and 12542 Chapman Avenue in the HCSP-TCB (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan-Tourist Commercial B) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section Nos. 15301 - Existing Facilities; 15302 - Replacement or Reconstruction; and 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on January 18, 2018. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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PUBLISH: December 22, 2017  
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### **Garden Grove**

The Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce recently announced the winners of the annual Buy in Garden Grove raffle contest. The Garden Grove Neighborhood Association won \$500, and Missy Mendoza and Meena Yoo each one a one-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California. More than 2,000 raffle tickets were part of the drawing.

**Chris Haire**  
**714-796-6979**  
**chaire@scng.com**

**Register**  
**Dec. 23-24, 2017**

### **Garden Grove**

The Police Department this weekend will have "saturation patrols" to look for those driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol from 4 p.m. to 3 a.m. daily in areas with a high rate of DUI arrests or collisions.

**Chris Haire**  
**714-796-6979**  
**chaire@scng.com**

**Register**  
**Dec. 30-31, 2017**

### **Garden Grove**

Republic Services, the city's trash collection provider, will pick up Christmas trees starting today until Jan. 6. The service is free. Trees must be on the curb by 7 a.m. on regular collection days. Flocked trees are not eligible. Information: 714-741-5375

**Chris Haire**  
**714-796-6979**  
**chaire@scng.com**

**Register**  
**Dec. 26, 2017**

### **Garden Grove**

The city received nearly 1,000 public records requests in 2017, according to Garden Grove's online tracking system. June, July and August — with 100, 116 and 135 requests, respectively — were the busiest months. Since the online system debuted in August 2015, the city has averaged 69 requests per month.

**Chris Haire**  
**714-796-6979**  
**chaire@scng.com**

**Register**  
**Jan. 2, 2018**

### **Garden Grove**

The Garden Grove Unified School District recently renamed its new family resource center, located on the Clinton-Mendenhall Elementary School campus, after former Doig Intermediate School teacher Lloyd Stone. Stone died in 2014. The Lloyd M. Stone Family Resource Center opened in August.

**Chris Haire**  
**chaire@scng.com**

**Register**  
**Dec. 28, 2017**

### **Garden Grove**

City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Jan. 15 because of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will also be no street sweeping that day. The city will reopen at 7:30 a.m. the following day. Information: 714-741-5375.

**Chris Haire**  
**chaire@scng.com**

**Register**  
**Jan. 3, 2018**



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: Ana Pulido (714) 741-5280  
Office of Community Relations/GGTV3

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

## **SUPPORT HIGHER EDUCATION IN GARDEN GROVE**

Key businesses and organizations are invited to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, hosted by the Garden Grove City Council. The event is aimed at recognizing and supporting higher education in the community. The private reception takes place on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

By sponsoring the event, businesses and organizations help promote higher education and a professional workforce in Garden Grove. Sponsors will also increase their exposure and enhance their customer base.

Sponsors can choose from three sponsorship levels: Master's Sponsorship of \$1,500+; Bachelor's Sponsorship of \$750+; and an Associate's Sponsorship of \$300+. In-kind donations are welcomed.

Benefits include an invitation to attend the Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception; business name and logo displayed at the event and on marketing materials, website, and social media sites.

Deadline to become a sponsor is Thursday, February 15, 2018. Contact the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or email a sponsorship form to [communityrelations@garden-grove.org](mailto:communityrelations@garden-grove.org).

For forms and information, visit [www.garden-grove.org/grads](http://www.garden-grove.org/grads). Photos from previous receptions can be found on the City's Facebook and Instagram @GardenGroveCityHall.

# SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN GROVE



Contact: Rachel Camarena (714) 741-5210

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

## **EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARRIVE IN GARDEN GROVE FROM ANYANG, REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

The Sister City Association of Garden Grove is pleased to welcome nine high school students representing Anyang, Republic of Korea as part of the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Sister City Exchange Program. The students arrive on Saturday, January 13 to begin a 10-day tour of Garden Grove and Los Angeles with local host families.

Scheduled activities include meeting Garden Grove's Mayor and City Council, touring City facilities, spending time at local high schools, a day at Disneyland, enjoying a bonfire in Huntington Beach, sight-seeing at Los Angeles areas of interest, and visiting the University of Southern California.

The students will be recognized by the Garden Grove City Council during a reception and dinner on Thursday, January 18, in the Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

High school students from the Garden Grove Unified School District will be visiting Anyang beginning on Thursday, March 29.

The Sister City Association is a nonprofit California corporation, organized to further the knowledge and understanding between the people of Garden Grove and those of similar cities in foreign countries. For more information about the Sister City Association, please call Rachel Camarena at (714) 741-5210 or visit [ggsistercity.org/](http://ggsistercity.org/)

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**P.O. Box CI  
Garden Grove, CA 92842-1564**



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
**NEWS**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Mark Ladney (714) 741-5382  
Public Works Department

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

**CITY HALL CLOSED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018. Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday. Streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days.

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

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# **Recent GGTV3 YouTube Videos**

## **Miss GG 2018 Crowned**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vT5nfqcpXJs>

## **Michael Monsoor Memorial Stadium Dedication**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPDgTQfO1F0>

## **St. Gobain Expansion**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rjct6-yypa0>

## **Amazon Partners with Local Restaurant**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4AzG\\_8jpPMc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4AzG_8jpPMc)



**WEEKLY MEMO 1-04-18**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

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**Garden Grove City Hall**

**DUI CHECKPOINT TONIGHT**

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**Garden Grove Police Department's** Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint tonight, from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and checking drivers for proper licensing.

If you plan to drink tonight, please do so safely, and if you plan to go out, designate a sober driver or call a sober ride. As always, report drunk drivers by calling 9-1-1.

**#SafeStreetsGG #StayAlertGG  
#GG1956 #GardenGrove #GGPD32**

**Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over this  
Holiday Season | City of Garden Grove**

(Post) December 29, 2017 8:00 am



**Garden Grove City Hall**

**Groundbreaking for Steelcraft is in less than one month!**

2.6k

40

9

11%

345

Steelcraft Garden Grove breaks ground Thursday, February 1. It is set to open later this year.

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove #Steelcraft  
SteelCraft Orange County Register**

**Here are the 13 most exciting new  
Orange County restaurants opening in  
2018**

(Post) January 03, 2018 8:22 am

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**Garden Grove City Hall**

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

1.4k 38 5 10% 146

Harry was a long-time resident of Garden Grove and well-known community supporter. He was a selfless man who offered his time to serve the community as a former City Council member, Garden Grove PD Chaplain, board member of the Garden Grove Community Foundation and Acacia Adult Day Services.

His service to our community will always be remembered, and the City will always be eternally grateful for his dedicated service.

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove #GGPD32**



(Post) December 21, 2017 2:29 pm



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the City of Garden Grove!

1.0k 28 4 3% 11


For those visiting friends and family, we wish you safe travels. We hope you enjoy this day with your loved ones.


**#GG1956 #GardenGrove  
#MerryChristmas #HappyHolidays  
Garden Grove Police Department  
Garden Grove Fire Department Garden  
Grove Public Works Department**







(Post) December 25, 2017 8:00 am

Date Sent		Reach	Reactions	Comments	Engagement	Clicks
	 <p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>                      As we prepare for the end-of-year celebrations, we'd like to take a look back at the wonderful winter events and gift giving that took place in our community this holiday season. Enjoy the fast moving few minutes of festive fun brought to you by the Emmy-winning <b>Garden Grove TV 3</b>.</p> <p>Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!  <b>#GG1956 #GardenGrove</b></p>  <p>(Post) December 23, 2017 11:56 am</p>	3.2k	27	4	3%	129
	 <p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>                      NEW YEAR, NEW PARKS AND RECREATION CLASSES</p> <p>You can now register for Beginners Edge Sports classes!</p> <p><b>#GG1956 #GardenGrove #ParksandRecreation</b></p> <p><b>City of Garden Grove Parks &amp; Rec Classes - BEST Youth Sports in CA</b></p> <p>(Post) January 02, 2018 10:58 am</p>	3.3k	20	3	4%	154
	 <p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>                      On behalf of the City of Garden Grove, we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!</p> <p><b>#GG1956 #GardenGrove Garden Grove Police Department Garden Grove Fire Department Garden Grove Public Works Department</b></p>  <p><b>GARDEN GROVE</b></p> <p>(Post) January 01, 2018 8:00 am</p>	1.0k	17	1	2%	13

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	<b>Garden Grove City Hall</b> <b>SWEET TREATS DURING RESTAURANT WEEK</b>	2.8k	17	2	4%	136
<p>Garden Grove is your market for Restaurant Week 2018!</p>						
<p>Starting Saturday, January 20 through Saturday, January 27, the City is teaming up with the <b>Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce</b> to highlight desserts from local establishments, giving foodies an exclusive and sweet culinary experience.</p>						
<p>There is still time for your business to sign up. For more information, please visit the website below.</p>						
<p>Think <b>#BiGG</b> - Buy in <b>#GardenGrove</b>  <b>#GGRW</b> <b>#DreamEats</b> <b>#FoodLovers</b>  <b>#GG1956 Visit California</b></p>						
<p><b>Garden Grove Showcases Best Desserts During Restaurant Week   City of Garden Grove</b></p>						
<p>(Post) December 21, 2017 12:34 pm</p>						

	<b>Garden Grove City Hall</b> <b>Orange Coast Magazine just featured a #GG business, E Patisserie Cafe !</b>	1.3k	13	1	4%	50
<p>E Patisserie Cafe is also a participating business for 'Garden Grove is Your Marker for Dessert Week 2018!'</p>						
<p>Think <b>#BiGG</b> - Buy in <b>#GardenGrove</b>  <b>#Foodies</b> <b>#GGRW</b> <b>#GG1956 Visit California</b>  <b>Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce</b></p>						
<p><b>O.C. Food News! Places Currently On Our Noshing Radar</b></p>						
<p>(Post) January 02, 2018 2:49 pm</p>						

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	<p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>                      Congratulations to Nicole Cassesso - LA Times 88th recipient of Woman of the Year in Theater!</p>	797	6	-	2%	15
<p><b>#GG1956 #GardenGrove One More Productions</b></p>						
						
<p>(Post) January 03, 2018 2:03 pm</p>						
	<p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>                      DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON</p>	634	6	4	3%	24
<p>During this holiday season, the <b>Garden Grove Police Department</b> is partnering with <b>Complete Office of California (OTS)</b> and <b>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)</b> in a special year-end "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement mobilization.</p>						
<p>Police, sheriff, and CHP will be deploying DUI Checkpoints and DUI Saturation Patrols from now until the end of the year.</p>						
<p>For more information, please visit the link below.</p>						
<p><b>#SafeStreetsGG #StayAlertGG #GG1956 #GardenGrove #GGPD32</b></p>						
<p><b>GGPD Winter DUI Mobilization   City of Garden Grove</b></p>						
<p>(Post) December 22, 2017 9:00 am</p>						
	<p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>                      Starting tomorrow, December 22, 2017 City Hall will be closed in observance of the upcoming holidays.</p>	220	3	2	4%	10
<p>City Hall will open Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Happy Holidays!</p>						
<p><b>#GG1956 #GardenGrove</b></p>						

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**Garden Grove City Hall**  
**#GG1956 #GardenGrove Garden Grove Fire Department**

1.2k      2      -      7%      90



(Post) December 26, 2017 5:36 pm



**Garden Grove City Hall**  
**STATE OF THE CITY 2018**

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Mayor Steven R. Jones delivers his official address at the State of the City luncheon on Wednesday, January 31, 2018!

The event, hosted by the **Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce**, takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Embassy Suites, at 11767 Harbor Boulevard. Tickets are \$50 per person through Thursday, January 25, 2018.

For more information or to buy tickets, please visit [www.gardengrovechamber.com/](http://www.gardengrovechamber.com/) or [www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us/citymanager/state-of-the-city-2018](http://www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us/citymanager/state-of-the-city-2018)

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove #StateoftheCity**

(Post) January 03, 2018 10:05 am



**Garden Grove City Hall**  
**#GG1956 #GardenGrove Garden Grove Fire Department**

580      -      -      3%      21

**Garden Grove Fire Department**

(Post) December 22, 2017 8:06 pm





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### Garden Grove Fire Department

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around Garden Grove! The tree is lit, the winter chill is rolling in, the smiles are in full force... and the toys are being bought!

2.3k

130

13

19%

601

Through an incredibly generous donation, the firefighters of Garden Grove were able to get into the spirit of Christmas giving and go on a **Target** shopping spree for the 2017 Spark of Love Toy Drive! From crafty things and basketballs, to monster trucks and Barbie dolls- they happily filled their baskets to take them to this year's gift giveaway.

We are extremely proud to contribute our help to the **#SparkofLove** Toy Drive every year, to provide toys to underserved and well-deserving children during the holiday season. It's true what they say- the best gift really is the gift of giving!

**#gardengrove #GGFD  
#GardenGroveFireDepartment #Target  
#SparkofLove2017**



(Post) December 23, 2017 10:10 pm



### Garden Grove Fire Department

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT

1.9k


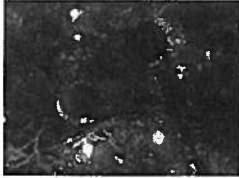



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GE5 captain and engineer rolled up on on a disabled vehicle in the #3 lane on the EB 22 Fwy at Magnolia while following up to UCI on a separate medical incident. GE5 investigated, and found an unresponsive adult male inside with all doors locked. GE5 broke a rear window to gain access to the patient, and found the male to be in cardiac arrest. GE5 pulled the victim out, and started **#CPR**. A paramedic unit was requested since E5's paramedics were already providing care to another patient. CE66 and GE2 paramedics took over care, and transported the patient to

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 <p><b>Garden Grove Fire Department</b> From our family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.</p>  <p>(Post) December 25, 2017 7:25 am</p>	1.2k	72	7	7%	28
 <p><b>Garden Grove Fire Department</b> The fire department joined other agencies this morning to say farewell to CAL FIRE engineer, Cory Iverson. Engineer Iverson made the ultimate sacrifice while battling the <b>#ThomasFire</b>. Our thoughts are with his family and our brothers and sisters with CAL FIRE San Diego.</p>  <p>(Post) December 23, 2017 1:50 pm</p>	1.4k	43	-	10%	177
 <p><b>Garden Grove Fire Department</b> We hope you had a great Christmas with your family. Now that it's over, here's a to-do list:</p> <p>Return the socks that you pretended to like.</p> <p>Find those killer deals.</p> <p>Think about that New Year's resolution.</p> <p>Last but definitely not least, remove that highly flammable because in your is extremely dangerous.</p>  <p>(Post) December 26, 2017 3:05 pm</p>	4.7k	37	4	9%	485

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	<p><b>Garden Grove Fire Department</b></p> <p>We'd love to give a huge "thank you" to the <b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Garden Grove &amp; Marshall Elementary School</b> for their thoughtful and delicious gift of Christmas cookies made by all the talented kids in the program. They looked and tasted fantastic, and kept the team full and happy during our family holiday gathering. Thank you, and we're wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season!</p> <p><b>#GardenGrove #BoysandGirlsClub #GGFD #GardenGroveFireDepartment</b></p> 	1.2k	33	-	5%	36
(Post) December 23, 2017 8:37 pm						

	<p><b>Garden Grove Fire Department</b></p> <p><b>HOLIDAY CLOSURE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION</b></p> <p>The Fire Department Administrative Services and Prevention will be closed along with City Hall Departments during the winter closure (12/22/17-01/02/18).</p> <p>For normal business needs, we will be open again on 1/2/2018 at 07:30 a.m. In the event of a urgent Fire Prevention issue, please contact (714) 741-5614 and a member of the Fire Prevention Team will get back to you as soon as possible.</p> <p>After you have had a fire in your home or business during the holiday closure, the Garden Grove Fire crew on scene should be able to provide assistance, or call (714)741-5704 and/or (714) 741-5680, and a Administrative officer will contact you as soon as possible.</p> <p>Have a wonderfull holiday and be safe,</p> <p>Tom Schultz, Fire Chief</p>	4.2k	21	1	5%	201
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**Garden Grove Police Department**

\*\*\*DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification\*\*\*

**#GGPD32 #StayAlertGG**

**#SafeStreetsGG #DUI**

**#DontDrinkandDrive #OTS #NHTSA**

<https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pd/winter-dui-mobilization>

52.9k

739

240

9%

5.9k



(Post) December 27, 2017 12:00 pm



**Garden Grove Police Department**

While the world is celebrating and ringing the New Year, the men and women of the **#nightshift** are out keeping watch. Thank you for your service and stay safe.

**#GGPD32 #Station32 #nightshift #cop #thinblueline #policework #policelife**

4.5k

348

40

19%

909



(Post) December 31, 2017 6:00 pm



**Garden Grove Police Department**

**#GGPD32 #GardenGrove #policework #detective #scam #fraud**

**Garden Grove PD recovers funds for couple in international scam**

(Post) December 29, 2017 6:04 pm

3.5k

148

12

12%

400



**Garden Grove Police Department**

We recently swore in three new officers. Please help us welcome them into the **#GardenGrovePD** family.

**#GGPD32 #policerecruit #thinblueline #lawenforcement #behindthebadgeoc**

**Families look on in pride as Garden Grove PD swears in three new officers**

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**Garden Grove Police Department**

During the last two weeks officers from the Garden Grove Police Department teamed up with officers and deputies from **Westminster Police Department, CA** and the **OCSD - North Patrol** operations. The officers and deputies paired up in two-man teams and worked a directed enforcement effort to combat the rise in crime around Beach Blvd. from Trask Avenue to Katella Avenue. This area is patrolled by GGPD, WPD and OCSD. The enforcement teams saturated the various motels and surrounding business areas where local criminals had been frequenting.

4.3k 144 17 22% 1.3k

The directed enforcement teams worked two different deployments during the last two weeks and have made 58 arrests for various crimes. During the operation last Tuesday night, GGPD officers recognized and arrested a suspect who was wanted for a rash of package thefts from three different O.C. cities. Irvine PD detectives had been looking for the prolific package theft suspect and they responded to interview the culprit.

The suspect was identified as Anthony Palusso, 33 years old, from Lake Elsinore. Palusso has been arrested previously for similar thefts across Orange County. He was booked at OC Jail.

The officers and deputies will continue their partnership to conduct further operations in the area to make our community safer. Happy Holidays!  
**#GGPD32 #OCSD #OCSDNorthPatrol #WestminsterPD #packagetheft**



(Post) December 21, 2017 12:01 pm



**Garden Grove Police Department**

**2 armed robbers hit Garden Grove gas station, flee**

8.0k 123 48 18% 1.8k

(Post) December 28, 2017 5:00 pm

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 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b>  <b>#GGPD32 #GG1956 #MerryChristmas</b>  <b>#HappyHolidays</b>  <b>Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove</b>  <b>Fire Department Garden Grove Public</b>  <b>Works Department</b></p>  <p>(Post) December 25, 2017 10:34 am</p>	1.9k	104	4	6%	41
 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b></p>  <p>(Post) December 28, 2017 12:30 pm</p>	2.9k	102	3	11%	396
 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b>  We're never too busy for a little friendly competition.  <b>#GGPD32 #GardenGrove #police</b>  <b>#policework #community</b>  <b>#BuenaClintonarea #basketball Buena</b>  <b>Clinton Youth &amp; Family</b></p>  <p>(Post) December 28, 2017 12:30 pm</p>	2.9k	102	3	11%	396
 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b>  Officers arrived within minutes and located the suspect in the area. He was taken into custody after a short foot pursuit. <b>#GGPD32 #PoliceWork</b>  <b>#FootPursuit</b></p> <p><b>Man charged with attempted sexual assault in Garden Grove cafe</b></p> <p>(Post) December 30, 2017 12:13 pm</p>	6.2k	95	19	20%	1.6k

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 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b></p> <p>As 2017 comes to an end, we reflect back on the events of this year and are thankful for the exemplary service by the men and women in public safety/public service. We are grateful for the public's continued support. And we look forward to what 2018 will bring.  <b>#GGPD32 #GG1956 #HappyNewYear Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove Fire Department</b></p>  <p>(Post) January 01, 2018 9:00 am</p>	1.9k	90	8	7%	92
 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b></p> <p>Flashback Friday. Gassing up the unit at the end of shift, always a good feeling. (Paul Fiegner)            If anyone knows the year, please let us know.  <b>#GGPD32 #GG1956 #policehistory #policecar #policeuniform #yabadabado #flashbackfriday Garden Grove City Hall</b></p>  <p>(Post) December 22, 2017 12:00 pm</p>	2.6k	66	23	9%	430
 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b></p> <p><b>#GGPD32 #trafficsafety</b></p> <p><b>Garden Grove police to increase DUI patrols during holidays</b></p> <p>(Post) December 21, 2017 7:31 am</p>	2.1k	63	8	8%	154
 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b></p> <p><b>#GGPD32 #Busted</b></p> <p><b>Behind the Badge OC</b></p> <p>(Post) December 21, 2017 10:07 am</p>	2.9k	51	2	12%	367

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 <b>Garden Grove Police Department</b> Flashback Friday. In honor of Harry J. Krebs, who passed away peaceful on December 16, 2017...some of our past and present Chaplains. (Left to right: Q. Chu, H. Krebs, unknown, C. Raine, Kusala, W. Whitcomb, Mrs. Bundakji, D. Bundakji, S. LaFond, M. Swaim, c. 2005) <b>#GGPD32 #GG1956 #gardengrove #history #policehistory #policechaplain #policework Garden Grove City Hall</b>	1.9k	33	2	6%	149
 (Post) December 29, 2017 12:00 pm					
 <b>Garden Grove Police Department</b> <b>#GGPD32 #CSI #DNA #Technology</b>	2.1k	31	-	10%	277
<b>KTLA 5 News</b> (Post) January 02, 2018 3:57 am					
 <b>Garden Grove Police Department</b> <b>#GGPD32 #policework</b>	140	9	-	24%	30
<b>Garden Grove PD arrests two in robbery of 7-Eleven, nearby bakery</b> (Post) December 30, 2017 8:31 am					
 <b>Garden Grove Police Department</b> A friendly reminder regarding Fire Department Administrative Services and Prevention Services...	1.1k	6	-	3%	31
The Police Department Front Desk will still be open Monday - Saturday (8 am - 6 pm), except Monday, January 1, 2018. <b>Garden Grove Fire Department</b> (Post) December 26, 2017 9:00 am					



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From Sunday, 12-31/17-Monday, 01/01/18  
OC Busis providing free rides on all  
fixed-route buses. Visit [bit.ly/2DcJHIV](http://bit.ly/2DcJHIV),  
for more info! #SafeStreetsGG  
#StayAlertGG #GG1956 #GGPD32 #GG  
#OCBus @GardenGrovePD  
[pic.twitter.com/K2HRC4R9Z](http://pic.twitter.com/K2HRC4R9Z)

5.8k

2.8k

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(Tweet) December 30, 2017 9:00 am



**CityGardenGrove**

Drive sober or get pulled over this  
holiday season. #SafeStreetsGG  
#StayAlertGG #GG1956 #GGPD32 #GG  
@GardenGrovePD [bit.ly/2CMsNQy](http://bit.ly/2CMsNQy)  
[pic.twitter.com/Cd0llnA8o8](http://pic.twitter.com/Cd0llnA8o8)

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(Tweet) December 22, 2017 9:00 am



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DUI checkpoint tonight.  
@GardenGrovePD  
#SafeStreetsGG #StayAlertGG  
#GG1956 #GGPD32 #GG  
[bit.ly/2CMsNQy](http://bit.ly/2CMsNQy)  
[pic.twitter.com/djqLeoxavH](http://pic.twitter.com/djqLeoxavH)

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	<p><b>CityGardenGrove</b>            STATE OF THE CITY 2018 - 01/31/18            #GG1956 #GG  <a href="https://facebook.com/events/1717193...">facebook.com/events/1717193...</a>  <a href="https://bit.ly/2EQSgdm">bit.ly/2EQSgdm</a>  <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/eyYopKOOmm">pic.twitter.com/eyYopKOOmm</a></p>	2.5k	399	-	2	6
						
(Tweet) January 03, 2018 10:06 am						
	<p><b>CityGardenGrove</b>            You can now register for Beginners Edge Sports classes! #GG1956 <a href="https://bit.ly/2A7HjR1">bit.ly/2A7HjR1</a>            (Tweet) January 02, 2018 11:02 am</p>	2.5k	338	-	-	8
	<p><b>CityGardenGrove</b>            Happy New Year, Garden Grove!            #GG1956 #GG @GardenGrovePD            @GardenGroveFire  <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/evYgAWI6ob">pic.twitter.com/evYgAWI6ob</a></p>	2.5k	806	-	9	-
						
<p><b>GARDEN GROVE</b></p>						
(Tweet) January 01, 2018 8:00 am						



## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**January 4, 2018**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation for the January 11, 2018 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "California Cities Advocates," dated November 17, December 8, December 15, and December 22, 2017.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 4, 2018 – January 24, 2018

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Thursday	January 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	January 5		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	January 9	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	January 10	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
		5:30 p.m.- 7:00p.m.	Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Mr. Matcha Organic Matcha Soft-Serve 12926 Main St. Unit B
Thursday	January 11	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Council Chamber
Monday	January 15		City Hall Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Thursday	January 18	5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Sister City Association Welcome Reception for Anyang, Korea Exchange Students CMC B Room
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	January 19		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	January 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	January 24	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber



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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION  
OF THE  
GARDEN GROVE  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: January 4, 2018

ALLISON WILSON  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



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# **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

The Regular Meeting of the  
Garden Grove Zoning Administrator  
scheduled for January 11, 2018  
has been cancelled.

JUDITH MOORE  
SECRETARY

Nov. 17, 2017  
Issue #80

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**House Passes Tax Reforms that Eliminate State and Local Tax Deductions and Tool to Fund Major Public Projects**  
*Senate Finance Committee Passes its Tax Reform Proposal*

The U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 16 passed HR 1, the "[Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#)" marking another milestone in the Republican effort to enact significant tax reform. The League of California Cities® joined the National League of Cities and other state municipal leagues in [calling on Congress to reject this bill](#), which harms taxpayers, homeowners and the economy. The League also [issued a statement on Nov. 9](#) with the California State Association of Counties, California Association for Local Economic Development, the California School Boards Association and the California Association of REALTORS® urging members of California's congressional delegation to reject the reforms. California is one of the states that would lose the most under HR 1. *For more, see Page 2.*



**City Voices Strong at CalPERS Board Meeting on Monday, Calling for Strategies to Address Retirement System Sustainability**  
*CalPERS Board to Take Action at December Meeting*

More than 50 city leaders traveled to Sacramento on Nov. 13 to call on the CalPERS Board of Administration to provide cities with more tools and flexibility to address the need for retirement system sustainability. Local agencies comprise approximately 40 percent of all CalPERS members. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Sen. Hertzberg Releases Implementation Information for his Stormwater Bill**

Gov. Jerry Brown in October, [signed League-supported SB 231 \(Hertzberg\)](#), which adds "storm water" to the definition of "sewer" in Proposition 218. Sen. Sen. Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) authored the bill to simplify financing projects for the collection of rainwater, clean up, and recycling. *For more, see Page 3.*



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Known as SALT, the bill the House passed yesterday eliminates the State and Local Tax Deduction. For Californians, this deduction makes the cost of living more affordable. More than 6 million Californians in 2015 claimed SALT with the average deduction being approximately \$18,000. Millions of Americans would be taxed twice under a SALT repeal. HR 1 also caps the local property tax deduction at \$10,000 annually. Capping mortgage interest for newly purchased homes at \$500,000 would destabilize the housing market by eliminating a key incentive for homeownership. Not only will these reforms raise taxes for millions of taxpayers in this state, but they also threaten economic growth.

The reforms eliminate the tax-exempt status for Private Activity Bonds (PABs), which serve as an important tool to help state and local governments finance major public projects. The implications of this change will affect construction of transportation and water infrastructure, affordable housing, schools, and public hospitals. The costs to finance these projects would increase by 25 to 35 percent. This would result in less private and public sector investments in communities throughout California.

### **Next Steps**

The Senate Finance Committee on Nov. 16 also debated and passed its tax reform bill. The measure is expected to go to full Senate for action the week after Thanksgiving. The two versions would then move to a joint conference committee with the goal of sending President Trump a final bill prior to Christmas for his approval.

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'CalPERS' Continued from Page 1...

City officials, representing mayors, council members, city managers, finance officers and public safety, testified during the meeting's public comment period, each asking CalPERS to work collaboratively with all stakeholders. They all communicated the great need for viable options to address growing unfunded pension liabilities.

Although each city official shared their city's specific story, they all communicated one uniform message — the "employer just paying more" option is no longer viable.

CalPERS retiree benefit payments are based on a shared responsibility between investment earnings, employer and employee contributions. Under current law, public employers make up for any financial shortfall when investments come up short, or assumptions such as life expectancy or economic inflation increases.

Since the Great Recession in 2008, employer contribution payments have soared, causing a crowd-out of essential public services, hiring freezes, layoffs and other strains on local budgets. Cities want greater flexibility such as the ability to modify benefits prospectively, the elimination of special pay as well as a temporary off ramp of COLA's for high pension income earners until the pension fund is stable.

Another major driver in employer rates is the discount rate or assumed rate of return that CalPERS projects it will earn over a 60-year period. CalPERS lowered the discount rate to 7 percent, which is being phased in over three years. Discussions have begun to examine lowering this rate even further.

Every four years, CalPERS holds an Asset Liability Management workshop. Monday's meeting included this workshop where the board received four candidate portfolios each having their own unique qualities to yield a target discount rate: 6.5 percent, 6.75 percent, 7 percent and 7.25 percent.

City officials supported the 7 percent option, which they felt struck a balance of fiscal responsibility for the fund against the ability to pay CalPERS payments.

The board will continue to solicit feedback from stakeholders and adopt its final decision when it meets Dec. 18–20.

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'SB 231' Continued from Page 1...

In mid-October to provide guidance on how [SB 231](#) will affect agencies, Sen. Hertzberg hosted a webinar. Now available online, the [webinar](#) covered the bill's provisions, implementation strategies and the risk of legislation from opponents.

### **Background**

Under Prop.218 (1996), local governments must undertake a majority protest and two-thirds vote process in order to raise local property-related fees, except for sewer, water and trash rates. SB 231 seeks to simplify the process for cities and counties to raise fees to address storm water clean up, effective Jan. 1, 2018, by explicitly including storm water in the definition of "sewer."

Compliance with the state and federal requirements is costly, with local governments facing annual funding shortfalls. In 2015, the Public Policy Institute of California estimated the funding gap at approximately \$500–800 million annually. Failure to comply with state and federal requirements can result in fines of up to \$10,000 per contaminant per day. However, options available for cities to pay for such clean-up efforts are limited.

Due to potential litigation related to SB 231, cities should continue to consult their city attorney before taking action to raise storm water fees.

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### **Call for Session Proposals Open for Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum**

*Proposals due Nov. 27*

The League of California Cities® is currently soliciting session proposals for its 2018 Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum scheduled for June 27–29 at the Monterey Marriott and Monterey Convention Center. League members are interested in sessions that address the challenges that cities face and cutting-edge solutions at the local level.

[Submit](#) your session proposal online.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jennifer Whiting](#).

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### **League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$38 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Sacramento**

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

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of issuance of \$38,000,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the Kensington Apartments in Sacramento.

### **About Kensington Apartments**

Kensington Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 301 mixed income multi-family housing apartments by Kensington Apartments, LP. The project sponsor is Klein Financial Corporation. Kensington Apartments will continue to provide at least 61 affordable apartments to low-income residents in Sacramento.

CSCDA and Klein Financial Corporation partnered with Deutsche Bank to provide the \$38 million in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Kensington Apartments. The project will undergo an extensive interior and exterior renovation ensuring that residents have an updated, safe, and affordable community to call home for years to come. The financing of Kensington Apartments will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

### **Background**

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit [CSCDA's website](#) for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

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## **League Board Establishes Legislative Goals for 2018** *Organization's Long-Term Strategic Planning Process Underway*

The League Board of Directors, as well as the leaders of the League's divisions, departments, policy committees and diversity caucuses, met in Santa Cruz late last week to review the organization's 2017 accomplishments and adopt legislative goals for 2018. The annual League Leaders event is an opportunity for the organization to reflect on the year's work and look forward. The goals established build upon the successes of prior years and set a course for the organization as it continues to serve as the leading voice of California cities. League President Rich Garbarino, council member, South San Francisco, led the 160 League leaders in attendance through the goal-setting process. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Hundreds of California City Officials Call on California Members of Congress to Save SALT and Key Economic Development Tool**

Hundreds of California city officials today sent a letter urging California members of Congress to support a proposal from U.S. Representatives Leonard Lance (R-NJ) and Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ) to improve the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R. 1). Provisions in the proposal would preserve the state and local tax deduction (SALT) and protect the tax-exempt status of Private Activity Bonds. *For more, see Page 4.*



## **Energy Upgrade California Program Encourages Cities to "Do Your Thing"**

Energy Upgrade California is calling on cities to help educate their residents and businesses about energy conservation. Sponsored by the California Public Utilities Commission, the "Do Your Thing" campaign is part of an effort to support California on its quest to double energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent before 2030. The program is part of a statewide marketing, education and outreach initiative to promote energy management concepts, energy efficiency actions and clean energy opportunities for the state's residents and businesses. *For more, see Page 4.*

President Garbarino welcomed the leaders and acknowledged the significant impact their commitment to the League makes. "We are here because we believe in the League and the strength of our mission to serve the cities of California. When we take a step back and look at the many accomplishments of the past year, it is clear that we are successful because this organization brings the full representation of our membership to the table on each and every issue. It is an honor to serve with you," remarked President Garbarino.

### **2017 Accomplishments Set Stage for 2018**

League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman joined President Garbarino in welcoming the leaders and thanked them for their engagement. Coleman highlighted some of the legislative victories the League achieved this year, including Gov. Jerry Brown's veto of SB 649 (Hueso), the small cell bill. She noted that, while similar legislation had moved in other states, California was the only one successful in getting the Governor's veto, which she credited to the over 300 cities who joined the League in lobbying against this bill.

"What you contribute as a leader of our organization matters, not just to the cities represented on this board of directors, but to all the cities in California. Our effectiveness as a League comes from the united voices of all California cities," said Coleman.

Besides legislative highlights, Coleman also shared that, in response to rising pension costs, California cities have had a major presence at recent CalPERS Board of Administration meetings. In the October and November CalPERS' meetings, more than 40 city officials testified calling for new tools and strategies to address retirement system sustainability.

League Legislative Director Dan Carrigg gave an overview of the year's legislative accomplishments. He reported that the Legislature took action on a large number of major issues, including passing a housing package, an extension of the Cap-and-Trade program, investments in parks and funding for transportation infrastructure, all of which will benefit cities. He also described the League's effective efforts to defeat several attacks on local control, demonstrating the strength of cities working together.

### **Board Takes Action on Several Measures Slated for 2018 Ballot**

With statewide ballot measures affecting cities expected to be in play in 2018, the board received an overview of the League's prior successes with ballot measures, including on measures enacting stronger protections for local control and funding, and were briefed on the mechanics of successful ballot measure campaigning. In all cases, the keys to the League's effectiveness resulted from engaged members, strong coalitions, and grassroots organizing.

The board heard a presentation on a number of the ballot measures that have already qualified or may appear on the June or November 2018 statewide ballot. These cover a wide range of issues, many of which have implications for local government. Several of the measures that have already qualified are a result of League-supported legislation. The Board of Directors took action on four measures, three that have qualified and one that is on the street for signature collection. These are:

- ACA 5 (additional protection for transportation funding): Support
- SB 5 (Park and Water Bond): Support
- SB 3 (Housing Bond): Support
- Pending ballot measure to repeal existing transportation funding for California cities: Oppose

### **Strategic Goals Adopted for 2018**

The goal setting process is an important aspect of the League's final board meeting each year. The discussion and debate is an opportunity for all the League's leaders to examine the most pressing priorities for California cities and map out the League's direction for the coming year. The goals focus the organization by providing a framework for advocacy.

The League Board of Directors approved four strategic goals for 2018. These are:

- **Address Public Safety Concerns of California Cities.**

Address public safety concerns arising from recently enacted reduced sentencing laws.

Protect local funding and authority in the implementation of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

Continue to preserve city rights to deliver emergency medical services (Health and Safety Code 1797.201).

Seek additional tools and resources to address critical community challenges such as homelessness, mental health, domestic violence, drug rehabilitation, ex-offender reentry, and human trafficking.

- **Ensure Sustainability of Public Pension and Retirement Health Benefits.**

Consistent with the League's adopted pension sustainability principles, work with affected stakeholders, employees, CalPERS, legislators and the Governor to achieve meaningful options for cities to address growing unfunded pension liabilities that will ensure cities remain solvent and provide services to residents while continuing to offer employees meaningful and sustainable pension and health benefits.

- **Protect Existing Transportation Funding for Local Priorities.**

Protect existing transportation funding for local priorities and oppose efforts that would reduce or eliminate funding for cities.

- **Improve Housing Affordability and Support Additional Resources to Address the Homeless Crisis.**

Increase state and federal financial support and provide additional local incentives and tools to improve housing affordability and develop more workforce and affordable housing. Support additional resources and tools to address the homeless crisis and advance the recommendations of the CSAC-League Homelessness Task Force.

More information on the 2018 goals and goals from prior years are available at [www.cacities.org/priorities](http://www.cacities.org/priorities).

### **Long-Term Strategic Planning Process Continues**

During his year as president, Garbarino announced at the Annual Conference that, in 2018, the League would embark on a long-term strategic planning process to maximize on the organization's successes in carrying out the mission of expanding local control. To guide the planning process, which will culminate in an actionable three-year plan, he appointed a task force of League members representing the diversity of California cities. 2B Communications, a national strategic planning firm specializing in associations, is facilitating the process, which includes a member survey, stakeholder interviews, and a detailed review of the League's operations and programs to inform the development of the strategic plan recommendations.

Elizabeth Bailey, 2B co-founder and principal, gave the leaders an overview of the process emphasizing that the final product will serve as a roadmap for the organization's growth and change. It is designed to inform how the League can more effectively execute its mission and continue to build a strong and engaged membership.

The task force recommendations will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval during its summer meeting.

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Eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes would hurt hard-working California families and only add to the housing affordability crisis in the state by cutting back on a key incentive for homeownership. In 2015, 6.1 million California taxpayers claimed the SALT deduction with the average deduction at around \$18,000.

Tax-exempt Private Activity Bonds (PABs) are an important tool for state and local governments to help finance major public projects, including transportation and water infrastructure, affordable housing construction, schools — all of which are essential for job growth, healthy economies, safe communities and the nation's economy. Eliminating PABs' tax-exempt status would drive up the costs of borrowing for these projects by 25–35 percent and be a disincentive to spurring private sector investment in cities.

"California city officials thank Reps. Lance and Gottheimer for putting forward a proposal that would prevent harm to California families by striking a reasonable balance that finds a solution to keep pro-growth tax reforms while simultaneously preserving critical pro-growth policies and tools," said League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman.

The letter, along with the names of the hundreds of city officials who signed on, is available on the League [website](#).

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'Energy Upgrade CA' Continued from Page 1...

Energy Upgrade California understands that change starts locally. The statewide program is requesting the leadership of local officials throughout the state to help transform the state's energy habits and landscape.

In an effort to encourage California cities to adopt energy efficiency measures in their own communities, the League of California Cities® Board of Directors recently adopted a resolution in support of Energy Upgrade California and its "Do Your Thing" Campaign.

Individual cities can get involved by:

- Using the [League's sample resolution](#) as a guideline to customize and pass a resolution for their city pledging to support the program and its goals.
- Sharing Energy Upgrade California's [website](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages and content across social media channels with the hashtag #DoYourThing.
- Joining the movement by encouraging residents to "Doing Your Thing." Whether it's upgrading light bulbs or unplugging appliances when they're not in use, encourage residents to conserve energy.

Visit [Energy Upgrade California](#) website to learn more about this program.

If you have questions about the Energy Upgrade California program, resolution language or need any additional information, contact [Matt Klink](#) at (310) 283-6267.

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### **League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$27 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Fresno**

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority \(CSCDA\)](#).

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of issuance of \$27,102,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Kings Canyon Apartments in Fresno.

### **About Kings Canyon Apartments:**

Kings Canyon Apartments is the new construction of 134 affordable housing units by Cesar Chavez Foundation. The benefits of the Project for the City of Fresno include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income tenant;.
- The project consists of 65 one-bedroom units, 35 two-bedroom units, 34 three-bedroom units and a manager's unit; and
- All of the units will be restricted to households earning 60 percent or less of the area median income.

CSCDA and Cesar Chavez Foundation partnered with Bank of the West and Kutak Rock LLP to provide \$27,102,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

### **Background**

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## **California Air Resources Board Approves Updated Scoping Plan and Funding for Clean Vehicles**

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) on Dec. 14 adopted the 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Call for Session Proposals Open for 2018 Annual Conference & Expo**

The League of California Cities® is currently soliciting session proposals for the 2018 Annual Conference & Expo, which will be held Sept. 12–14 in Long Beach. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Registration Open for the 2018 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo**

Don't miss the chance to register early to attend the 2018 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo, which is scheduled for March 28–30 in Monterey. Register online and reserve your hotel by Tuesday, Feb. 27. *For more, see Page 2.*

Originally approved in 2008 after passage of AB 32, the scoping plan establishes a framework of action for California to meet the climate target of a 40 percent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 compared to 1990 levels (SB 32). The plan reflects policy measures, regulations, planning efforts, and investments in clean technologies and infrastructure the Administration believes will help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

This update follows the Cap-and-Trade extension the Legislature passed with a two-thirds majority vote and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in July. Part of the extension required that the scoping plan analyses incorporate additional information, including cost metrics, GHG and air quality benefits, and cost savings of avoided damage.

The League has submitted comments throughout the process reflecting its ongoing commitment to working collaboratively with ARB to find solutions to achieve the GHG emission reduction goal, without putting undue regulatory or fiscal strain on cities.

### **Clean Transportation Funding**

In addition to adopting the updated scoping plan, ARB also approved a \$663 million low-carbon transportation plan to facilitate the switch to cleaner cars, truck, buses, and freight. This action allocates funding to a number of incentive programs:

#### **Heavy-Duty Vehicles and Off-Road Equipment**

- \$188 million to promote the sale of clean trucks and buses through voucher incentives, driving the continued deployment of hybrid, low-NOx (nitrogen oxides), and zero-emission trucks and buses.
- \$190 million for advanced-technology freight-related investments that will bring the cleanest vehicles and equipment to California's most impacted communities, transportation corridors and freight hubs.
- \$20 million to make loans for clean trucks more widely available.

#### **Passenger Vehicles and Transportation Equity**

- \$140 million to the [Clean Vehicle Rebate Project](#), which offers up to \$5,000 in vehicle rebates for the purchase or lease of new, eligible zero-emission and plug-in hybrid vehicles.
- \$125 million to transportation equity projects focused on disadvantaged communities and low-income consumers. These include programs to scrap and replace older vehicles with up-to-date clean cars, cleaner school buses, and more electric car-sharing projects in disadvantaged communities.

ARB received this funding from an appropriation by the Legislature earlier this year. Cap-and-Trade auction revenues are deposited throughout the year into the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The Legislature appropriates GGRF annually to priorities that reduce the state's GHGs. The \$663 million approved by ARB constitutes part of a \$1.5 billion GGRF expenditure plan that the Legislature passed and the Governor signed in September.

The League weighed in during the Legislative process to ensure that the final package considered cities' funding priorities.

The ARB [news release](#) includes additional information on the update.

League members are interested in sessions that address the challenges that cities face and cutting-edge solutions at the local level.

This three-day conference is the League's largest event each year and attendees include mayors,

council members, city managers, city clerks, finance officers, city attorneys, fire chiefs and other city staff and decision makers.

### **Session Proposal Submission Process**

Jan. 8 is the deadline to submit proposals for consideration by the Annual Conference Program Planning Committee.

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome. The committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new or significant information. Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Whiting.

For more information please visit the Annual Conference webpage.

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**'Public Works Registration' Continued from Page 1...**

Designed for professionals of all career levels, this institute offers education on the latest developments in public works, leadership, managing transportation, infrastructure, water, waste programs and more.

This year's conference includes:

- A general session entitled Lessons Learned from the 2017 Oroville Dam Incident;
- Two-and-a-half days of educational sessions — full agenda will be released soon;
- Wednesday reception with expo, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

The full announcement with schedule and complete session information will in the mail early next week.

For questions about this event, please contact Katie Sacco-Pebler at (916) 658-8251.

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### **CalPERS Stays the Course, Adopts a 7 Percent Assumed Rate of Return**

The CalPERS Board of Administration formally adopted investment portfolio Candidate C at its Dec. 20 meeting. This candidate portfolio has an asset mix that is projected to yield a 30-year blended rate of return of 7 percent (discount rate). The board was presented with four candidate portfolio options each portfolio yielding its own projected rate of return ranging from 6.5 percent to 7.25 percent. *For more, see Page 2.*



### **League Supports June Ballot Measure to Add Constitutional Protections to Transportation Revenues**

*Ensures Money Dedicated to Transportation Cannot be Taken for Other Uses*

The League Board of Directors earlier this month voted unanimously to support ACA 5, which prohibits the state from taking or redirecting the new transportation revenues generated through SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, which are not already protected in the state constitution. The ballot measure, scheduled for the June 2018 statewide election, extends some of the same protections that other transportation revenues already have under the California Constitution. *For more, see Page 2.*



### **League Releases Guide to New Housing Legislation**

In response to changes in state housing laws that will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2018, the League of California Cities® has prepared a comprehensive compendium of key legislation to help cities prepare and comply. *A 2018 Guide to New Housing Law in California* provides information on the most significant bills affecting cities contained in the housing bill package Gov. Jerry Brown signed this fall. Organized into three main categories — funding, streamlining and local accountability — the guide details provisions of each of these measures and answers important questions that cities may consider to comply with the new laws. *For more, see Page 2.*

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In its recent decision to stay the course, the board specifically attributed its decision to remain at 7 percent to the advocacy efforts made by cities across California. However, it is important to note CalPERS projects a 6.2 percent return over the next decade meaning that cities should expect a significant increase in annual contributions moving forward. Last year, the board pre-emptively adopted a 7 percent discount rate — a reduction from 7.5 percent, anticipating lower than expected returns in the following decade.

The discount rate will be phased in over time. Local agencies will see the first impacts of the discount rate reduction in fiscal year 2018–19 with the full discount rate being phased in by fiscal year 2024–25.

In our continued effort to provide educational resources on pension activities, the League has launched a [Retirement System Sustainability webpage](#) to provide city officials with a one-stop-shop for the latest educational tools, information and news articles related to CalPERS and pension obligations. The [discount rate reduction information](#) and more can also be found on this page by visiting [www.cacities.org/pensions](http://www.cacities.org/pensions).

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League President Rich Garbarino emphasized why the League took a support position on ACA 5: "This is a no-nonsense measure that gives another level of accountability to the voters by adding protections to revenues that will fix our streets, roads and highways. This measure makes sure that the state isn't able to grab those funds for something else. Cities and counties have already started approving projects to use SB 1 monies in their local communities. I am excited to see these dollars put to work next year and know that California voters understand the importance of protecting this funding."

ACA 5 will be given an official ballot number in early February. If voters approve ACA 5, the California Constitution would be amended to:

- Require that SB 1 revenues be dedicated to transportation purposes; and
  - Constitutionally protect sales tax on diesel and Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account revenues from being diverted to the General Fund or other non-transportation related purposes.
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**'Housing Guide' Continued from Page 1...**

Local governments recognize the role they play in both planning for and approving new housing construction. In 2017, the League's advocacy focused on two goals related to responding to the homelessness crisis and the affordability of housing across the state. Throughout the year, the League worked extensively with the Legislature to promote housing legislation to address housing supply and affordability. City officials, alongside the League, were successful in getting the Legislature to pass bills that provide much needed funding for affordable housing (SB 2 and SB 3) and mechanisms to streamline the housing approval process (SB 540 and AB 73).

The League in 2018 will continue to advocate for resources to improve housing affordability in this state and address the homelessness crisis and supports the \$4 billion bond that will go before voters on the November 2018 statewide ballot.

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**Legislature Returns Jan. 3 to Start 2018 Session**

*Governor to Release Proposed FY 2018–19 Budget Week of Jan. 8*

The Legislature will reconvene on Wednesday, Jan. 3 to begin its 2018 work. This is the start of the second year of the 2017–18 Legislative Session, which goes through Aug. 31, 2018. The year promises to be extremely busy with races that will determine California's leaders in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., plus statewide ballot measures going to voters on the June and November ballots.

Legislators will get to work in January with a number of important deadlines approaching in the first six weeks of the year. Because this is the second year of the two-year session, legislators with bills that did not move out of their house of origin in 2017 have until Jan. 31 to get their bills to the other house. Just over two weeks later, legislators face the Feb. 16 deadline to introduce legislation for 2018.

The League will continue serving members as the leading voice for California cities and advocate for policies that advance city priorities.

### **Jerry Brown Begins Last Year of His Fourth Term as Governor**

This January will bring the first of many lasts for Gov. Jerry Brown who starts his final year as Governor. Jan. 10 is the constitutional deadline for the Governor to release his proposed FY 2018–19 budget. Taking a fiscally prudent approach to his previous seven budget proposals, Governor Brown will likely use his last budget proposal to continue to advocate for restraint. The Legislative Analyst's Office in November issued its [FY 2018–19 fiscal outlook](#), projecting that the State of California will have \$19.3 billion in reserves at the end of the coming fiscal year without any new spending commitments that expand the state's financial obligations. Governor Brown will also deliver his final annual State of the State Address to the Legislature in early 2018.

### **Leadership Changes Coming in 2018**

In December, the Senate Democratic Caucus selected Sen. Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) to replace Senate President pro tem Kevin de León, who terms out of office in 2018. Sen. Atkins' official election will also occur in January, however the transition date has yet to be announced. She will come to lead the Senate after serving as speaker of the Assembly from May 2014 to March 2016. [The Sacramento Bee](#) in December reported that Sen. Atkins is slated to become the first to have served in both positions in close to 150 years.

### **League Activities in January**

The League begins 2018 with the four officers elected in September to serve the organization this year. They are:

- President Rich Garbarino, council member, South San Francisco;
- First Vice President Mark Kersey, council member, San Diego;
- Second Vice President Jan Arbuckle, council member, Grass Valley; and
- Immediate Past President JoAnne Mounce, mayor pro tem, Lodi.

League members will be in Sacramento in January for a number of key events to launch the year. Each January the League holds its New Mayors and Council Members Academy which covers the basic legal and practical framework in which city officials operate. Scheduled Jan. 17–19, the conference is for both newly elected officials and veterans on city councils. The event is also an opportunity for city officials to meet with their legislators in Sacramento and discuss important policy issues facing cities. The League on Wednesday, Jan. 17, will hold its annual Legislative Reception, which brings together city officials, senators, Assembly members, constitutional officers and others for networking.

Also that week in Sacramento, the League will hold its first policy committees of the year. The seven standing committees will meet Jan. 18–19 and begin discussion on key policy proposals, hear from expert speakers and receive an update on the Governor's proposed FY 2018–19 budget.

In December, the [League adopted four strategic goals](#) for 2018 that establish the organization's legislative advocacy framework for the year. The four goals are available at [www.cacities.org/priorities](http://www.cacities.org/priorities).

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## **Changes Coming to *CA Cities Advocate* Will Transform Newsletter into a Mobile Responsive Format that is More Visual and Dynamic**

The League of California Cities® will unveil a refreshed *CA Cities Advocate* in January that will provide subscribers with critical news, events and resources in a new format. Designed to meet the needs of readers who stay informed on the go with their mobile devices or on their computers, the contemporary layout will quickly convey key information with new visual elements.

The updated *CA Cities Advocate* will feature flexible blocks of stories broken into designated sections that highlight core areas of news. These will typically include:

- Take Action or Legislative Update;
- League News;
- Conferences & Education;
- Opportunities for Cities; and
- More News & Events.

Stories that appear in *CA Cities Advocate* will continue to “live” on the League’s website where they can be printed, emailed or shared via Facebook and Twitter. Similar to the current format, newsletter story headlines will link to the full story on the League’s website. In addition, people interested in receiving the newsletter will still be able to self-subscribe at [www.cacities.org/cacitiesadvocate](http://www.cacities.org/cacitiesadvocate).

Publication will also change from the current schedule that allows for multiple issues each week to a once a week publication on Monday mornings or Tuesdays following a Monday holiday. Subscribers will start their week with news that is important to California cities in their inbox. During the week, the League will keep members updated on important developments through social media, Listserv messages and the Regional Public Affairs Managers.

Several times a year, a single story covering an urgent issue or update will go out to subscribers. These single story issues will cover topics such as the state budget, the end of the legislative session, Annual Conference wrap-up and other urgent news.

Look forward to the new *CA Cities Advocate* in your inbox on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

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## **League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues More Than \$91 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for a Nonprofit Organization in Walnut Creek**

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This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of issuance of \$91,655,000 in tax-exempt bonds for John Muir Health in Walnut Creek.

### **About John Muir Health**

John Muir Health, a nonprofit organization, includes two of the largest medical centers in Contra Costa County: John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek, a 554-licensed bed medical center that serves as Contra Costa County’s only designated trauma center; and John Muir Medical Center, Concord, a 245-licensed bed medical center in Concord. Together, they are recognized as pre-eminent centers for neurosciences, orthopedics, cancer care, cardiovascular care and high-risk obstetrics. John Muir Health also offers complete inpatient and outpatient behavioral health programs and services at its Behavioral Health Center, a fully accredited, 73-bed psychiatric hospital located in Concord. Other areas of specialty include general surgery, robotic surgery, weight-loss surgery, rehabilitation and critical care. In addition, John Muir provides a number of primary care and outpatient services throughout the community and urgent care centers in Brentwood, Concord, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Walnut Creek.

CSCDA partnered with Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide the \$91,655,000 in Series 2017A bonds. The Series 2017A bonds were issued to refund CSCDA's existing Series 2009A bonds.

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