

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 17, 2016

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. ICSC CONVENTION ATTENDANCE 2016

Kingsley Okereke asks if you are interested in attending the 2016 International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Convention in Las Vegas May 22 through 25.

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

A. VECTOR CONTROL TOWN HALL MEETING

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District is holding a Town Hall meeting to discuss invasive Aedes mosquitos and the Zika virus at various locations in March and April.

III. RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (PINKS)

A. PINK 3718

A copy of the letter to George Britiegam in response to their request for a Trader Joe's market is attached for your review.

• OTHER ITEMS

– **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept: City Manager
Subject: INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS (ICSC) CONVENTION ATTENDANCE 2016

From: Kingsley Okereke
Dept: Finance
Date: March 22, 2016

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Garden Grove City Council that the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) 2016 RECON convention will be held May 22-25, 2016, at the Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. The exhibition is open from Sunday, May 22, 2016 and ends Wednesday, May 25, 2016. At this time, staff would like to solicit the interest of City Council members in attending this convention.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1957, ICSC is the global trade association of the shopping center industry. Its more than 70,000 members in over 100 countries include shopping center owners, developers, managers, investors, retailers, brokers, academics, and public officials. At the ICSC RECON convention, the City will have the opportunity to meet with these members and take advantage of networking, deal making and education opportunities. The convention typically features approximately 1,000 exhibiting companies, 36,000 attendees in a 2,000,000 square foot convention center.

Attendance at this convention will allow City Council members and staff to explore economic, marketing and promotional conditions affecting the shopping center industry. It will also allow City Council members and staff to continue to market the City of Garden Grove to industry retail representatives and developers. The City will be exhibiting a booth with display and marketing materials in the Cities of the World Pavilion. As an exhibitor, the City will maximize its opportunity to meet with key players in the shopping center, hospitality and housing development arenas. In addition, by attending the convention, staff will meet with potential developers by canvassing the trade show floor.

ICSC CONVENTION ATTENDANCE 2016

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SUMMARY

Since the ICSC Convention is two months away, staff would like to receive the names of those City Council members wishing to attend the convention by Tuesday, April 5, 2016, to allow for the appropriate registration and travel arrangements to be made prior to the show. Although staff will host the exhibit booth for the duration of the convention, which ends on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, City Council members may wish to return sooner.

Attached is the show schedule information. More detailed information can be viewed online at <http://www.icsc.org/2016RECON/>.

If you have additional questions or require additional information, please contact Grace Lee at extension 5130.



GRACE LEE

Senior Economic Development Specialist

Attachment: RECON ICSC Program 2016



EARLY BIRD DEADLINE
DECEMBER 11, 2015

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May 22 – 25, 2016 | Las Vegas, NV
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RECON

May 22 – 25, 2016 | Las Vegas, NV
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Reconnect with prosperity and profits at ICSC's RECon 2016! RECon is the world's largest retail real estate exhibition and conference and is a must-attend event for shopping center industry executives, retailers, financial companies, and product and service providers. If you're in the shopping center industry, you can't afford to not attend RECon. With over 36,000 of the best and brightest in the industry come together, the opportunities are limitless.



PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY | MAY 22 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

- 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Educational Sessions
- 12:45 – 2:15 pm Opening Keynote Presentation and VIVA's Ceremony
- 2:30 – 5:00 pm Educational Sessions
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm U.S. MAXI Awards Ceremony
- 6:00 – 9:30 pm ICSC Foundation Gala Dinner
- 7:30 – 9:30 pm Opening Reception at XS Nightclub at Encore

MONDAY | MAY 23

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Leasing Mall/Marketplace Mall/SPREE RECon
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Educational Sessions
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch and Keynote Presentation
- 2:30 – 5:30 pm Educational Sessions

TUESDAY | MAY 24

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Leasing Mall/Marketplace Mall/SPREE RECon
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Educational Sessions
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch and Keynote Presentation
- 2:30 – 5:30 pm Educational Sessions

WEDNESDAY | MAY 25

- 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Leasing Mall/Marketplace Mall/SPREE RECon

All Educational Sessions and Keynote Presentations to be held in the Westgate Resort & Casino (formerly the LVH).

Schedule is tentative and subject to change.

REGISTRATION FEES

Full Program:

	EARLY BIRD	ADVANCE	ON-SITE
Member*:	\$530	\$570	\$720
Non-Member:	\$1,120	\$1,120	\$1,430
Student Member**:	\$50	\$50	N/A

Access to the Full Program includes two lunches, receptions, Professional Development Day (Sunday), education and conference sessions on Monday and Tuesday, Leasing Mall, Marketplace Mall, and SPREE RECon.

* To qualify for the member rates, each registrant must be an ICSC member. A company membership does not entitle every employee of that company to register at the member rates.

** Students must register in advance to obtain the student rate. No student rates will be offered on-site.

Professional Development Day - Sunday, May 22

ADVANCE/ON-SITE: \$250

This fee is for the Professional Development Day on Sunday, including all conference and education sessions. Those with Full Program Registration do NOT need to add on this fee, as it is included in your registration fee. Those who have a free Exhibitor, Marketplace Mall, MAXI or SPREE RECon badge and would like to attend Professional Development Day sessions, must register for this option.

Become a Member and Save on Registration!

Visit www.icsc.org/membership for more information about membership benefits and fees.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

December 11, 2015 | Early Bird Deadline - Members Save \$40

March 31, 2016 | Register and submit a photo by deadline to receive your badge in the mail.

April 29, 2016 | Deadline to receive advance registration fee.

May 21, 2016 | Registrations will be accepted on-site in Las Vegas.

HOW TO REGISTER

Visit www.icscreecon.org to register online or download the registration form to mail or fax to ICSC.

All attendees and exhibitors are required to have an ICSC-issued color photo badge for access to the Convention. To submit a photo, visit www.icsc.org/myicsc.

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onPeak (formerly Travel Planners) is the official hotel vendor for RECon. onPeak brings you unbeatable rates at a variety of popular hotels. We have negotiated exclusive room discounts to help you save money on your trip. Plus, with no booking, change, or cancellation fees, it's never too early to reserve your rooms. To secure your accommodations, visit www.onpeak.com/recon or call +1 855 992 3353.

STAND OUT IN THE CROWD | SPONSOR & ADVERTISE

Consider one of the numerous Sponsorship Packages which provide unparalleled opportunities to put your company in front of 36,000 attendees. Deals and networking don't just happen on the show floor, they happen after hours as well. The Opening Reception at the XS Nightclub at Encore is an ideal venue to promote your company and brand awareness and generate new prospects. Additional Sponsorship Opportunities include, Marketplace Mall Continental Breakfast, ICSC Foundation Gala Dinner, SPREE RECon, U.S. MAXI Awards, Diversity Reception and many more.

Take advantage of a variety of Advertising Opportunities that will extend your reach. Advertising Opportunities include, RECon Program Directory, RECon News (RECon-centric version of *Shopping Centers Today*), Digital Ads or "You Are Here" Locator Billboards throughout the Convention Center and Badge Mailer Inserts.

Let ICSC help you promote your company or product at the retail real estate industry's premier event. For more information on sponsorship or advertising opportunities contact Rita Malak at +1 646 728 3539 or rmalak@icsc.org or visit www.icscreecon.org.

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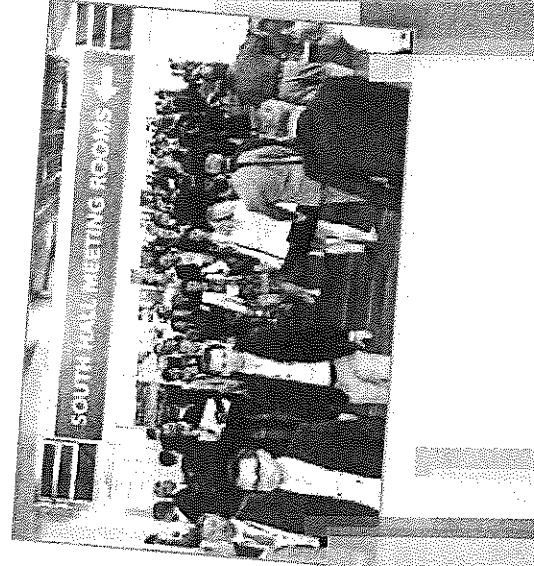
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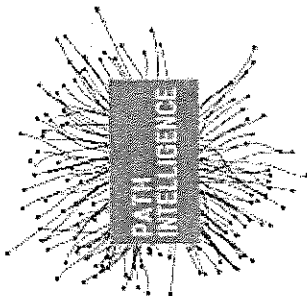
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1221 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020-1099

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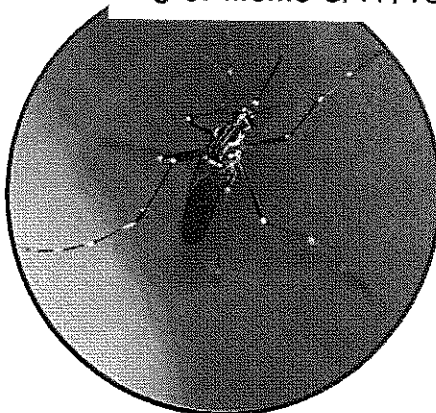
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TOWN HALL MEETING



SCHEDULE

City of Mission Viejo
Monday, March 21st @ 7PM
Norman P. Murray
Community Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

City of Garden Grove
Tuesday, March 29th @ 7PM
Garden Grove Community
Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
Butterfield Room A

City of Laguna Woods
Wednesday, March 30th @ 10AM
City Hall, City Council Chambers
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

City of Tustin
Thursday, March 31st @ 7PM
Clifton C. Miller
Community Center
300 Centennial Way
Tustin, CA 92780

City of Brea
Thursday, April 7th @ 7PM
Brea Civic & Cultural
1 Civic Center Circle
Brea, CA 92821
Community Rooms A & B
(Second Floor)

City of Irvine
Thursday, April 14 @ 6PM
Trabuco Center
5701 Trabuco Road
Irvine, CA 92620

Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes and Zika Virus

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District is hosting a series of Town Hall meetings in March and April 2016 designed to answer questions about current mosquito control issues.

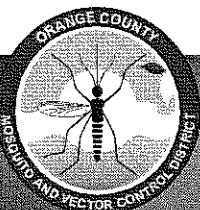
All meetings will address the same topics. Orange County residents are encouraged to attend the meeting that best fits their schedule.

MEETING AGENDA:

- Overview of Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes and Zika virus: Global
- Current situation in Orange County: Invasive Aedes, Zika virus
- Overview of Mosquito Control Plan
- Adult Mosquito Aerial Application Discussion
- Open Forum with Panel of Experts

More Information:

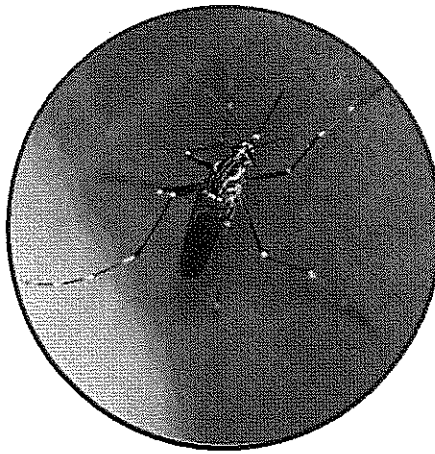
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TOWN HALL MEETING



Mosquitos Aedes invasores y el virus Zika

El Distrito de Control de Mosquitos y Vectores del Condado de Orange llevará a cabo una serie de reuniones en el Ayuntamiento durante marzo y abril de 2016 para responder preguntas sobre los actuales problemas para controlar los mosquitos.

En todas las reuniones se tratarán los mismos temas. Se invita a los residentes del Condado de Orange a asistir a la reunión que les resulte más conveniente, según sus horarios.

AGENDA DE LA REUNIÓN:

- Resumen general sobre la invasión de mosquitos Aedes y el virus Zika: Global
- Situación actual en el Condado de Orange: Invasión de Aedes, virus Zika
- Resumen general del Plan de Control de Mosquitos
- Discusión sobre la fumigación aérea del mosquito adulto
- Foro abierto con panel de expertos

Más información:

http://www.ocvcd.org/TownHall_Meeting_InvasiveAedes_Zika.php

HORARIOS

Ciudad de Mission Viejo
Lunes, 21 de marzo
A las 7 p. m.
Norman P. Murray
Community Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

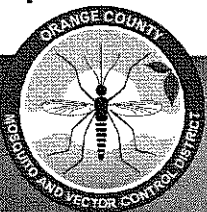
Ciudad de Garden Grove
Martes, 29 de marzo
a las 7 p. m.
Garden Grove Community
Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
Butterfield Sala A

Ciudad de Laguna Woods
Miércoles, 30 de marzo
A las 10 a. m.
City Hall, City Council Chambers
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

Ciudad de Tustin
Jueves, 31 de marzo
A las 7 p. m.
Clifton C. Miller
Community Center
300 Centennial Way
Tustin, CA 92780

Ciudad de Brea
Jueves, 7 de abril
A las 7 p. m.
Brea Civic & Cultural
1 Civic Center Circle
Brea, CA 92821
Salas de la Comunidad A y B
(Segundo piso)

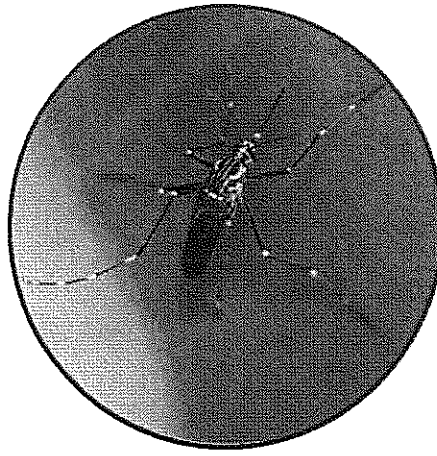
Ciudad de Irvine
Jueves, 14 de abril
A las 6 p. m.
Trabuco Center
5701 Trabuco Road
Irvine, CA 92620



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Aedes 모기와 Zika 바이러스

오렌지 카운티 모기 및 매개체 제어 지구(Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District)는 현재 모기 제어 문제에 대해 질의에 답변하도록 고안된 2016년 3월과 4월에 타운 홀 미팅 시리즈를 개최할 것입니다.

모든 미팅은 동일한 주제를 다루게 됩니다. 오렌지 카운티 거주자는 해당 스케줄에 최대한으로 맞춰 미팅에 참석하도록 장려될 것입니다.

미팅 안건:

- 급속도로 퍼지는 숲모기 및 지카(Zika) 바이러스 개요: 글로벌
- 오렌지 카운티의 현재 상황: 급속도로 퍼지는 숲모기 및 지카 바이러스
- 모기 제어 계획의 개요
- 모기 성충 항공 상포 토론
- 전문가 패널과 함께 오픈 포럼

자세한 정보:

http://www.ocvcd.org/TownHall_Meeting_InvasiveAedes_Zika.php

일정

미션비에이호시
3월 21일 월요일 7PM
Norman P. Murray
Community Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

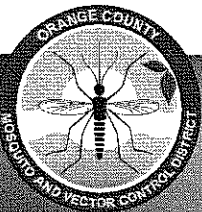
가든 그로브시
3월 29일 화요일 7PM
Garden Grove Community
Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
Butterfield Room A

라구나우즈시
3월 30일 수요일 10AM
City Hall, City Council Chambers
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

터스틴시
3월 31일 목요일 7PM
Clifton C. Miller
Community Center
300 Centennial Way
Tustin, CA 92780

브레아시
4월 7일 목요일 7PM
Brea Civic & Cultural
1 Civic Center Circle
Brea, CA 92821
Community Rooms A & B
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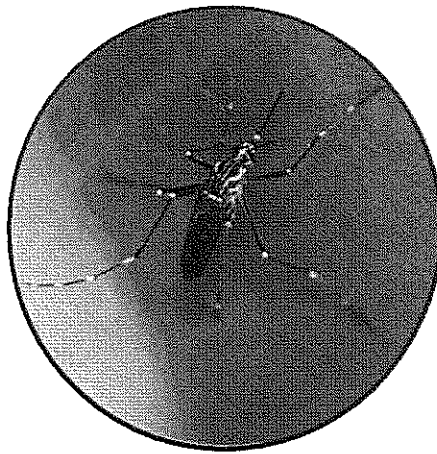
어바인시
4월 14일 목요일 6PM
Trabuco Center
5701 Trabuco Road
Irvine, CA 92620



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TOWN HALL MEETING



Muỗi Aedes xâm hại và vi rút Zika

Cơ quan Kiểm soát Muỗi và Côn trùng Quận Cam (The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District) sẽ tổ chức một chuỗi các cuộc họp Town Hall trong tháng Ba và Tư năm 2016 nhằm trả lời những câu hỏi về vấn đề kiểm soát muỗi hiện tại.

Tất cả các cuộc họp đều tập trung vào cùng chủ đề. Chúng tôi khuyến khích cư dân Quận Cam tham dự buổi họp phù hợp nhất với lịch của mình.

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH HỌP:

- Tổng quan về Muỗi Aedes Xâm nhập và virus Zika: Toàn cầu
- Tình hình hiện tại tại Quận Cam: Muỗi Aedes Xâm nhập, virus Zika
- Tổng quan về Kế hoạch Kiểm soát Muỗi
- Thảo luận về Ứng dụng Kiểm soát Muỗi Trưởng thành Trên không
- Diễn đàn Mở với Ban Chuyên gia

Tham khảo thêm Thông tin tại :

http://www.ocvcd.org/TownHall_Meeting_InvasiveAedes_Zika.php

LỊCH HỌP

City of Mission Viejo
Thứ Hai, 21 tháng Ba @ 7h tối
Norman P. Murray
Community Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

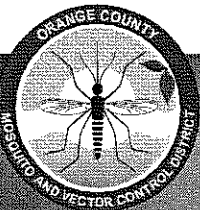
City of Garden Grove
Thứ Ba, 29 tháng Ba @ 7h tối
Garden Grove Community
Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
Butterfield Room A

City of Laguna Woods
Thứ Tư, 30 tháng Ba
@ 10h sáng
City Hall, City Council Chambers
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

City of Tustin
Thứ Năm, 31 tháng Ba @ 7h tối
Clifton C. Miller
Community Center
300 Centennial Way
Tustin, CA 92780

City of Brea
Thứ Năm, 7 tháng Tư @ 7h tối
Brea Civic & Cultural
1 Civic Center Circle
Brea, CA 92821
Community Rooms A & B
(Second Floor)

City of Irvine
Thứ Năm, 14 tháng Tư @ 6h
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Trabuco Center
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Pink was successfully updated.

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Pink ID: 3718

Topic: **West GG Neighborhood Watch group requesting a Trader Joe's**

Status: **AWAITING APPROVAL**

Requester Name: George Brietigam

Requester Address: PO Box 5031

Requester CSZ: GG, CA

Issued on: 03/08/2016

Initial Letter Sent:

Final Response: 03/17/2016

Priority: pink

Need Manager's Memo: no

Need Copy of response letter: no

Need draft response letter on behalf of the Mayor: yes

Need information only: no

Updated By: melaniev

Updated On: 03/17/2016

Referral Notes: Please prepare a response, a copy of their original letter will be emailed to you.

Response Notes: Letter to Trader Joe's and a response letter to George Brietigam has been prepared 3/17/16

Approval:

x Maria Stig



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 17, 2016

714-741-5104

George Brietigam
PO Box 5031
Garden Grove, CA

Bao Nguyen
Mayor

Steven R. Jones
Mayor Pro Tem

Christopher V. Phan
Council Member

Phat Bui
Council Member

Kris Beard
Council Member

RE: Request for a Trader Joe's market

Dear Mr. Brietigam:

The City of Garden Grove has received your request and petition for a Trader Joe's on the west side of Garden Grove. We have prepared a letter to Trader Joe's on behalf of the City in an effort to entice them to come into our City and have attached a copy for your review.

Our City Manager, Scott Stiles will be speaking at the next West Garden Grove Neighborhood Watch meeting and will discuss the letter and the steps the City has taken to reach out to Trader Joe's.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Grace Lee from the Community and Economic Development Department at (714) 741-5130 or email, gracel@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Bao Nguyen
Mayor

Attachment: City Letter to Trader Joe's



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 16, 2016

Ben Meyers, Executive Vice President
Trader Joe's
800 S Shamrock Ave
Monrovia, CA 91016

RE: Letter to West Garden Grove Neighborhood Watch

Dear Mr. Meyers:

I would like to personally thank you for your letter that you sent to the West Garden Grove Neighborhood Watch, dated March 1, 2016. As you know, more than 300 people worked together to send Trader Joe's a letter expressing their interest in bringing one of your stores to this great neighborhood. As the new City Manager in Garden Grove, I was impressed with their commitment to showcase their neighborhood, and I want to express my desire to partner with Trader Joe's. We understand you are not looking at expanding in the City of Garden Grove ("City") in 2016, but the City would like to continue to discuss new emerging development opportunities located in West Garden Grove.

The City has an aggressive and successful economic development program that could involve financial assistance as well as a concierge program to expedite development.

West Garden Grove has excellent demographics and socioeconomic traits with some of the best education and income levels in the City. The average income is over \$103,800 and projected to be \$116,000 by 2020 and education level is high, with 64% college educated, and 34% with a bachelor's degree or higher. West Garden Grove also has one of the lowest percentages of vacant housing units at 4.7% (Index 42) of which 83% of the homes are owner occupied vs 16% rental. See the attached ESRI Tapestry Segmentation Report and ESRI report.

We will be setting meetings at this year's ICSC RECON 2016 Conference during May 23rd - 25th and would like to set a meeting with you to discuss some of these emerging development opportunities and potential economic development incentives. I can be reached at (714) 741-5885 or email ssbiles@ci.garden-grove.ca.us, if you would be willing to meet with us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Scott Stiles
City Manager

Bao Nguyen
Mayor

Steven R. Jones
Mayor Elect

Christopher V. Phan
Council Member

Phat Bui
Council Member

Kris Beard
Council Member

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**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**

Three challenge Do for 1st

Register
Fountain Valley View
March 17, 2016

District's supervisor seat

By **JORDAN GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

County Supervisor Andrew Do will have to fight off two local city council members and another candidate to keep his 1st District seat.

The June 7 ballot is set, after Friday evening's candidate filing deadline.

Do's challengers are Santa Ana City Councilwoman Michele Martinez, Garden Grove Councilman Phat Bui and former Orange Unified School Board member Steve Rocco. They'll face off for control of a district that consists of Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Westminster and a portion of Fountain Valley.

Vietnamese, Latinos and

Democrats make up a much higher percentage of registered voters in the 1st District than in the rest of the county, and those demographics could influence the nonpartisan race. Do and Bui are Vietnamese Republicans, while Martinez is a Latina Democrat.

"Even when you have a heavy Latino (voter) registration, the Vietnamese seem to be voting more often, at higher rates, and they have been able to prevail," Chapman political science professor Fred Smoller said. "Vietnamese come out heavily (to vote), and we have seen three (local) races where Latino candidates have been beaten by Vietnamese."

Smoller pointed to Do's slim



Bui



Martinez



Rocco

43-vote victory over former state Sen. Lou Correa last year for the 1st District seat

and Janet Nguyen's 2007 defeat of former Santa Ana Councilman Carlos Busta-

mante, also for the 1st District.

Of the 1st District's 209,000 registered voters, 43 percent are Democrats, 30 percent are Republicans, 37 percent are Latino and 25 percent are Vietnamese, according to Political Data Inc. More than 44 percent of the district's registered voters live in Santa Ana, while 31 percent live in Garden Grove.

If no candidate receives more than half the vote in the primary election, the top two contenders will face off in November. If Do and Bui split the Vietnamese or Republican vote, that could benefit Martinez, Smoller said, because she

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could survive until the general election, when Democrats tend to vote in greater numbers.

"Latinos are so scared of Trump that many people are registering to vote," Smoller said. "So if (Martinez) gets in the top two, that will help her. ... But incumbents still have an advantage."

Do is the only one of the 1st District candidates to file campaign finance documents showing any fundraising last year for the June election. His 2015 end-of-the-year filing shows he raised \$300,000 last year, had \$114,000 in his campaign account at year's end and owes almost \$152,000 in debts, according to documents filed with the registrar of voters.

Martinez raised \$33,000 in her 2014 City Council campaign but had almost no money left at the start of this year, according to the Santa Ana City Clerk's Office.

CONTACT THE WRITER:

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Making a shinier, cleaner cathedral

Work begins to wash and repair the 10,000 glass panes at the Diocese of Orange's home.

GARDEN GROVE • A \$4.5 million project to repair Christ Cathedral's 10,000 glass window panes started Wednesday, a yearlong effort that must happen before construction on the interior — to make the church more traditionally Catholic — can begin.



CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF
WRITER

The project is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange's renovation of the 78,000-square-foot, all-glass structure previously known as the Crystal Cathedral and made famous by the Rev. Robert H. Schuller, who died last year. "It's the first major visible step," said Ryan Lilyengren,

spokesman for the diocese, which is now headquartered at the 35-acre campus. "People will be excited about it."

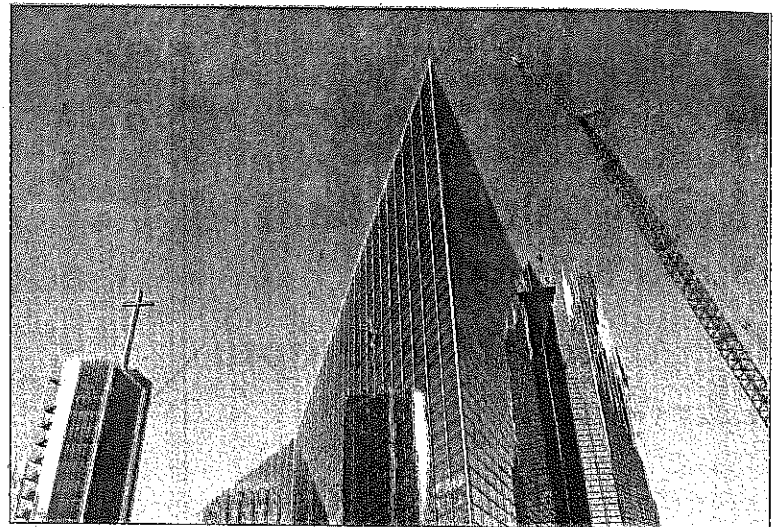
A 15-story, 300-ton crane was brought in to do the work. On Tuesday, a three-man crew rode the crane's bucket to the northeast slope of the cathedral to plan how they should approach the re-

pairs.

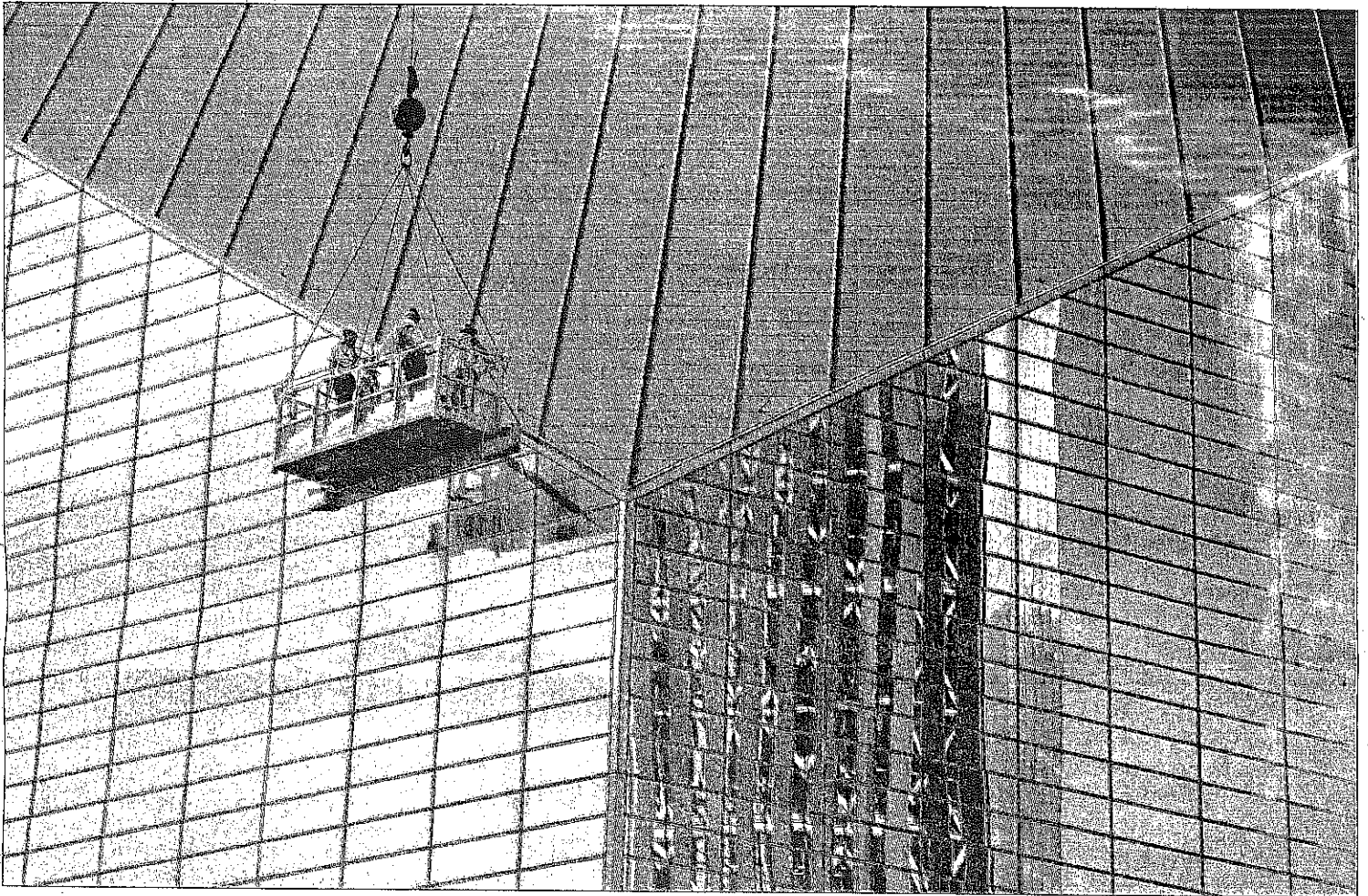
"We're excited to finally get this thing started," Mike Prestridge, vice president of contractor Century Building Solutions, said about working on the iconic building. "This is a thrill for us."

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The project is part of the renovation of the 78,000-square-foot, all-glass structure designed by architect Philip Johnson.



PHOTOS: JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Workers on Wednesday assess needed repairs to the 10,000 window panes at Christ Cathedral. A 15-story, 300-ton crane assisted.

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The workers will replace broken panes. But mostly they will clean the glass and use silicone caulking on the seals and metal frames, called mullion, to bolster "the structural integrity," Prestridge said.

The initial estimate, he said, calls for six panes to be repaired per person per day. Within three to four weeks, additional lifts will arrive to repair the frames on the sides of the building. "Once it's ramped up, up to 12 people will be working,

not counting the crane operators," Prestridge said.

After the frames are reinforced, the windows will get a special coating to make them shine more brightly.

"It still shines, but it's more than 30 years old," Lilyengren said of the former Crystal Cathedral, completed in 1981. "This will make it even brighter."

Since buying the campus for \$57.5 million in 2012, the diocese has invested heavily in upgrades, spending \$6.1 million to renovate the 13-story Tower of Hope and \$2 million to repair the 16,000-pipe Hazel Wright Organ, which is about 90 percent complete.

The diocese could end up spending \$113 million total to renovate the entire campus.

Included in that is a \$29 million allocation for renovating the main cathedral building, though it will likely cost more than that, Lilyengren said.

Many of the cathedral renovations center on transforming the inside into a more traditionally Catholic place of worship.

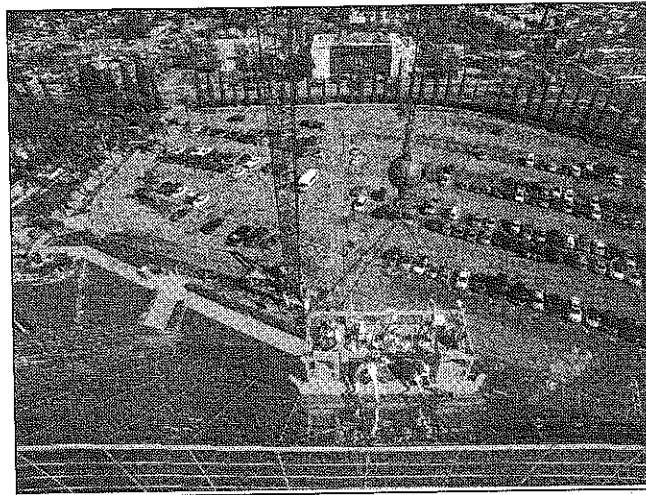
Also, the interior of the 10,000 window panes will be accentuated with white panels, called petals, that will open at varying degrees and create shade; the petals will help keep the cathedral cool and will reduce the

lighting, giving it a more somber feel.

The petals will also have lights facing outward, creating an effect the design committee calls the Box of Stars that will make the cathedral more visible at night.

Lilyengren said the interior construction, which will take about 20 months, should be done by late 2018. But starting the work will wait until the panes that make up the cathedral's large arched roof are repaired.

"There was a lot of deferred maintenance," Lilyengren said. "The building is not sealed, so the roof does leak."



JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Workers scope out the repair work on Christ Cathedral's windows. The work, started Wednesday, is expected to take a year and will include replacing broken panes and other repairs to improve "the structural integrity."

GARDEN GROVE HIGH STADIUM NAMED AFTER IRAQ WAR HERO

Navy SEAL
Michael Monsoor
died in a firefight
in 2006 but likely
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By **CHRIS HAIRE**
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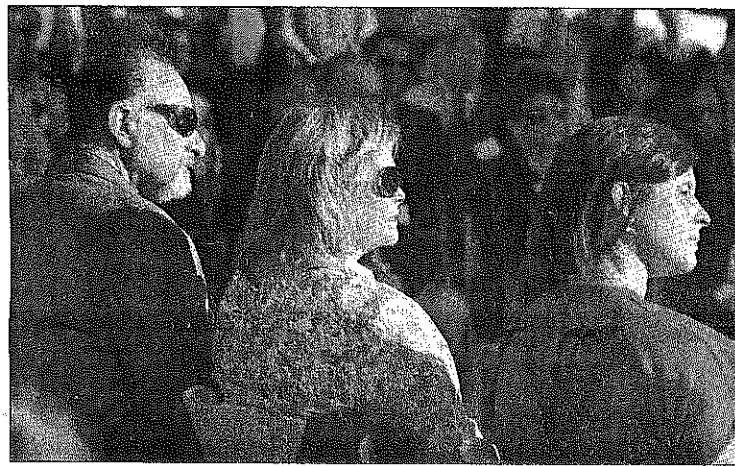
dived and smothered it.

A half-hour later, the Navy SEAL died.

But the 25-year-old probably saved the lives of two other SEALs next

to him and some Iraqi soldiers as well.

On Tuesday evening, a ceremony was held at Garden Grove High School, where Monsoor



Michael Monsoor's family members - father George, mother Sally and sister Sara - listen during a ceremony at Garden Grove High School. Michael Monsoor graduated from the school in 1999.

once played for the Argonauts football team as a tight end, to name the stadium after the alumnus, who posthumously received the Medal of Honor.

Garden Grove High's stadium is now the Michael A. Monsoor Memorial Stadium.

Shortly before 5 p.m., two U.S. sailors raised the Stars and Stripes in front of the school,

where 100 people had gathered to honor Monsoor. His family, including parents George and Sally Monsoor, sat next to the podium.

Several people spoke about Monsoor, then the family was presented with a plaque emblazoned with a rendering of what the renovated stadium will look like.

"The stadium is something that will be around forever," older sister Sara Monsoor said in an interview. "When people hear his story, it moves them, and they want to do something."

A scrappy athlete, Michael Monsoor played his junior and senior years before graduating in 1999.

"It's totally appropriate that they are naming it after him," said Kris Van Hook, the head coach of the Argonauts from 1997 to 2001. "He wasn't the biggest or strongest guy, but he was a hard worker - had a great work ethic - and always put the team above himself."

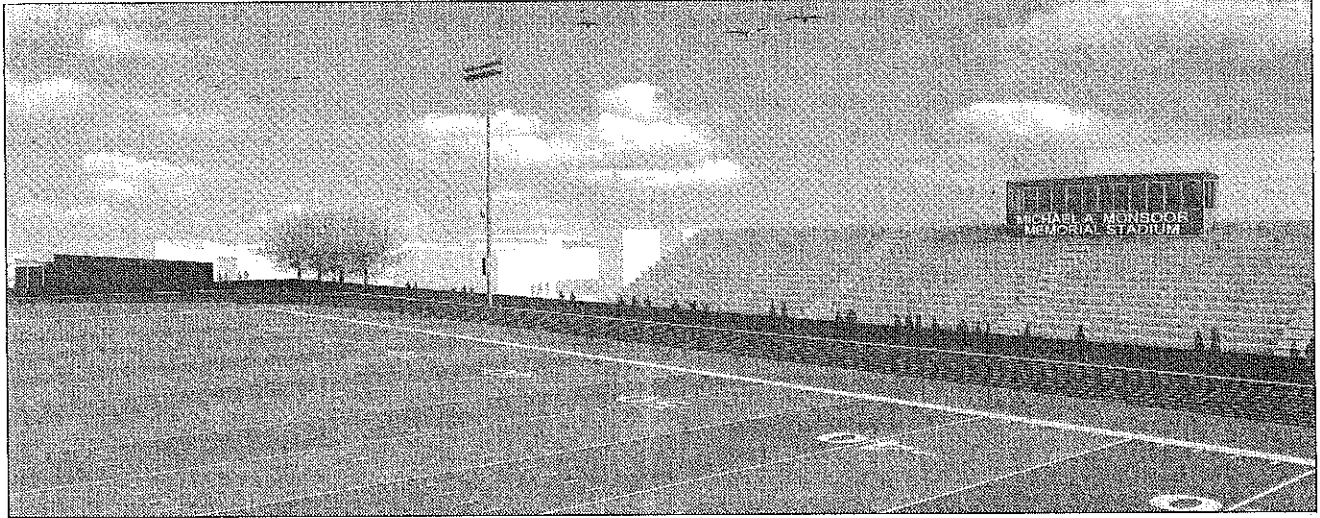
Monsoor, a petty officer second class in the U.S. Navy, was born in Long Beach and grew up in Garden Grove. Two years after graduating, and six months before 9/11, he signed up to become a sailor.

He eventually completed training for the SEALs, a special-operations force. Four



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Steve Osborne, left, principal of Garden Grove High School, and George West, center, president of the Garden Grove Unified School District, on Tuesday present Sally and George Monsoor with the architectural plan for the new stadium, named in honor of their son.



PHOTOS: COURTESY OF THE GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

A rendering shows what the Michael A. Monsoor Memorial Stadium at Garden Grove High School will look like once it is ready for competition at the start of the 2018 football season. The new bleachers will seat 3,500.

MONSOOR: Awarded Medal of Honor

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months before that Sept. 29, 2006, firefight, Monsoor received the Silver Star for running into gunfire to drag a wounded SEAL to safety.

In 2008, President George W. Bush handed the Monsoor family the Medal of Honor, the highest award he could give a service member.

Lt. Cmdr. Seth Stone, Monsoor's platoon leader, told the Register in 2008 that his unit had been in at least 35 firefights in the days leading up to the Garden Grove resident's death.

Now, Monsoor will be remembered with his name on a special place, one that will get shined up.

When the Garden Grove Unified School District undertook a \$500 million-plus districtwide modernization in 2010, \$5 million was set aside to renovate the aging stadium.



Michael Monsoor, No. 85, with his Garden Grove High teammates. He played during his junior and senior years.

It will get new 3,500-capacity bleachers, a synthetic track, turf for the football field, energy-efficient lights, and a new scoreboard, concession stand and restrooms. The project is scheduled to be completed before the start of the 2018 football season.

Garden Grove Mayor

Bao Nguyen had some interactions with Monsoor in high school, when the future sailor was a freshman and he was a sophomore: "He was always very kind and generous," Nguyen said.

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proached Nguyen about changing the stadium's name, and the mayor went to the alumni association. A grass-roots movement began among its members to rename the stadium.

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On Tuesday night, the school board was scheduled to officially approve naming the facility the Michael A. Monsoor Memorial Stadium.

Founding father of Garden Grove honored



Courtesy photo

On March 8, the City of Garden Grove unveiled a plaque dedicated to Malcolm Pecor, a local businessman credited with naming Garden Grove's historic "Main Street" and establishing it as a business area. The dedication took place in the Main Street parking lot, between the former Globe restaurant and daKuppe Lounge. Pecor moved to Garden Grove in the 1940s, opened a furniture store on Garden Grove Boulevard, and later bought properties on Euclid Street, later to be known as Main Street. In the 1960s, when Euclid Street was re-routed and the city suggested changing the street name to "Old Euclid," he successfully rallied to have the name changed to "Main Street" instead. Pecor passed away on July 8, 2014, at the age of 92.

Local rep appointed

As an advocate for Veterans and Military Families, State Sen. Janet Nguyen is proud to announce that she has been appointed to the Governor's Military Council.

The Governor's Military Council works to protect and expand the military's role in national security and California's economy.

"Coming from a military family, I am honored to be given the opportunity to advise Governor Brown on strategies to strengthen and highlight the importance of California's military installations and personnel," said Nguyen.

The Governor's Military Council was created through an Executive Order by Governor Jerry Brown in 2013 with the mission of protecting California's 29 federal military installations and operations from potential Department of Defense budget cuts and to leverage changes that will position the state to continue innovation and leadership in military affairs. This is especially important because over 360,000 men and women are employed by the Department of Defense in California.

"As representative of the 34th Senate District, home to two military installations, Los Alamitos Army Airfield/Joint Forces Training Base and Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, I am personally familiar with both the challenges that face our military bases, and the benefits they generate," said Nguyen.

In addition to the members of the State Legislature, the Governor's Military Council includes retired admirals and generals from the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, as well as the Adjutant General of the California National Guard and business leaders.

C.E.R.T. experts are training the public

The City of Garden Grove's C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) program will host a month-long training academy every Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., from April 2 to graduation on April 23 at the North Net Fire Training Center at 2400 Orangewood Ave. in Anaheim.

C.E.R.T. is a volunteer organization with the Garden Grove Fire Department that provides free community training on how to prepare for, respond to and recover from a disaster. C.E.R.T. members are also trained to help augment first responders in the event of a disaster.

C.E.R.T. training topics include disaster preparedness, medical operations, I.C.S. (Incident Command System), fire safety, light search and rescue, medical operations, terrorism and disaster psychology. C.E.R.T. participants must be at least 18 years old and live and/or work in Garden Grove.

For more information regarding the C.E.R.T. program, contact C.E.R.T. Recruitment at 714-741-5239, or download an application at cert.gardengrovefire.org.

The City of Garden Grove's C.E.R.T. program (Community Emergency Response Team) is also offering a CPR, First Aid, and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification class for \$25, on Saturday, April 30 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The certification will be through EMS Safety Services, Inc.

To reserve your seat, get class location, and details, contact thorpedj@yahoo.com or call 714-376-7633 before space runs out. For more information, visit <http://cert.gardengrovefire.org>.

Garden Grove firefighters go bald to raise money for childhood cancer research

By LOU PONSI

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Garden Grove firefighters willingly cut things close on Wednesday, but it was for a good cause.

Nineteen of the city's firefighters had their heads shaved in a fundraiser for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a Los Angeles organization that raises money for childhood cancer research.

The firefighters, who had been soliciting donations for the past month, raised \$6,000. They were part of a fundraising effort involving several fire agencies, said Capt. Thanh Nguyen, spokesman for the Garden Grove department.

"Everybody that donated met the challenge and really were generous,"

Nguyen said.

This is the fourth year the department's firefighters went under the scissors for the fundraiser, he said.

COUNCIL BACKS D.A. RECOMMENDATIONS

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Candidates line up for Legislature, Congress

Eight people are
seeking to fill
Rep. Loretta
Sanchez's seat.

STAFF REPORT

Voters looking for an alternative to the three Democrats running to replace outgoing Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Orange, are getting their wish, with four Republicans and an independent filing papers.

But the race is still expected to boil down to the Democrats. That's because they are the best-known candidates and because the central Orange County district's voter registration gives Democrats a 20-point advantage.

Friday was the filing deadline for most races, although that was extended to Wednesday for Sanchez's seat because of a rule that gives potential candidates extra time to enter a contest when an eligible incumbent doesn't seek re-election. Sanchez is running for U.S. Senate rather than trying for another House term.

Four competitive state Legislative races for Orange County also took shape Friday, although the deadline for one of those was extended as well.

In the congressional

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contest, Democratic candidate Lou Correa, 53, held elected office continuously from 1998 to 2014, serving in both chambers of the state Legislature and on the county Board of Supervisors. The Santa Ana resident ran in a 2015 special election that would have returned him to the board, but lost to Andrew Do by 43 votes.

Democrat Joe Dunn, 57, served in the Senate from 1998 to 2006. The Santa Ana resident was CEO for the California Medical Association from 2006 to 2010 and executive director for the Bar Association of California from 2010 until he was fired in 2014. He is suing the bar for wrongful termination.

Democratic Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen, 35, beat incumbent Bruce Broadwater in 2014 to become the first openly gay elected mayor in the county. He is a union organizer, a former school board member and has been campaigning for presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders.

Nguyen filed candidacy papers Friday. Correa and Dunn are expected to meet the extended Wednesday filing deadline.

Louie Contreras, 45, changed his registration from Democrat to Republican last year. The Fullerton resident ran as a Democrat in a northern Orange County congressional district in 2006, receiving 17 percent

of the vote. He is a member of the National Rifle Association.

Anaheim Republican Ruddy Gaona, 43, received 16 percent of the vote when he ran for county supervisor in 2014 and finished eighth out of nine candidates, with 6 percent of the vote, in a 2012 run for Anaheim City Council. The Anaheim resident says voters deserve an alternative to candidates with long political careers.

Nancy Trinidad Marin, 31, lists no party preference and is a Santa Ana social worker making her first bid for elected office. She said she's narrowed her choice of presidential candidates to Democrats Sanders and Hillary Clinton, and Green Party hopeful Jill Stein.

Republican Irvine City Councilwoman Lynn Schott, 54, lives outside the district, but residency is not a requirement for a congressional bid. She grew up in the district and said she will move back if elected.

Santa Ana Republican Bob Peterson, 48, is a commander for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He was the last candidate to file for the race Friday and was unavailable for comment.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 65

Incumbent Young Kim, R-Fullerton, and challenger Sharon Quirk-Silva, D-Fullerton, are facing off in the primary for the second consecutive time in the Assembly District 65 race.

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Friday in many O.C. contests



Nguyen



Correa



Schott



Dunn



Gaona

District 65, which serves Fullerton, Buena Park, La Palma, Cypress, Stanton and part of Anaheim, is 36.9 percent Democrat, 35 percent Republican and 23.9 percent with no party affiliation, according to the Orange County registrar of voters.

Kim unseated Quirk-Silva in the District 65 race in 2014; the Republican captured 54.7 percent of the vote compared to Quirk-Silva's 45.3 percent.

Two years earlier, in a presidential election year, Quirk-Silva defeated Republican Chris Norby.

SENATE DISTRICT 29

Two political veterans and a newcomer are running for state Senate District 29.

Former Irvine mayor Sukhee Kang, a Democrat who moved into the district last year, filed his paperwork last week to run for the seat currently being held by Diamond Bar Republican Bob Huff, who is termed out.

Republican Ling Ling Chang, elected to the Assembly in 2014, is also vying for the Senate seat. She filed her paperwork with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder. Chang

was encouraged to make the Senate run by Republican leaders, who have said they are concerned the GOP could lose the seat and believed the assemblywoman was the strongest option.

A second Democrat, Josh Newman, of Fullerton, filed his paperwork Friday. Newman runs an organization that helps veterans find jobs.

The district covers portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties. In Orange County, the district includes Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Placentia, Stanton and Yorba Linda.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 68

The contest for the 68th Assembly District seat held by Republican Donald Wagner, who will be termed out this year, will be a crowded one. Seven candidates filed to run for the office.

Five are Republicans, who make up about 43 percent of voters in the district. About 28 percent are Democrats.

The district encompasses Anaheim, Irvine, Orange, Tustin, Villa Park and Lake Forest and sur-

rounding unincorporated communities.

The candidates, according to the Registrar of Voters

Office, are:

- Former Villa Park Councilwoman Deborah Pauly, a Republican;
- Irvine Mayor Steven Choi, a Republican;
- Orange Unified School District board member Alexia Deligianni-Brydges, a Republican;
- Former Anaheim City Councilman Harry Sidhu, a Republican;
- Anaheim Cultural & Heritage Commissioner Konstantinos "Kostas" Roditis, Republican;
- Civil law attorney and Democrat Sean Jay Panahi of Anaheim Hills; and
- Businessman and non-profit executive Brian Chuchua of Anaheim, who lists no party preference.

The top two vote-getters in the June 7 primary - in which any voter in the district may vote for any candidate regardless of the voter's party affiliation - will advance to the Nov. 8 general election.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 55

Four candidates are running for Assembly District 55, but there is still time for more to enter the race in the district that includes Brea, La Habra and Yorba Linda.

The seat opened up after

the incumbent, Chang, announced she was running for state Senate instead of seeking re-election. Potential candidates have an extension until Wednesday to file because the eligible incumbent isn't running.

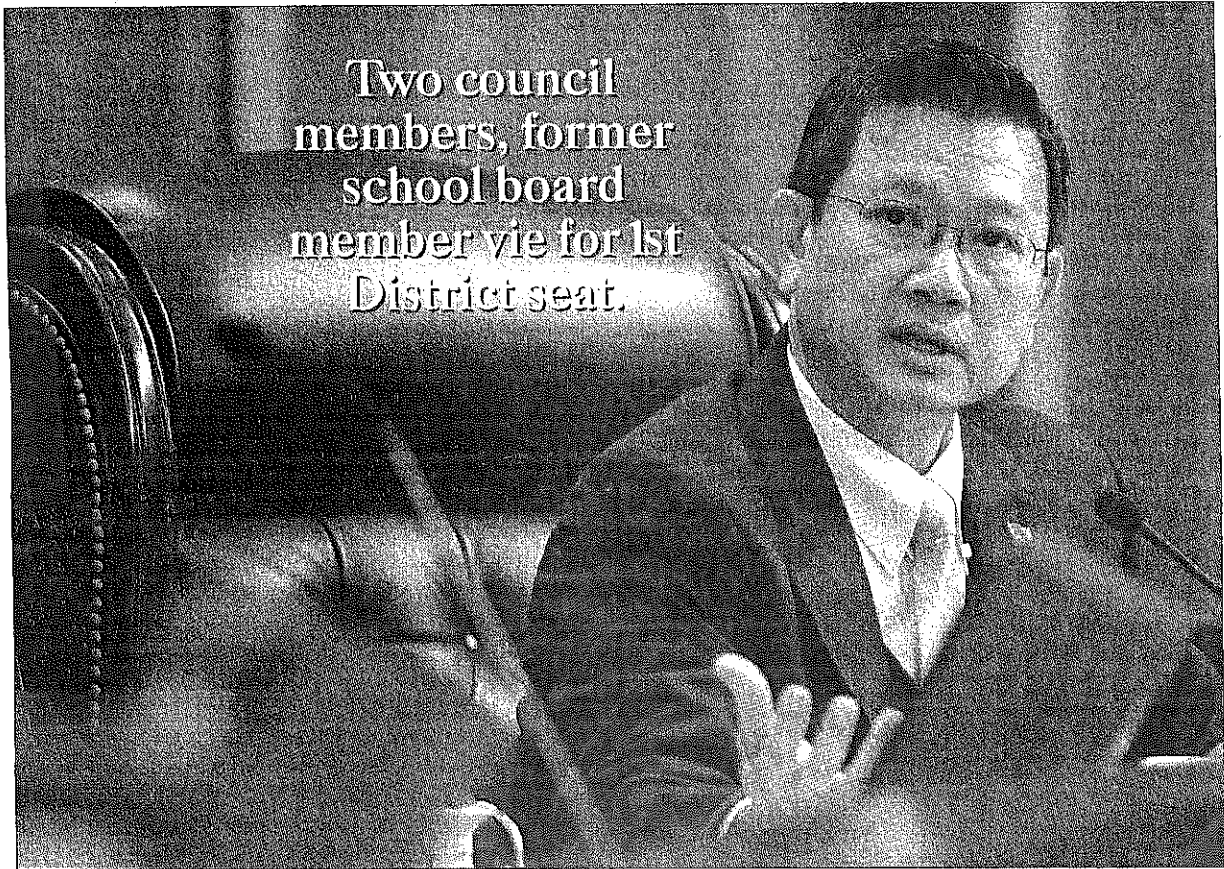
The district, which also includes parts of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, leans Republican with about 39 percent registered with the party as of last year. About 26 percent are registered Democrats.

The candidates who have pulled the paperwork to run for the seat as of 5 p.m. Friday, according to county election websites, are:

- Phillip Chen, property manager from Diamond Bar and former aide to Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, a Republican;
- Steve Tye, Diamond Bar city councilman, a Republican;
- Ray Marquez, Chino Hills city councilman and former firefighter, a Republican;
- Mike Spence, a Republican West Covina city councilman and chief of staff to San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman;
- Gregg Fritchle, a Democratic social worker from Walnut; and
- James Gerbus, whose party affiliation couldn't be determined Friday.

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DO CHALLENGED, SPITZER UNOPPOSED



JOSHUA SUDOCK, FILE PHOTO

Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do, a Vietnamese Republican, hopes to keep his seat in the 1st District.

County Supervisor Andrew Do will have to fight off two local city council members and another candidate to keep his 1st District seat, while Supervisor Todd Spitzer will cruise unchallenged to re-election during the upcoming primary contest.

The June 7 ballot is set, after Friday evening's candidate filing deadline.

Do's challengers are Santa Ana City Councilwoman Michele Martinez, Garden Grove Councilman Phat Bui and former Orange Unified School Board member Steve Rocco. They'll face off for control of a district that comprises Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Westminster and parts of Fountain Valley.

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Phat Bui



Michele Martinez



Steve Rocco

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Vietnamese, Latinos and Democrats make up a much higher percentage of registered voters in the 1st District than in the rest of the county, and those demographics could influence the nonpartisan race. Do and Bui are Vietnamese Republicans, while Martinez is a Latina Democrat.

"Even when you have a heavy Latino (voter) registration, the Vietnamese seem to be voting more often, at higher rates, and they have been able to pre-

vail," Chapman political science professor Fred Smoller said. "Vietnamese come out heavily (to vote), and we have seen three (local) races where Latino candidates have been beaten by Vietnamese."

Smoller pointed to Do's slim 43-vote victory over former state Sen. Lou Correa last year for the 1st District seat and Janet Nguyen's 2007 defeat of former Santa Ana Councilman Carlos Bustamante, also for the 1st District.

Of the 1st District's 209,000 registered voters, 43 percent are Democrats, 30 percent are Republicans, 37 percent are Latino, and 25 percent are Vietna-

mese, according to Political Data Inc. More than 44 percent of the district's registered voters live in Santa Ana, while 31 percent live in Garden Grove.

If no candidate receives more than half the vote in the primary election, the top two contenders will face off in November. If Do and Bui split the Vietnamese or Republican vote, that could benefit Martinez, Smoller said, because she could survive until the general election, when Democrats tend to vote in greater numbers.

"Latinos are so scared of Trump that many people are registering to vote," Smoller said. "So if (Martinez) gets in the top two, that

will help her.

"But incumbents still have an advantage," Smoller added.

Do is the only one of the 1st District candidates to file campaign finance documents showing any fundraising last year for the June election. His 2015 end-of-the-year filing shows he raised \$300,000 last year, had \$114,000 in his campaign account at year's end and owes almost \$152,000 in debts, according to documents filed with the Registrar of Voters.

Martinez raised \$33,000 in her 2014 City Council campaign but had almost no money left at the start of this year, according to the

Santa Ana City Clerk's Office.

NELSON WON'T VIE FOR JUDGESHIP

A third race with potential to shake up the Orange County Board of Supervisors no longer threatens to do so, after Supervisor Shawn Nelson didn't file paperwork to run for a Superior Court judgeship for which he had pulled papers. Nelson would have vacated his board seat two years prematurely if he had won.

"I had intended to run in 2018, but the reality is that in two years, there may not be an open (judgeship)," he said. "It's always hard to turn down opportunity, but

I wasn't going to let the judicial musical chairs determine when I ran."

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The other major county races this year are on the Orange County Board of Education, where three of the five seats are up for grabs and nine candidates have filed to run for those spots. Those trustees will primarily make decisions about the funding and nature of the services that the county's Department of Education provides to 27 local school districts.

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Suspect surrenders to police after hours-long barricade in Garden Grove

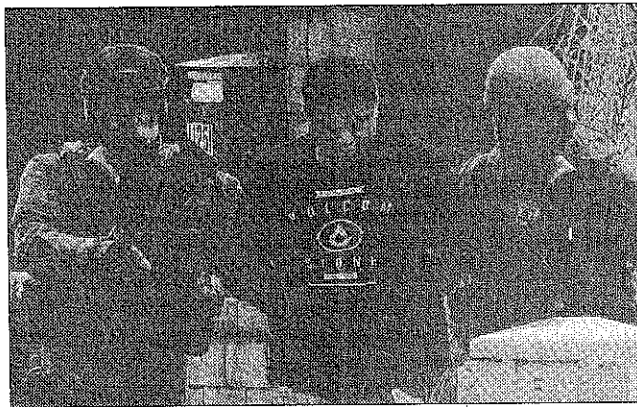
By ALMA FAUSTO and
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STAFF WRITERS

GARDEN GROVE • A man suspected of being armed barricaded himself in his garage for hours before being gassed and arrested Friday after Santa Ana police attempted to serve a felony warrant.

Santa Ana SWAT officers went to the 11200 block of Trask Avenue to serve the search warrant, police Cpl. Anthony Bertagna said.

"The suspect is barricaded inside and not cooperating," Bertagna said.

Police went to the home to arrest the man on suspicion of burglary and identity theft crimes from Santa Ana.



SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A man is led away from a house after Santa Ana SWAT officers used tear gas to get him to surrender after a several-hour standoff Friday.

Authorities were talking with a woman – who told them on the phone that she was with the man in the garage – around 1:20 p.m. Police say the man lived in the garage.

The woman was escorted out of the house by police, which allowed authorities to throw tear gas inside. The suspect, later identified as 29-year-old Jose Quirino, surrendered shortly

after gas fumes were seen coming from the house around 5 p.m.

Neighbors told police the man had guns, so officials proceeded with caution, Bertagna said.

Authorities were going to search the house for any weapons after he was arrested.

Bertagna said Quirino will face charges of delaying and obstruction for Friday's barricade on top of the original warrant, which also includes a grand theft count.

Neighbor Mike Navarro said he saw at least two police units as early as 8 a.m. He lives on Barnett Way, about a block from the barricade suspect.

"It's usually pretty quiet here," Navarro said.

GARDEN GROVE

Youth award: Esmerelda Talavera, a senior at Los Amigos High, is the Boys & Girls Club's 2015-16 Orange County Youth of the Year, beating out 6,500 other students across 16 county clubs. She represents the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove. Talavera now moves on to the state competition and a chance at \$5,000.
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March 12, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Mosquito meeting: The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District is hosting a town hall meeting to discuss invasive mosquitoes and the Zika virus at 7 p.m. on March 29 in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. The Zika virus is a newly discovered mosquito-borne disease. RSVP at ocvcd.org.
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Register
March 16, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Stadium dedication: Garden Grove High will unveil architectural plans for its 3,500-seat football stadium at 5 p.m. Tuesday and dedicate the venue to Medal of Honor recipient and Navy Seal Michael Monsoor. The stadium is scheduled to be ready in 2018. Monsoor, who played football for the school, died in Iraq in 2006. In 2008, he posthumously received the Medal of Honor.
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Register
March 14, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Shaved heads: Garden Grove firefighters had their heads shaved Wednesday morning to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which helps fund childhood cancer research. The firefighters and Career Academy of Beauty, at 12471 Valley View St., where the heads were shaved, invited people to show up and donate money. About \$30,000 was raised.
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Register
March 17, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

CERT class: The city's Community Emergency Response Team is offering a certification class for CPR, first aid and using automated external defibrillators from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 30 for \$25. The certification is done through EMS Safety Services Inc. To reserve your seat, get the class location and more details, call 714-376-7633 or email thorpedj@yahoo.com
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Register
March 15, 2016



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Kim Huy (714) 741-5200
Community Services Director

Thursday, March 17, 2016

CITY SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

The City of Garden Grove is looking for sponsors to help support its 60th Anniversary celebration. The free event takes place on Saturday, June 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main Street.

Sponsorship opportunities include a retro candy "sugar shack;" a ceremonial birthday cake and free cupcakes for the first 1,000 guests; commissioning a commemorative mosaic art mural; custom logo giveaways; activity areas for children and teens; and hosting the main event: an exclusive Orange County performance by the band SOTO.

Sponsorship benefits include special shout-outs by DJ's, event signage, promotion in all City social media and print marketing, company logo posting on City's events page, staked banners at 10 of the city's busiest parks, and/or over-the-street banners at high-traffic intersections throughout Garden Grove.

If you would like to become a sponsor for the City's 60th Anniversary, please call (714) 741-5290 or visit the City's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Thursday, March 17, 2016

GARDEN GROVE PRIDE JUDGING UNDERWAY

Garden Grove Pride judges are out and about, so it's time to work on that curb appeal. From now through April 21, Garden Grove Pride volunteers will be perusing the city's neighborhoods in search of the nicest-looking homes. The volunteers will use their best judgment to choose just 23 homes in each of the city's 17 zones, including their top selection, the Home of the Year. Each zone contains approximately 3,000 homes. The Best Water-Wise home will also be recognized.

Garden Grove Pride is a home beautification program honoring residents who take pride in their community by maintaining and enhancing their properties. Judges use their discretion in assessing general criteria such as maintenance, yard cleanliness, landscape design, and overall appearance.

The winning homeowners and judges will be honored at the 43rd annual Garden Grove Pride Awards Reception on Monday, May 23, 2016, hosted by Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council. The 17 Home of the Year winners, along with the Best Water-Wise Home, are also eligible to participate in an on-line voting contest the week prior to the Awards Reception, for the title of Garden Grove's "Best Home and Garden."

For more information about Garden Grove Pride, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5290.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Thursday, March 10, 2016

FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND DISTRICT-BASED PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The process of determining City districts for the 2016 elections is nearing the end with the last public informational meeting on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting takes place at the Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, located in Garden Grove Park, 13641 Deodara Drive.

Following the last round of public meetings will be a public hearing on Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. The hearing takes place during the regular Garden Grove City Council meeting, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

At the hearing, final district proposals will be presented to the City Council by Mr. David Ely from Compass Demographics, the firm overseeing the districting process. The report will include a review of two to three sample voting district maps that were created from the discussions at the individual and public community meetings.

The public is invited to participate in the public hearing, or can submit their comments or questions to Garden Grove City Clerk Kathleen Bailor. The City Clerk's telephone number is (714) 741-5040; the email address is kathyb@ci.garden-grove.ca.us; or by mail or in-person at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

For more information, visit the City's district election mapping webpage under the Open Government tab at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 17, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Zoning Administrator meeting cancellation notice for the March 24, 2016 meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated March 11 and 17, 2016.

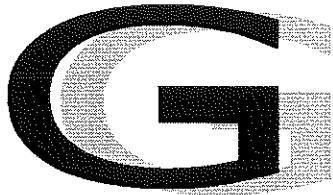


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17, 2016 – March 30, 2016

Thursday	March 17	9:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	St. Patrick's Day Treats and Dance H. Louis Lake Senior Center Dining Room
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	March 18		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	March 22	5:00 p.m.	Rededication of the Community Meeting Center And the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		6:00 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	March 23	10:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	Spring Celebration hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Senior Center Dining Room
		2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
		7:30 p.m.	Comedy Relief Orange County presents "Funniest Housewives of Orange County" Festival Amphitheater
Thursday	March 24	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
Saturday	March 26	11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	8 th Annual Eggs-Cavation, Atlantis Play Center
		7:00 p.m.	Strawberry Productions presents "Born Jovi" Tribute to Bon Jovi, Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	March 29	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting: Invasive Mosquitoes in Orange County sponsored by Orange County Vector Control, Community Meeting Center "B" Room
Wednesday	March 30	7:30 p.m.	Comedy Relief Orange County presents "Don Friesen: Smart and Savvy Highly Caffeinated Comedy", Festival Amphitheater



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: March 17, 2016

KARL HILL
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

March 11, 2016

Issue #23

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**League Members Advocate for City Priorities during 2016 NLC
City Congressional Conference**

Sen. Boxer Receives League Congressional Leader of the Year Award

More than 2,000 city officials from across the nation met in Washington, D.C. this week for the 2016 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference. During the conference, attendees heard from a variety of Cabinet-level appointees on issues of importance to cities.

For more, see Page 2.



Cities, Counties Awarded for Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Projects

*Los Angeles County Wins Top Prize, Cities of Cupertino,
Santa Cruz, and Placer County also Honored*

The County Engineers Association of California and the Public Works Officers' Institute on Thursday, March 10, today announced the winners of the 2016 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards at their annual spring meeting in Sacramento. Local governments being recognized include the cities of Cupertino and Santa Cruz and the counties of Placer and Los Angeles. *For more, see Page 2.*



**League Submits Comments on California Massage Therapy Council Sunset
Review Legislation**

The Assembly Business and Professions Committee and the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development committees on Monday, March 14 will hold a sunset review hearing for the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC). The hearing will cover AB 2195 (Bonilla), legislation that would extend its sunset under the Massage Therapy Act (AB 1147 of 2014) from Jan. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2019. *For more, see Page 3.*

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In addition to conference activities, League representatives spent time in the Capitol advocating on city and League priorities. The League's executive officers met with Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) to talk about water infrastructure, affordable housing and homelessness, drones, the use of fuel taxes collected at airports, and flight paths.

The federal advocacy materials are available for use by cities throughout the year.

League President L. Dennis Michael, League First Vice President JoAnne Mounce and League Second Vice President Jim Goodhart presented Sen. Boxer with the League's Congressional Leader of the Year Award. This award was given in recognition of her many years in Congress fighting on behalf of California. In particular, the League appreciates the senator's leadership on the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) enacted last December.

The League took advantage of a break in the House calendar to brief the staff of California House Representatives on critical water infrastructure needs in California's cities. League staff focused much of the discussion on the many challenges California cities face with securing the necessary funds to meet ever stringent state and federal clean waters laws while also providing clean, affordable drinking water to all residents. The briefing also covered California's historic drought and its impact on water infrastructure. The League thanks the office of California U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-19) for hosting the successful briefing.

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Sponsored by the League of California Cities®, California State Association of Counties® (CSAC) and County Engineers Association of California (CEAC), the Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program honors best practices in road projects that can be replicated by other jurisdictions. The awards also acknowledge cities and counties that promote fiscal and environmental sustainability in the local transportation system.

"Transportation funding is a major issue statewide right now," said Matt Machado, Stanislaus County director of Public Works and president of the County Engineers Association. "So we're recognizing these cities and counties for completing great projects that enhance safety, traffic flow, and the environment at a time when funding is extremely tight."

"It is encouraging to see the Legislature debating how to create a stable statewide transportation funding plan. In this process there has been a focus on transparency and accountability and that is exactly what these award-winning local projects exemplify," said Culver City Public Works Director Charles Herbertson, chair of the Local Streets and Roads Awards Committee. "The winning counties and cities and finalists are examples of how local governments are wisely investing tax payer dollars in projects that improve the transportation system and better our communities."

Los Angeles County is the Overall Winner for the Angeles Forest Highway Project: A joint effort between Los Angeles County and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Angeles Forest Highway Project showcases the benefits of properly applying a sustainable approach to road rehabilitation. A scenic mountain route with access to hiking and equestrian trails, the Angeles Forest Highway is the main connection between the Antelope Valley and the Los Angeles Basin. Sixteen and a half miles of roadway in poor condition with areas of severe structural deficiency needed to be brought to current standards. Cold-in-place recycling (CIR) was used to rehabilitate the roadway. Recycling the existing asphalt in-place eliminated the need to remove existing pavement from the project location and import a conventional hot mix asphalt to replace it. The CIR process resulted in reduced environmental impacts and road closures, shortened construction time, and protected our natural resources by mitigating the need to quarry tons of virgin aggregate materials.

The City of Cupertino is being awarded the Efficient and Sustainable Road and Bridge Preservation, Maintenance and Construction and Reconstruction Project prize: Cupertino's 139 centerline miles of street network includes 103 miles of residential streets, 21 miles of collector streets and 15 miles of arterial streets. The city managed its roads by proactively and routinely

conducting asphalt maintenance projects to ensure preservation of the \$340 million network. A sustainable strategy, based upon consistent use of sustainable products and close project coordination, has helped Cupertino save time, money and natural resources, while also reduce inconveniences to residents and businesses. This effort also enabled the city to focus on enhancing active transportation. From FY 2013-14 through FY 2015-16, 4.8 miles of bike buffers and 5.6 lane miles were narrowed to accommodate bike buffers, provide additional on-street parking, and improve safety for all road users. The city projects that its street network Pavement Condition Index will increase to 80 by 2019.

Placer County won the award in the Complete Streets and Multi-Modal Mobility Project category for the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project: Located along the north shore of Lake Tahoe in Placer County, the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project was a major public infrastructure investment that sought to revitalize the Kings Beach lake shore community. The project includes intermodal and roadway safety enhancements coupled with complete street infrastructure and streetscape improvements. It was designed to help trigger private redevelopment projects and provide multi-modal benefits that will increase and enhance transportation options within the community and beyond by creating enhanced public transit connectivity for the North Lake Tahoe region. The project also helps the community's disadvantaged groups with improved and more affordable transportation options, local services and employment opportunities.

The City of Santa Cruz won the award in the Safety or Intelligent Transportation Systems Projects Category for the Santa Cruz Beach Area Roundabouts: Pacific Avenue serves as a crucial link between downtown Santa Cruz and the beach area, including the Boardwalk and the Municipal Wharf. The city's plan recommended the construction of two roundabouts on Pacific Avenue at Center Street and Beach Street. The intersection modifications improve traffic flow, bike and pedestrian access and safety, and support the city's climate action goals to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gases. The roundabouts create a very attractive gateway to Monterey Bay, while addressing multi-modal safety and efficiency well into the future. Both roundabouts feature the area's common marine life in art work. The Pacific-Center roundabout incorporates the main entrance to Depot Park, while the Pacific-Beach roundabout has a railroad through the northern side, a cycle-track on the southern side, and the entrance-exit gates to the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf.

For more information visit www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org.

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It is of great importance to California's cities that massage therapists within their borders be properly regulated and work in legitimate massage businesses in accordance with state and local laws. As a hybrid public/nonprofit entity established and strictly governed by statute, CAMTC has faced a number of governance and transparency challenges in the last year that, if not corrected, could threaten its future success. The League, prior to this joint hearing, submitted preliminary comments and amendments to AB 2195 that will bring CAMTC improved transparency and governance.

Since Gov. Jerry Brown signed AB 1147 in 2014, the League worked in conjunction with its representative on the CAMTC board and has made numerous suggestions about how the transparency and functioning of the board's operations can be improved. Any state-sanctioned certification program cannot function effectively without a high degree of public confidence in the quality of those certified and the League is currently conducting a member survey to assess how they have interacted with CAMTC and their impressions on how the current model is working.

The League's comments/amendments address:

- Eligibility for CAMTC board;
- Removal of CAMTC board members;
- Filing board vacancies;
- Prohibition of removal of board members for disloyalty;
- Making CAMTC subject to the Public Records Act; and

- Require annual educational briefings to CAMTC board on both open meetings and Public Records Act.

Measures Include Authority to Regulate Electronic Cigarettes in Same Manner as Tobacco

Just one week after the Assembly took action on March 4, the Senate on March 10 approved all six tobacco control bills, including measures that would regulate electronic cigarettes as tobacco products, increase the legal smoking age to 21 from 18, and authorize counties to impose local tobacco taxes.

The League of California Cities® has long supported the effort to regulate electronic cigarettes in the same manner as traditional tobacco products. Until now, there has been an absence of meaningful regulation at the state or federal level. Over 140 cities and counties in California have filled this void with local ordinances that subject electronic cigarettes to the same regulations as tobacco products.

Lawmakers expressed strong feelings about imposing new restrictions on the sale and use of tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes.

Senate President pro Tempore Kevin De León (D-Los Angeles) praised the bill pack as, “the most expansive tobacco control legislative package in over a decade.”

Sen. John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa) said, “Everybody has the right and the freedom to smoke.”

Sen. Jeff Stone (R-Murietta), expressed concern that electronic cigarettes serve as a “gateway” to the use of traditional cigarettes. “For the first time, more teenagers use e-cigarettes than cigarettes.”

The six bill package is now headed to Gov. Jerry Brown for his signature.

Speaker Rendon Announces New Committee Chairs, Floor Leadership Team

The busy week in the Capitol wrapped up on Thursday when Anthony Rendon, the newly sworn in Speaker, released changes to several of the Assembly’s policy committees as well as his floor leadership team. The changes are effective immediately for the 2015-16 Regular Session.

These legislators will play a significant role in shaping legislation this session. An explanation of the legislative leadership roles and responsibilities is available on the Legislature’s website.

Speaker Rendon made changes to nearly all of the Assembly’s policy committees. Committee appointments of significance to legislation affecting California cities are listed below:

Accountability and Administrative Review

- Assembly Member Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens), chair

Appropriations

- Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego), chair

Budget

- Assembly Member Phil Ting (D-San Francisco), chair
- Assembly Member Jay Obernolte (R-Big Bear Lake), vice chair

Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety

- Assembly Member Nora Campos (D-San Jose)

Business and Professions

- Assembly Member Rudy Salas (D-Bakersfield), chair

- Assembly Member Bill Brough (R-Dana Point), vice chair

Governmental Organization

- Assembly Member Frank Bigelow (R-O'Neals), vice chair

Labor and Employment

- Assembly Member Jim Patterson (R-Fresno), vice chair

Local Government

- Assembly Member Susan Eggman (D-Stockton), chair
- Assembly Member Marie Waldron (R-Escondido), vice chair

Public Employees, Retirement, and Social Security

- Assembly Member Rob Bonta (D-Alameda), chair

Public Safety

- Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer (D-Los Angeles), chair

Revenue and Taxation

- Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (D-Los Angeles), chair

Transportation

- Assembly Member Eric Linder (R-Corona), vice chair

Assembly Democratic leaders are:

- Assembly Member Kevin Mullin (D-South San Francisco), speaker pro tempore
- Assembly Member Autumn R. Burke (D-Inglewood), assistant speaker pro tempore
- Assembly Member Ian C. Calderon (D-Whittier), majority floor leader
- Assembly Member Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove), assistant majority floor leader
- Assembly Member Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles), majority whip
- Assembly Member Nora Campos (D-San Jose), Democratic whip
- Assembly Member Evan Low (D-Campbell), assistant majority whip
- Assembly Member Mike A. Gipson (D-Carson), Democratic Caucus chair

Public Works Officers Learn about Benefits of U.S. Communities Joint Purchasing Program

City and county public works officers and staff this week had an opportunity to learn more about how the League of California Cities[®] sponsored U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance program can help their local agencies save taxpayer dollars through the power of using the government purchasing cooperative.

Speaking on behalf of the co-founding organizations, the League and the California State Association of Counties, Matt Cate, CSAC executive director, provided an overview on Thursday morning on how U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to cities and counties. The cooperative program lowers costs on the goods and services local agencies utilize by aggregating the purchasing power of over 90,000 public agencies nationwide.

Cate stressed to the public works professionals that not only do public agencies experience an average cost savings of 10 percent, the program saves staff time and resources because the products, services and solutions available through U.S. Communities competitively bid contracts can eliminate the need for a city or county to go through a separate RFP process.

U.S. Communities offers:

- **Over 35 U.S. Communities suppliers** offering a range of products, services and solutions.
- **Quality Brands:** Thousands of the best brands in a wide variety of categories, services and solutions.

- **10 percent average saving** available to all agencies regardless of an agency's size or spend.
- **Meets Local Needs:** Green solutions, a rebate program through The Home Depot and local purchasing options through women and minority owned business.
- **Lead Agency Conduct RFP Solicitation Process:** RFPs are conducted by a U.S. Communities lead agency advisory board member. Members of the advisory board assist the lead agency in reviewing and evaluating the RFPs. The advisory board is comprised of 27 public agencies from throughout the United States, including four from California.
- **Transparent:** U.S. Communities' process RFP process, contracting award and pricing is transparent and protects participating public agency's ethical, legal and financial interest.
- **Oversight by Public Purchasing Professionals:** Third party audits on contracts ensure that program pricing commitments are met, with benchmark analyses against other suppliers and retailers to guarantee participants the best overall value.
- **Dedicated staff** with regional program managers who are knowledgeable about public agency needs and the products, services and solutions available through U.S. Communities to meet those needs.

March 16 Deadline Approaching for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities NOFA

NEW FAQ Released for Current Fiscal Year Funding Cycle

Cities that are interested in applying for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grants must submit their concept proposals by March 16. The Strategic Growth Council earlier this week released [new responses to FAQ](#) for the FY 2015-16 funding round.

The current Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), application and program guidelines are available through the Department of Housing and Community Development [AHSC webpage](#). Updated AHSC [income, rent and loan limits](#) are also now available.

The AHSC program receives a 20 percent ongoing allocation of the proceeds from the state's greenhouse gas reduction effort, commonly known as Cap-and-Trade. The program's purpose is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through projects that implement land-use, housing, transportation and agricultural land preservation practices to support infill and compact development.

It also seeks to support a number of related public policy objectives, including: reducing air pollution, preserving and developing affordable housing, improving conditions in disadvantaged communities, and increasing mobility options and transit ridership.

Local governments, transportation and transit agencies, and both for- and nonprofit developers are eligible applicants for competitive grants.

The program includes three project prototypes, all of which must demonstrate a reduction in vehicle miles traveled:

- **Transit-Oriented Development Project Areas (TODs)**, which are designed to improve access to public transit, biking or walking infrastructure and affordable housing or mixed-use areas, with a focus on connecting residents to key destinations, like schools and neighborhood retail. Similar projects that impact a larger geographic area, such as regional transit hubs, and projects focused on improving transportation operations along transit corridors would also qualify.
- **Integrated Connectivity Project Areas (ICPs)**, which are designed to reduce the number or length of automobile trips through mode shift to transit use, bicycling or walking within areas lacking high quality transit, with an emphasis on providing disadvantaged community benefits.
- **Rural Innovation Project Areas (RIPA)**, which are similar to ICPs but instead target rural areas.

Examples of RIPAs and ICPs may include bike/pedestrian connections from employment centers to transit, transit station improvements or a vanpool fleet paired with at least one additional capital

or program use, like transit station improvements, an affordable housing development or a transit ridership program.

AHSC funds are to be awarded bases on “the merits of the proposal to support sustainable development that expands and improves transit, walking and bicycling infrastructure and provides opportunities to reduce vehicle miles traveled by supporting connectivity between housing and key destinations to bring about reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.”

For more information about this and other Cap-and-Trade programs, please see the League’s [Cap-and-Trade Hot Issues page](#), which includes a recently updated, downloadable Cap-and-Trade Guide to the major funding programs affecting cities.

The League’s 2016 Legislative Action Day is Wednesday, April 27 *Register Today for the Condensed One-Day Program*

It is not too early to register for the League’s Annual Legislative Action Day. Scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, the one-day event is free for League members and League Partners.

The day will start at 10:00 a.m. with a general briefing on current budget issues and a legislative and policy update on a wide range of topics including:

- Budget, Legislative and Policy Update:
 - Transportation, water and other infrastructure funding;
 - Efforts to improve and expand economic development tools;
 - Medical marijuana regulation, drone regulation, and 9-1-1 emergency calls;
 - Affordable housing and homelessness;
 - Massage board sunset review;
 - CEQA updates and modernization;
 - Climate change legislation and Cap-and-Trade Allocations;
 - Drought conditions and urban water usage; and
 - Other legislation of critical importance.
- Updates from Legislators

Following the briefing, which ends at 11:30 a.m., city officials will have time to meet with the legislators in the Capitol. The League’s Latino Caucus is co-sponsoring a legislative panel on transportation funding proposals from 3:30– 4:30 p.m.

For city officials who are able to extend their day, the League will be hosting a legislative reception from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Registration

April 5 is the deadline to register for Legislative Action Day. Register online at www.cacities.org/events.

Please direct questions to [Megan Dunn](#), the League’s registrar.

Register Today for March 16 Webinar to Provide Help for Cities Addressing Homelessness

Registration closes March 15 for the League’s March 16 webinar intended to provide cities with information on fundamental tools for addressing homelessness. This 90-minute webinar will begin at 2 p.m.

Amy Sawyer, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness regional coordinator, Cindy Cavanaugh, assistant deputy director, homeless and housing policy, for the California Department of Housing and Community Development, and Emily Halcon, city of Sacramento

homeless services coordinator, will walk participants through data, trends, core solutions, funding opportunities and local, state and federal roles in creating an effective response to homelessness.

The webinar is free for member cities. The deadline to register is noon on March 15. To sign up, [please click here](#). One connection will be available per city.

Addressing chronic homelessness is one of the League's [strategic priorities](#) for 2016.

On Feb. 18, the League board of directors [voted to approve](#) a series of policy principles on homelessness.

Examples include advocating for:

- Affordable housing;
- Mental health;
- Drug treatment and first-responder training;
- Funding that is flexible and incentivizes regional cooperation;
- Making housing placement a priority of programs that discharge people from care or incarceration; and
- Policies or legislation that enhance the use of housing vouchers.

The principles were drafted based on teleconference discussions with an informal homelessness working group, composed of city staff and elected officials from 19 communities around the state, and unanimously recommended to the board by the Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy and Community Services Policy Committee.

March 15 at noon is the deadline to [register for this webinar](#). This webinar is free for League members; \$100 for non-members. One connection will be available per city. For registration questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#).

California City Solutions: Millbrae Tackles Illegal Dumping Activity with Clean Team

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). The city of Millbrae's Clean Team was submitted in 2015 for the [Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement in city Government](#) award category.

Illegal dumping plagues many areas of San Mateo County, but perhaps none worse than the unincorporated area of North Fair Oaks. Within that neighborhood of some 15,000 residents there are many deserted areas where people dump mattresses, sofas and household junk. The area's sharp increase in illegal dumping activity can be attributed to overcrowded conditions, evictions, disregard for the law and lack of awareness about available options and dumping policies. Dumping garbage on public property is illegal in California. Perpetrators who are caught face fines of up to \$3,000.

In March 2014, Millbrae started working with the Sheriffs Activities League (SAL) Clean Team and Green Team youth programs using a combination of cleanup, prevention, enforcement, and education and community outreach strategies to address the issue.

Local officials in San Mateo County have been working with various Sheriff's Office patrol units to increase monitoring of problematic areas. Manuel Ramirez of the North Fair Oaks Community Council (NFOCC) said garbage clean-up was his number one priority, and that the Public Works Department should increase communication with the Sheriff's deputies whenever an incident occurs.

NFOCC, San Mateo County and the Sheriff's Activities League (SAL) Clean/Green Team analyzed strategies to reduce illegal dumping that met the needs of both North Fair Oaks and San Mateo County. To resolve the problem, the group needed to understand why illegal dumping happens. Through community interactions they found that difficulty in recycling large items, lack of knowledge about resources, socioeconomic factors such as multifamily housing, overcrowding,

evictions and high rent burden, lack of enforcement (fines and citations), and need for incentives for permitted haulers all contributed to the problem. NFOCC established a working subcommittee to tackle this problem.

By building partnerships within the community and with resource agencies, they developed strategies to address this unsightly, unhealthy and illegal practice. They collaborated with community partners to evaluate which options would best work in North Fair Oaks given the resources available to create and sustain the program.

The majority of successful programs around illegal dumping use a combination of prevention, enforcement, prosecution, education, cleanup, and community outreach strategies. To achieve an effective outreach program SAL engaged the Clean/Green Team. The Clean/Green Team was developed by SAL's Director of Community Services, Barbara Bonilla in March of 2014. The project was funded through a partnership between San Mateo County Sheriff Greg Munks and San Mateo County Supervisor Warren Slocum. The vision was to create a program that offered the youth of North Fair Oaks not only a job, but a job in their community making it a better place to live.

The Clean /Green Team is a year-round program. During the school year, the team works two Saturdays a month, but over the summer it works two days per week cleaning different areas in the whole North Fair Oaks area as well as schools in Redwood City/North Fair Oaks. Leaders from SAL's Clean Team are given the opportunity to make a difference in their community by planning and executing weekly clean-up plans and regular community clean-up events.

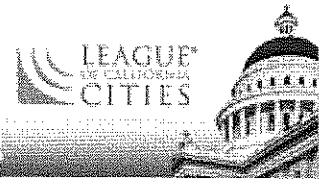
The program begins by removing trash and debris from a one mile stretch of road. The team members then reach out to businesses and community members nearby and explain the program and the benefits of their clean-up activities. Along with the outreach, team members invite community members to join them in the clean-up efforts, log and report all illegal dumping and graffiti to the appropriate agencies and follows up to make sure the reported issues were being taken care of by the responsible agencies.

Since its inception, the Clean/Green Team collected a total of 87 bags from cleanup events on and around Middlefield Road and adjacent neighborhoods. The group also passed out 2,500 educational flyers to the community and reported 20 areas which had multiple cases of graffiti and illegal dumping. They prevented more than 5,394 gallons of litter that included cigarette butts, plastic bags and other plastic materials from going into storm sewers, local creeks, the San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean. Illegal dumping that included automotive fluids, furniture, and other items have been reported to the proper agency for removal. Toxic substances such as motor oil and other contaminants can enter local waterways, which are be harmful to wildlife and increased health risks to the community.

The Clean Team/Green Team members also engaged in educational activities, such as field trips to Shoreway Environmental Center and SIMS Metal Management. They heard speakers from Recology (the local scavenger company), the County of San Mateo Recycle Works Program and watched documentary films such as "Plastic Paradise". The program participants learned about the importance of the 4 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot [Compost]) and the harmful consequences of unrecycled plastic and toxins in our oceans and waterways.

The Clean Team/Green team program not only focuses on cleaning the environment, but also places great importance toward encouraging youth to make a difference. This program has increased citizen awareness, responsibility, ownership, and pride in their residences, businesses and their community. It has provided tools to educate residents and business owners on how to report illegal dumping and graffiti while also teaching them how to legally dump large items. Additionally, it has helped address problems of chronic litter, illegal dumping, graffiti, and other quality of life issues and has provided the framework for ongoing cleanup and beautification.

The program engages youth in the decision making process and taught them to take responsibility for their own neighborhoods and empowering them to be an active part of the solution.



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WEBINAR: Legislative Action Day Preview: Briefing on Priority Bills

Join the League's Legislative team on Thursday, April 21 from 1:30-3 p.m. for a legislative briefing to review the top priority bills that will impact local governments. League lobbyists will be sharing information on legislation affecting transportation funding, employee relations, public safety and local control. *For more, see Page 2.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$282,555,000 in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Student Housing on the University of California, Irvine Campus

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 \$282,555,000 in tax-exempt refunding revenue bonds for student housing facilities located on campus at the University of California, Irvine. *For more, see Page 2.*



Groundwater Workshops Underway

Workshops are underway on the Prop. 1 groundwater sustainability program, including stops for the State Water Resources Control Board to take public comment in San Luis Obispo, March 21, and Rancho Cordova, March 25. *For more, see Page 2.*

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The League's Legislative Action Day is scheduled for April 27 where city officials will have the opportunity to lobby legislators. This webinar will provide you with the information on priority bills that you will need to successfully advocate on behalf of your city.

Please register for this free webinar at www.cacities.org/events by 12 noon on Wednesday, April 20. Webinar log-in information will be sent the afternoon of Wednesday, April 20.

For most League webinars only one connection is allowed per city. However, due to the capacity for this webinar, the League is allowing two connections per city to provide easier access for its members.

For registration questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#).

*This webinar is free to League member cities and League Partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100 per login.

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About CHF-Irvine and the East Campus Apartments

The UC-Irvine East Campus Apartments, owned by CHF-Irvine, L.L.C. (CHF Irvine) and operated by American Campus Communities, comprises 5,163 student beds developed in three phases between 2005 and 2010. Collegiate Housing Foundation, a nonprofit corporation (the Foundation), is the sole member of CHF Irvine. The Foundation was organized in 1996 exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including assisting its member colleges and universities in providing housing for their enrolled students and faculty and otherwise assisting its member colleges and universities in furtherance of their educational missions.

The transaction is comprised of the refinancing of two separate student housing facilities representing Phase II and Phase III of the UC-Irvine East Campus Apartments. The facilities were originally funded with bonds issued by CSCDA in 2004, 2006 and 2008. CSCDA and CHF-Irvine partnered with Barclays to underwrite the \$282,555,000 in tax-exempt refunding revenue bonds which are expected to generate \$3.5 million in annual debt service savings.

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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For a full schedule of meetings, registration information and fact sheets on the \$900 million program are available [online](#).

Cities that have started a FFAST application for the Prop. 1 groundwater sustainability program have until 4 p.m. on Friday to complete the application.

Passed by voters in November 2014, Prop. 1 authorizes \$7.5 billion in general obligation bonds to fund water supply infrastructure projects, including surface and groundwater storage, drinking water protection, and ecosystems and watershed protection and restoration. View the Prop. 1 overview [online](#) for more information.

Visit the State Water Resources Control Board [website](#) for a full list of Prop. 1 grant and loan programs, which also include wastewater, water recycling, drinking water and stormwater.

March 23 Seminar in Oakland to Focus on Using Graywater and Stormwater to Enhance Local Water Supplies

Event to be Simultaneously Webcast

The State Water Resources Control Board is co-sponsoring a seminar on Wednesday, March 23 on the recent report from the National Academy of Sciences, *Using Graywater and Stormwater to Enhance Local Water Supplies: An Assessment of Risks, Costs, and Benefits*.

The report's committee chair, Dr. Richard Luthy, will be presenting an overview. The report examines the potential for non-potable use of graywater and stormwater, focusing on the technical, economic, regulatory, and social issues surrounding the use of these untapped resources.

Event Details

Wednesday, March 23, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 1
1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA
[Live webcast](#)

Report Background

From the report description on the National Academies Press website:

“Despite the benefits of using local alternative water sources to address water demands, many questions remain that have limited the broader application of graywater and stormwater capture and use. In particular, limited information is available on the costs, benefits, and risks of these projects, and beyond the simplest applications many state and local public health agencies have not developed regulatory frameworks for full use of these local water resources.

To address these issues, *Using Graywater and Stormwater to Enhance Local Water Supplies* analyzes the risks, costs, and benefits on various uses of graywater and stormwater. This report examines technical, economic, regulatory, and social issues associated with graywater and stormwater capture for a range of uses, including non-potable urban uses, irrigation, and groundwater recharge. *Using Graywater and Stormwater to Enhance Local Water Supplies* considers the quality and suitability of water for reuse, treatment and storage technologies, and human health and environmental risks of water reuse. The findings and recommendations of this report will be valuable for water managers, citizens of states under a current drought, and local and state health and environmental agencies.”
