

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 6, 2016

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY – FIVE YEARS AT A GLANCE**
Lisa Kim's memo conveying information related to the Code Enforcement Division on activities occurring for the period of July 2012 through June 2016.
- B. PLANNED SUPPORT FOR VETERANS HONOR RIDE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016**
Maria Stipe's memo to advise you of the planned support for the *Veterans Honor Ride* on Sunday, November 6, 2016, to honor and support local veterans and their families.
- C. SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY REPORT FOR Q2 AND Q3 2016**
Kim Huy's Social Media Activity Report for Q2 and Q3 2016 details the growth, activity, and highlights of the City's electronic communication through the mediums of Facebooks, Twitter, Instagram, Mobile App, and Garden Grove TV3's YouTube.
- D. NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED FOR TURNING RED TAPE INTO RED CARPET PROGRAM**
Lisa Kim's memo announcing the Community Development Department's submittal of two nominations to the Orange County Business Council's (OCBC) sixth annual *Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet Awards*.
- E. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG**
A copy of the Public Records requests for the month of September 2016 is provided by the City Clerk for your information.

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

- A.** News Release from The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announcing that they have reached an agreement with the Orange County Water District to conduct a remedial investigation and feasibility study to address a large area of groundwater contamination in Northern Orange County known as the "North Basin."

- B.** News Release from Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) notifying of the visiting U.S. Army aviation unit that will be engaging in training exercises conducted at Los Alamitos Army Airfield (LAFF) from October 11th through October 14th.

• **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

CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY
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SUMMARY

Our staff will continue to monitor Code Enforcement activity to determine new trends and apply a number of techniques to gain compliance and resolve municipal code violations.



LISA KIM
Community and Economic Development Director

By: Nida Watkins
Project Manager

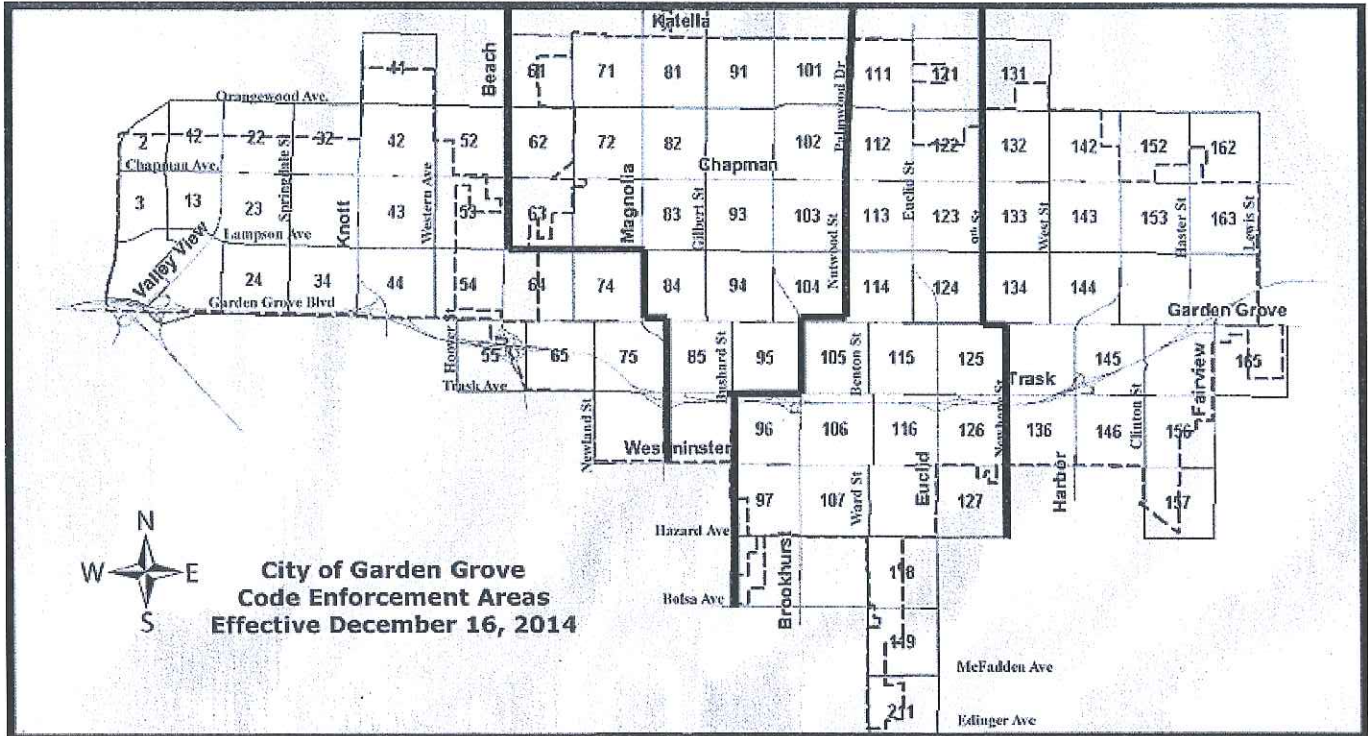
City of Garden Grove Code Enforcement Officers

Julie Ashleigh
x 5356

Joanne Chung
x 5354

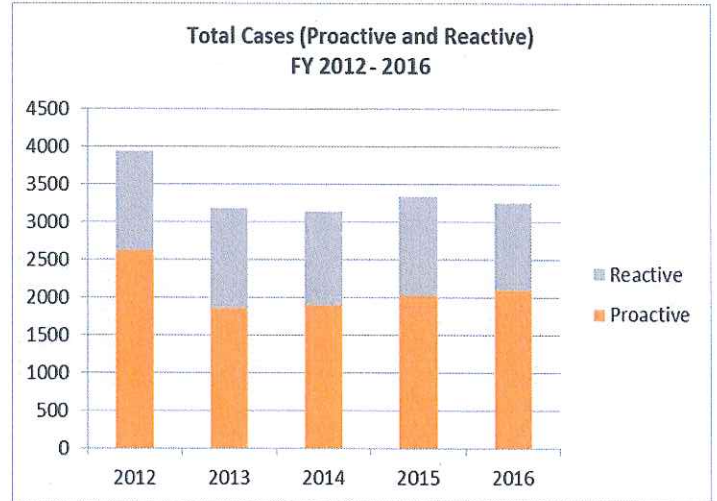
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Ralph Hernandez
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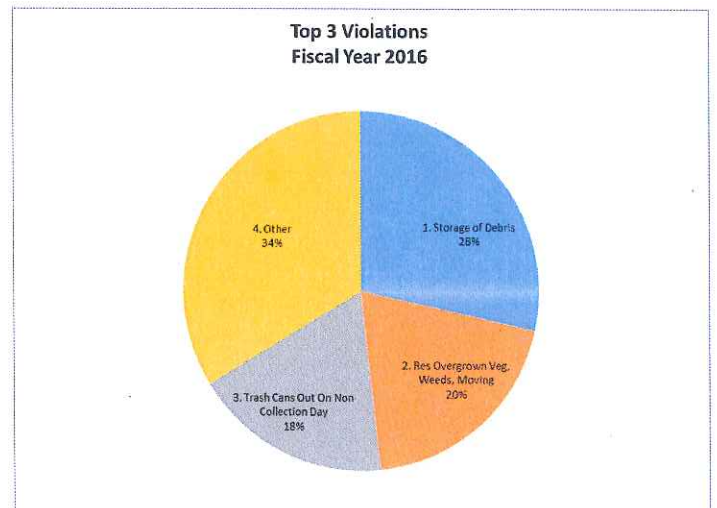


CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY
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Year	Proactive	Reactive	Total Cases
2012	2621	1313	3934
2013	1854	1322	3176
2014	1890	1244	3134
2015	2020	1315	3335
2016	2092	1160	3252



Top 3 Violations	Percentage
1. Storage of Debris	28.54%
2. Residential Overgrown Vegetation, Weeds and Mowing	19.68%
3. Trash Cans Out on Non-Collection Day	18.14%
4. Other	33.64%



City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: PLANNED SUPPORT FOR *VETERANS HONOR RIDE* ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

From: Maria Stipe
Dept.: City Manager
Date: October 5, 2016

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memo is to advise the City Council regarding planned support for the *Veterans Honor Ride* on Sunday, November 6, 2016, to honor and support local veterans and their families.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Last month, Michael Whittaker, a representative for a benefit fundraiser to support local veterans and their families, attended a City Council meeting and shared information regarding the upcoming *Veterans Honor Ride* being organized by the local Chapter of the Association of the United States Army in partnership with the American Legion Post 716 in Los Alamitos. The ride will take place on Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 10 a.m., following an opening ceremony at the Huntington Beach Pier.

This motorcycle ride will help fund improvements to the Military and Veterans Resource Center at the Joint Forces Training Base and its supporting programs while providing an opportunity for the public along the route to salute our Nation's veterans for their service. Its purpose is to honor military service and promote a charitable cause that directly benefits local veterans, including veterans living in Garden Grove.

Garden Grove has been asked to purchase an 8.5 x 11 advertisement in the event program for \$300. This advertisement will promote Garden Grove's support to veterans and family members and will be distributed to over 3,000 local troops and veterans by the organizing associations. Absent any concerns from Council Members, staff is planning to proceed with purchasing the requested advertisement and promoting this special event on the City calendar and social media.


MARIA STIPE
Deputy City Manager

Attachment – Veterans Honor Ride Event Information and Route Map

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army & the American Legion Post 716 Family
Proudly Present



Event Sponsors



VETERANS HONOR RIDE

Saluting Our Nation's Veterans

Anderson 2015



★ **SUNDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2016** ★ RAIN OR SHINE

HUNTINGTON BEACH PIER PLAZA
(Pacific Coast Highway & 6th)

Registration is open from 7:30 to 9:30 am
Opening Ceremony starts 9:30 am



You are cordially invited to join us at our 2nd Annual Veterans Honor Ride,
a full-escorted motorcycle ride through Southern California communities
as we honor our Veterans' service to the country.



FREE RIDE PIN
to the first 500 registered participants

\$35 RIDER | \$25 PASSENGER

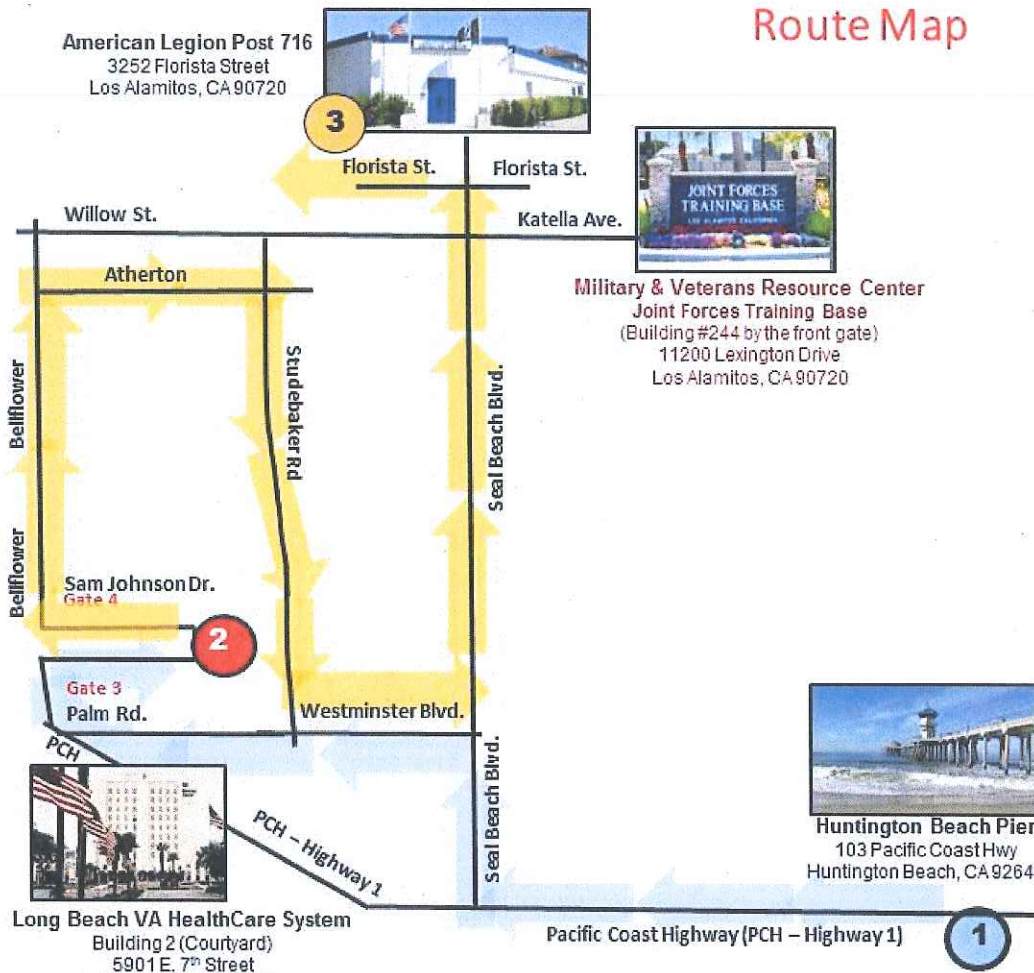
(Online Registration will be open after October 1)

- Light Breakfast
- Coffee
- Beverages
- Snacks
- Opportunity Drawing
- Live Music
- Vendors

Proceeds benefit the local **Military & Veteran Resource Center**

For Sponsorship Opportunities or questions, please contact co-chair Tanya at 714.316.3559 | VeteransHonorRide@gmail.com

Route Map



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS		
6 November 2016 Ceremonial		
7:30 am – 9:30 am	Check-in/Breakfast Huntington Beach Pier (Live Band)	1
9:30 am – 10:00 am	“Veterans Honor Ride” Ceremony	1
10:15am	RIDE STARTS – Kickstands Up	1
10:15 am – 11:00 am	1st Leg of the Ride: Huntington Beach to Long Beach VA	1
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	REST STOP – Go to floors visiting sick & wounded Veterans	2
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	2nd Leg of the Ride: Long Beach VA to American Legion Post 716	3
12:30 pm	RIDE ENDS – Lunch Available + Live Band	3
2:00pm – 3:00 pm	Special acknowledgement “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans”	3

- Map not to scale.
- Approximate distance for entire route: 25 miles.



VETERANS HONOR RIDE

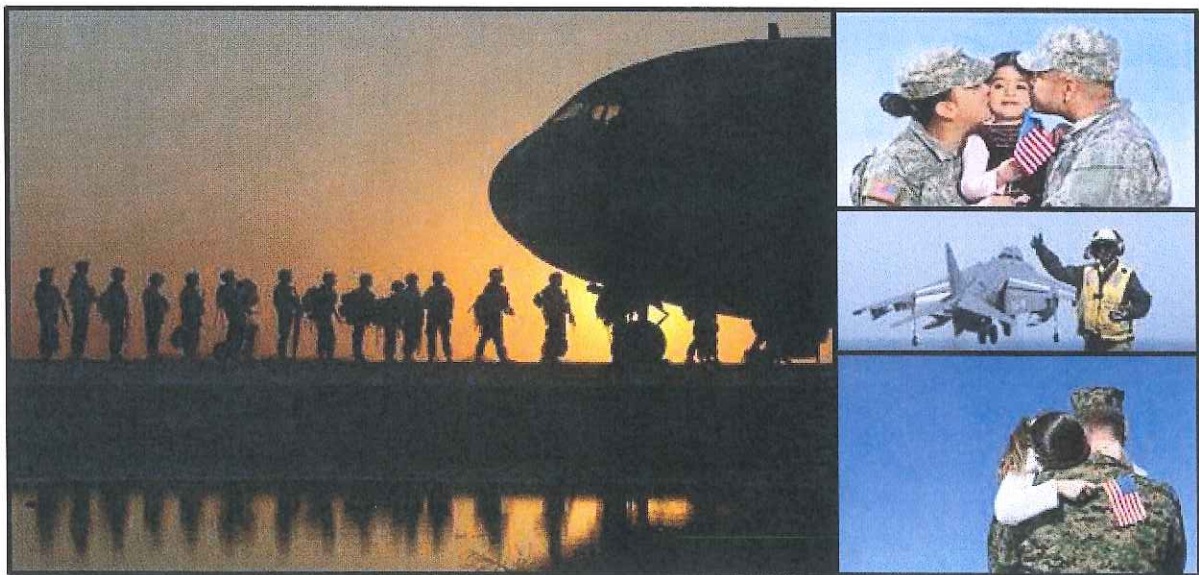
Saluting Our Nation's Veterans


Where Your Funds Will Go... The profits from our *2nd Annual Veterans Honor Ride* are targeted to improve the services and resources available to our Guard, Reserve, and Veteran Troops as well as their families in the Orange County and East Los Angeles County areas. After 15 years of protracted fighting and more deployments scheduled, our Troops and their families continue to need of our assistance. Our local **Military and Veterans Resource Center (MVRC)** is an essential provider of that support.

This center was established as a partnership effort between our local military service providers, Veteran nonprofits and the generous donations of local citizens. It is an essential provider to transitioning members of the military going to and from the various theaters of conflict as well as those currently serving in the Guard and Reserve locally. The center promotes their wellbeing by connecting service members and Veterans with the resources they need throughout their deployment cycle and especially their transition back home.

The center provides assistance to more than 1,500 Troops and family members each month. Service members of all branches who enter the facility can get assistance with family wellbeing providers including: emergency financial support, employment, education, finances, VA support, legal assistance, and healthcare. These services are available before, during, and after unit deployments. **We are committed to creating a complete wellness center.** With your help, we can improve services to insure those who have dedicated their lives to our national security and homeland defense are supported by us in their time of need.

Your generous support will make a huge difference in our ability to deliver hard-earned benefits to our Troops, Veterans, and their Families. Please help us help them. **DONATE TODAY !**





City of Garden Grove Social Media Q2 & Q3 Activity Report (2016)

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS | OCTOBER 6, 2016





Agenda

Quarterly Results – 2nd and 3rd Quarters
(April 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016)

- ▶ Facebook
- ▶ Twitter
- ▶ Instagram
- ▶ Mobile App
- ▶ YouTube

Facebook Highlights & Top Posts

April 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016

Q3 – July 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016

Q2 – April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

Page Likes

To Date	6,821
March 31	5,414
Gained	1,407

Number of Posts Weekly Total Reach

312	140,113
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Page Engagement
16,864



Garden Grove City Hall
April 2 · 🌐

#GardenGrove is going blue, in support of #WorldAutismAwarenessDay! The iconic Clock Tower at Village Green Park joins over 18,000 buildings worldwide to shine light on autism - #LightItUpBlue! #LIUB
A special thank you goes out to Julie Diep and the entire OC Autism team for their continuous efforts to raise awareness, as well as provide education and resources to individuals with autism and their families.



12,115 people reached

Like Comment Share

Cindy Nero, Omar Cardenas and 363 others

37 shares

Boost Post

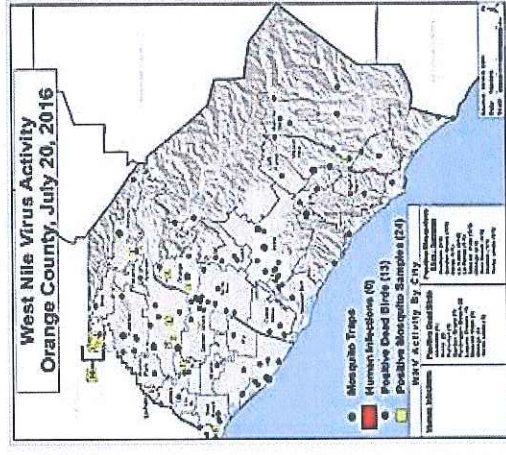
Chronological



Garden Grove City Hall
July 24 · 🌐

***Community Alert**

Mosquito samples infected with the West Nile virus have been found in #GardenGrove. The mosquitoes were collected from residential neighborhoods near Garden Grove Boulevard and Newhope Street. We strongly encourage the community to take extra steps to protect themselves from mosquitoes, especially from dawn to dusk when they are most active.



75,302 people reached

Like Comment Share

Karla Gonzalez, Elizabeth Sanchez and 150 others

560 shares

Boost Post

Chronological

Twitter Analytics

April 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016

Followers	
To Date	1,796
March 31	1,581
Gained	215

Profile Visits
13,317

Mentions
454

Q2 – April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

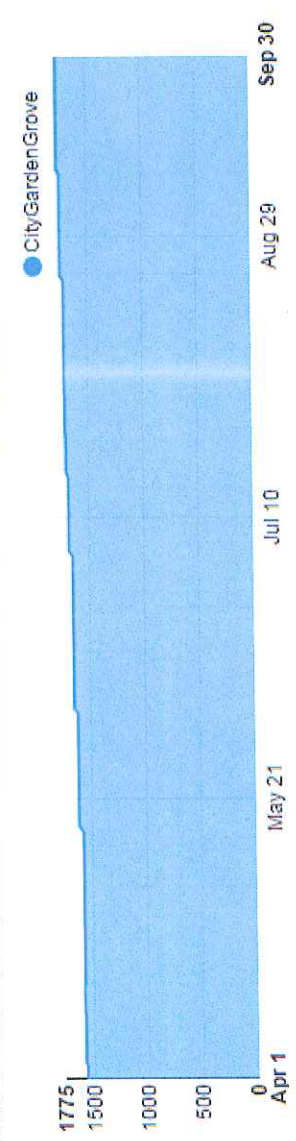
Number of Tweets	Twitter Impressions	Average Impressions Per Day
90	162.6K	1.8K

Q3 – July 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016

Number of Tweets	Twitter Impressions	Average Impressions Per Day
113	77.1K	847



Follower Growth



POWERED BY **TWITTER COUNTER**

Top Performing Tweets

April 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016

Q2 – April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove
 Free tax preparation & filing for #GardenGrove residents this
 FRI. 4/8. @ 4-8PM. on Historic Main Street. @CalEITC4Me
<http://caleitc4me.org/>

Impressions 2,925

Total engagements 10

Likes 4

Detail expands 3

Retweets 2

Profile clicks 1

Q3 – July 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016



#FBF to 1914 looking down Ocean Avenue,
 now Garden Grove Boulevard! #GG



RETWEETS 6
 LIKES 11



Impressions 1,882

Total engagements 96

Media engagements 61

Likes 11

Retweets 6

Profile clicks 5

Link clicks 3

Detail expands 3

Hashtag clicks 1

Instagram Highlights

April 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016

Top Performing Post



To Date:

1,055

Followers

Gained:

289

Posts

44

Hearts:

1,460

Engagement

Comments:

45



gardengrovecityhall

92 likes

13w

gardengrovecityhall #StarWars

#TheForceAwakens free show on Main Street in #GardenGrove. Raise your light saber if you are ready for the show!

semerysnaps Love it!

leia81us leia &fans

leia81us Do you see me ... I'm there on the left up in front some what ?



Add a comment...

Mobile App Highlights

April 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016

Marketing plans for 2016

Q1: ✓ New marketing material has been created and distributed

Q2 & 3: ✓ Upgraded app by adding new online/mobile features: by-district election mapping, water billing, and registration for classes

✓ Advertised app at special events, functions with high foot traffic

✓ Utilized the push notification for alerts and upcoming events

Q4: Create an electronic ad specifically for social media that will remind/encourage the community to download the app



Downloads

To Date	1,752
March 31	1,642
Gained	110

YouTube Highlights

April 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016

Views

135,634 ▲

Comments

65 ▲

Shares

534 ▲

Videos in playlists

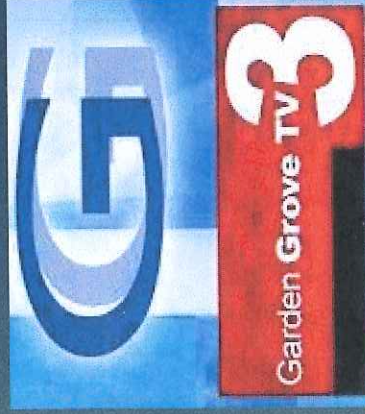
424 ▲

Subscribers

198 ▲



9/24/16 9/13/16 9/2/16 8/22/16 8/11/16 7/31/16 7/20/16 7/9/16 6/29/16 6/17/16 6/6/16 5/26/16 5/15/16 5/4/16 4/23/16 4/12/16



To Date:
1,781

Gained:
210

Subscribers

To Date:
2,883,981


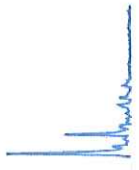



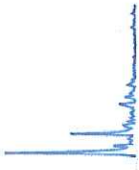









Views

Top Performing Video



GardenGroveTV3  **Garden Grove Police Help Relocate Homeless** 
 Created: Jul 6, 2016 • Published: Jul 6, 2016 • Duration: 2:22 • Privacy setting: Public

Apr 1, 2016 - Sep 30, 2016

Watch time Minutes 1,879 		Average view duration Minutes 1:49 	
Views 1,034 		Your estimated revenue * \$0.00	
Likes 4 	Dislikes 0 	Shares 8 	Videos in playlists 3 
			


 Garden Grove Police Help Relocate Homeless
 GardenGroveTV3  Channel settings

Video Manager
 Analytics
 Video Manager

1,047 Views

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED FOR TURNING RED TAPE INTO RED CARPET PROGRAM

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In this category, the Great Wolf Lodge (GWL) Southern California Hotel project, which is the result of a successful public-private partnership between the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (RDA) and McWhinney. Opened in February 2016, the GWL is a 603 room hotel, with a 105,000 square foot indoor/outdoor waterpark, 30,000 square feet of meeting space, and a 1,000-car parking structure. Totaling 12 acres, the project cost approximately \$280 million to develop and took twenty-three months to complete. The GWL created 730 jobs and is the first indoor/outdoor waterpark resort in an urban community in California.

Winners will be recognized at a reception on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at The Center Club, 650 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa.



LISA KIM

Community and Economic Development Director

By: Alana Cheng
Senior Analyst

Attachment 1: Nomination for the Category: Sustainable and Green Development

Attachment 2: Nomination for the Category: Public-Private Partnership Award

SUSTAINABLE AND GREEN DEVELOPMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

THIS SECTION IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT. PLEASE KEEP ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION UNDER 200 WORDS.

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1. Please provide a brief description of the project.

The Re:Imagine Garden Grove Campaign is "place-making" using Smart Growth ideas and strategies. The Campaign recognized the positive assets already existing and realized the opportunity to bring Downtown together into a cohesive, sustainable place. The Campaign's goals were to change the perception of the City and the Downtown, promote this new identity through cutting-edge events and art installations, attract new business and development, showcase active transportation, and plan for longer-range physical and cultural improvements. Implementations led to two, successful Open Streets events, a pilot section of a bicycle trail, Movies on Main Street and development of Parking Management and Lighting Plans. Main Street improvements include several new restaurants and a proposed 12-unit mixed-use project. A mixed-use development with 47 affordable units is under construction. Shaheen Sadeghi has committed to the development of Cottage Industries, an adaptive reuse concept of 12 historic homes to commercial use. Along the perimeter, a 16-unit mixed-use project is proposed and a Starbuck's is being built. A local music promoter is interested in developing venues and festivals. The Re:Imagine Campaign is a successful Smart Growth project that is revitalizing the Downtown into a place where housing and transportation choices are near jobs, shops and schools.

2. What is the purpose of the project?

The Re:Imagine Campaign's purpose is to follow a Smart Growth vision of the Downtown as an economic engine and an environmentally sustainable place to live. The effort is focused on community building, image enhancement, economic development, an active transportation network, protecting our open green spaces, and physical and cultural improvements. We were inspired to prove to the community (and ourselves) that Garden Grove could be more than was expected. The Re:Imagine Campaign is meant to create a vibrant, thriving place and includes the following:

- A new image.
- Community engagement to share ideas and participate in the re-imagining.

- Promote and enhance the existing compact design and mix of uses in the Downtown.
- Connect the Downtown into a more walkable community and enhance the bicycle network through this area.
- Add cultural amenities (art, theater, festivals, etc.) and physical improvements (lighting, landscaping, wayfinding signs, etc.).
- Stimulate economic development, business opportunities, developer interest, and partnerships.

The City's vision embodies the idea that "when civic spaces function in their true civic role, they can be the settings where celebrations are held, where social and economic exchanges take place, where friends run into each other, and where cultures mix".

3. Who are the participants in the project? Who was involved in the planning/implementation? Who is affected?

The Re:Imagine Garden Grove Campaign has many different parts with many people involved, but the main participant has been the community. The effort began with the City asking the public to participate in reshaping the Downtown through an interactive Mindmixer webpage. Participants were asked to answer questions, share photos, and provide ideas on a wide range of topics. The City received a total of 804 ideas. These ideas were the basis of the implementation actions.

The City has continued to participate with the community, bringing folks together at events both large and small, and reaching out to business groups, developers, neighborhood groups and non-profit organizations. The City developed strong multi-departmental participation through both in-house charrettes and the Open Streets committee. Also included in the planning was SCAG, providing Sustainability Planning Grant funding for an Open Streets Event and Aaron Paley and his company, CARS, hired to plan the Open Streets events.

Implementation has included non-profit organizations, Girl Scouts from Troop 1224, local artists, local business owners, community leaders, multiple chambers of commerce, the Downtown Business Association, Shakespeare Orange County, and private developers. The Re:Imagine Campaign has successfully affected the community by creating a healthy community with strong local businesses.

4. What has been the impact of the project? How effective has it been in furthering economic development in your community? Identify any tangible results and value added. Be sure to include metrics in your description of the results.

The impacts have been many. The Re:Imagine Campaign engaged the community, attracted new events, activities, art installations (both temporary and permanent), attracted businesses and development, strengthened relationships with community members, businesses and organizations, spurred Active Transportation, and changed the image of Garden Grove within the City, the County, and the region. Tangible results include a mural, a new theater company, a section of a bike trail, new businesses on Main Street, new mixed-use development including affordable housing, and a retail destination by a preeminent developer preserving a neighborhood of cottages. The table below illustrates the successes of the Re:Imagine Campaign.

Activity	Results
Mindmixer	804 Ideas, 300 participants, 7,000 unique visitors
Re:Imagine Committee	30 community meetings/workshops
Open Streets Events	13,000 attendees in two events
Movies in Downtown	Hosted four events/ average attendees of 400
Planning Grants	Secured \$260,000 in funding
Active Streets Grants	Secured \$3.1 million in funding
Public Art	Mural, Painted Utility Boxes, Installations
Business Attraction	4 new restaurants on Main Street
Developer Investment	Cottage Industries and three mixed-use projects
Infrastructure Planning	Lighting and Parking Management Plans

The success of the Re:Imagine Campaign has resulted in over 18,000 participants, \$3,360,000 in funding, and downtown investment of nearly \$18 million.

5. Is this project replicable or transferable? Can it be adaptable for use in other communities? What lessons have been learned?

This initiative is replicable by other cities to revitalize their downtown by finding what is authentic to the place and people. Community outreach is essential. Make sure to listen to the public's history and hopes and be mindful of what is

unique. Take advantage of existing assets. Enjoy community engagement, if the format is fun you will get lots of great ideas. To start implementing begin with an event. Work to keep the interest going; plan small events or art installations in between larger festivals as this will change the image of your place. Events work! Chefs at our Open Streets cooking demonstration are opening a new restaurant on Main Street. In early meetings, a prospective developer encouraged "place-making" events to attract visitors to Downtown. The Re:Imagine Campaign accomplished such an event and the developer is planning an adaptive reuse retail project in a cottage neighborhood. Identify fresh and innovative ways to communicate progress and keep the public interested and informed. Some efforts are slow-moving but critical for progress. Develop a strong team within the organization along with strong bonds to community members, business people, and organizations, because not everyone likes change.

6. In what ways is this project innovative or creative?

This project was innovative from the start. Garden Grove actively sought to reach the community in a new, different way and accomplished this through an interactive Mindmixer forum. Participants particularly enjoyed "photo sharing" images. The forum generated 804 ideas from over 300 participants and nearly 7,000 unique visitors. The online forum ran one year and provided significantly more input than a typical community meeting.

The City innovated by holding one of the first Open Streets events in Orange County. Aaron Paley, co-founder of CARS, said "the event is designed to bring the unique cultural diversity to life on car-free streets and give the community a whole new perspective of the downtown." A pilot section of a bike trail garnered great interest. The event generated new businesses on Main Street and community involvement in art projects, events, and civic leadership positions.

The project generated a significant new commercial development that will be a retail destination in Garden Grove. The developer will creatively reuse cottages in a three-block neighborhood on the east side of Downtown. The City benefits by preserving a neighborhood with historic character, adding commercial vitality to an underutilized area, and integrating the area into the revitalized Downtown.

7. Are there any other relevant details not covered above or specific to your category? (Smart Growth)

The EPA states in "Smart Growth and Preservation of Existing and Historic Buildings", "the renovation of a historic property is an important part of a smart

growth approach". Furthermore, "a historic building or district can be a tangible symbol of a community's interest in honoring its heritage, valuing its character and sense of place, getting the most out of prior investments in infrastructure and development, and encouraging growth in already-developed areas." Garden Grove sees benefits in having a preeminent developer with proven success in place-making, develop a retail destination in a group of cottages in the Downtown. Prior redevelopment goals for the three-block area focused on large institutional uses with demolition of the cottages. Planning staff amended the mixed use zoning to facilitate the reuse of the properties and to foster their preservation. The public supported the preservation effort. The EPA also makes the case that "rehabilitating historic properties promotes energy efficiency by preserving the energy already represented by existing buildings (known as "embodied energy") rather than expending additional energy for new construction." And they add, "Repurposing old buildings reduces the need for construction of new buildings and the consumption of land, energy, materials, and financial resources that they require."

PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR PROGRAM AWARD NOMINATIONS

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1. Please provide a brief description of the project.

The Great Wolf Lodge Southern California (GWL) is the result of a very successful public-private partnership (PPP) between the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (RDA) and McWhinney. Opened in February 2016, the GWL is a 603 room, luxury-suite hotel, with an adjacent 105,000 square feet indoor/outdoor waterpark, 30,000 square feet of meeting space, and a 1,000 car parking structure. Totalling approximately 12 acres, the project cost approximately \$280 million to develop and took twenty-three (23) months to complete construction. The GWL initially created 730 construction jobs and at completion, created approximately 730 permanent jobs with over 10,000 applicants. GWL is the first indoor/outdoor waterpark resort in an urban community in California. GWL is located in Garden Grove's tourism district known as the Grove District and is part of the Anaheim Resort. Since opening this year, the GWL is the tenth hotel to be developed in the Grove District.

2. What is the goal or purpose of the project?

The goal of the public-private partnership was to implement the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan which is to strengthen and grow the City's economic base, increase jobs, eliminate blighted structures, and reduce crime rates in the city. Prior to development, the project site was the location of the Fire Station Hotel, Humdinger Bar and Travel County RV Park. All three businesses created a nuisance in the City with high crime activity. Through the prior redevelopment authority, the former RDA was able to acquire the properties and ultimately disposed of the properties to McWhinney through a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA).

The financing structure of the public private partnership was complex involving the developer to secure EB-5 financing of \$118 million, a new first loan of \$68 million and developer's equity which brought the total project costs to \$282 million. EB-5 financing (immigrant-investors visa program) provided for foreign investment in qualified Target Employment Areas (TEA). This development was designated a high TEA and met the requirements for EB-5 investors of \$500,000 each. At project completion and opening, the GWL successfully changed the area employment profile from a high unemployment area to an area where EB-5 is no longer accepted due to the substantial new job creation from the development.

3. Who are the participants in the project? Who was involved in planning/implementation? Who is affected?

City employee participation was instrumental. The GWL development fostered collaboration, empowerment and creative solutions by the City's dedicated employees. This project has been identified as a "WIG" or Wildly Important Goal for the City and a top priority project for all City departments. Being the first of its kind in Southern California, there was a lot of "learn as you go" moments during the planning and construction phases of the GWL project. The developer participation with McWhinney is no stranger to the Grove District with a successful track record of success of hotel development in Garden Grove. They have developed the Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites and Marriott Homewood Suites in the Grove District. Founded in 1991, Colorado-based McWhinney is an independent, full service, real estate development, investment and management company with a team of over 80 highly talented associates. The developer and his team of consultants worked tirelessly to bring this high caliber project to fruition in partnership with the City.

The City led weekly meetings with all pertinent team members to address project related development and construction issues. These meetings focused on innovative solutions to development related challenges with full participation of City and developer experts. This innovative, collaborative approach led to buy in from the different City team members.

4. What has been the impact of the project? How effective has it been in furthering economic development in your community? Identify any tangible and/or intangible results and value added. Be sure to include metrics in your description of the results.

The GWL project has created over 730 temporary jobs and 730 permanent jobs, ranking among the City's top 5 employers. The revenues generated by GWL would contribute benefits to enhancing park services and equipment, public safety and economic resources. It is anticipated the revenue projections to be approximately \$6-8 MM in transient occupancy tax and \$350,000 in sales tax revenue to the City annually. Additionally, lease rates to shopping centers have increased since the completion of the waterpark as well.

A significant contribution with the GWL project is the heightened hotel development interest in the Grove District for future development. The City has entered into an exclusive negotiating agreement with Kam Sang Company for a Nickelodeon Resort and 3 additional hotel developments are anticipated in the Grove Resort.

Implementation of the City's comprehensive economic development strategy identified certain enhancements to landscaping, streetscape, lighting and signage of Harbor Boulevard. The City was awarded grant funding of \$2.9 million of an Economic Development Administration Grant to implement the City's Harbor Boulevard roadway improvements for the Grove District. In addition, the improved landscaping is maintained by the Garden Grove Tourist Improvement District which is funded by the ten hotels in the Grove Resort.

5. Is this project replicable or transferable? Can it be adapted for use in other communities? What lessons have been learned?

The GWL was a redevelopment Public-Private Partnership (PPP) which can be replicated as a City project. A PPP structure is achievable should a local city consider financial incentives in the form of performance based assistance. Many Orange County cities have considered this type of public-private partnership through Senate Bill 562 that provides for economic development subsidies.

For Garden Grove, the PPP structure was preserved in an RDA agreement whereby the Successor Agency funded \$42 million bond to the developer upon project completion. The Successor Agency received one of the few Final and Conclusive Determinations issued by the California Department of Finance (DOF), this was the first and only bond issued by a Successor Agency following redevelopment dissolution. Transferrable approaches is adoption of a strategic vision for the project as a top priority, hold weekly meetings to address key issues in the development process, and encourage the organization to be empowered to complete the project. The GWL was a significant undertaking by the City team. Lessons learned is the experience and knowledge gained in navigating high-profile "resort style" development and confident in applying the collaboration approach to other developments.

6. In what ways is this project innovative or creative?

The project innovation is the vision of implementing the first proposed indoor and outdoor waterpark hotel for Southern California. The Great Wolf Resort brand creates a one-stop shop for families near and far who come to Garden Grove as a destination. The GWL features an indoor and outdoor waterpark, Magi-Quest (interactive game throughout the resort), Scoops Kids Spa (ice cream scented manicures and pedicures), Howly Wood XD Theater (4-D thrill ride), Ten Paw Alley (bowling alley), story time (at the fire place in the grand lobby), and the Forest Friend Show.

The signature GWL indoor waterpark rides and attractions include the thrilling 5-story howling tornado, Fort McKenzie - a multi-level interactive tree house with massive tipping bucket, wave pool, lazy river, and the flow-rider. The suites at the resort include themed bunk beds, features the GWL characters and are able to accommodate up to 8 people so that everyone can stay together.

The Great Wolf Resort Lodge gives back to the local community in many ways including partnerships with supporting local schools, chambers of commerce and the Ronald McDonald House. McWhinney has been a tremendous community partner with key location organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club on an annual basis.

7. Are there any other relevant details not covered above or specific to your category?

The GWL opened in February 2016, exceeding its expectations for room bookings and is now planning for a potential 200 room hotel expansion which also includes a restaurant, spa and new outdoor activities. New to the Southern California market, the GWL will remodel some of its existing hotel rooms to accommodate the celebrity clientele and those customers who want a more luxurious experience.

The GWL is a great community partner. GWL opened its doors to the City's employees as a "thank you" event just recently on September 25, 2016 at a discounted rate and is gearing up for a special rate for City residents. The GWL has hosted many chamber events for the Garden Grove Chamber, Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, and Vietnamese American Chamber of Orange County.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST – SEPTEMBER 2016

#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
<u>2148</u>	10/03/16		Copies of campaign filings for District 3 Candidate Clay Bock.	City Clerk	10/05/16	10/03/16
<u>2147</u>	10/03/16	Tyler	Copies of the 460's for the 2016 candidates for the city of Garden Grove.	City Clerk	10/05/16	10/03/16
<u>2146</u>	10/03/16	Vanessa Wagner Law Office of Scott R Ball	Records regarding the setting, timing, duration, and phasing of traffic light signals at the intersections of (1) Valley View/Lampson; (2) Brookhurst/Trask; (3) Brookhurst/Chapman; (4) Trask/Magnolia; (5) Trask/Harbor; (6) Brookhurst/Westminster; ...	Engr Services	10/13/16	
<u>2145</u>	10/03/16	Jose Sanchez California Homebuilding Foundation	Hello, I would like to request the September 2016 issued permit report.	Comm Dev Mgmt Building Serv	10/13/16	
<u>2144</u>	10/03/16	Chris Davis Market Force One	requesting the September 'new business' email in Excel format	Revenue Management	10/13/16	10/03/16
<u>2143</u>	10/03/16	Phillip LeMasurier The Houston Company	All building Permits and Certificate of Occupancy, if available, pertaining to building known as 11398 Knott Street, in Garden Grove. APN: 131-024-04. Thank you	Building Serv	10/13/16	10/03/16
<u>2142</u>	10/03/16	Brittney EUGenio Partner ESI	Any and all records pertaining to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building/construction/demolition permits • Certificate of Occupancy • Current or historical 	Sewer Water Services Building Serv	10/13/16	

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<u>2141</u>	09/29/16	Clark Shao	<p>underground/aboveground storage tank permits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plumbing/sewer permits for the property at 13002 Chapman Avenue, ... <p>Hello, I would like to review any and all records you have for 13002 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840 pertaining to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current or historical use of hazardous materials and/or hazardous waste • Current or historical underground... 	Fire Prevention	10/10/16	
<u>2140</u>	09/28/16	Christine Nguyen <i>Partner ESI</i>	<p>Hello I would like to review all records related to original construction, certificate of occupancies, demo, sewer connection, or hazardous materials for the following addresses: 12101-12111 Buaro Street (odds only)</p>	Environmental Comp Fire Prevention Water Services Real Property Building Serv	10/10/16	
<u>2139</u>	09/28/16	Gerardo Vega	<p>Copy of the Fire Department Incident Report No. G1611105 for a fire that occurred on September 26, 2016, at the property located at 13731 Harbor Blvd.</p>	Fire Admin	10/10/16	09/28/16
<u>2138</u>	09/27/16	Min Wang <i>Republic Services</i>	<p>1) Trash Hauler contract 2) Rates for Residential and Commercial</p>	City Clerk	10/07/16	09/28/16

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<u>2137</u>	09/27/16	Kennedy Le	We are requesting the original blueprints to our home, 12861 gilbert St, garden grove. Hello,	Building Serv	10/07/16	09/28/16
<u>2136</u>	09/27/16	Laura Fischer Rasmussen Dickey Moore	I am writing from a law firm in Kansas City, MO. I am looking for historical city directories or Yellow Pages for the years 1970-1975 for Garden Grove, CA. From these directories I am needing the pages that reference auto parts stores... All 497 Forms for the following candidates running for Mayor and City Council on the November 8, 2016 ballot up to and including any filed by 9/26/2016: STEVE JONES Mayor JOHN R. O'NEILL City Council Dist. 2 THU-HA NGUYEN City Council Dist. ...	City Clerk	10/07/16	09/27/16
<u>2135</u>	09/26/16	Claudio Gallegos		City Clerk	10/04/16	09/26/16
<u>2134</u>	09/23/16	Christine Nguyen Partner ESI	All hazardous materials; underground storage tanks; violations; inspection records for 12101-12111 Buaro Street (odds only)	Fire Prevention	10/03/16	
<u>2133</u>	09/23/16	Vinh H. Nguyen Gavena Real Estatee	Hi, I am requesting for any record for fire incidents occurred for property 12561 Mabec Cir, Garden Grove, Ca. 92841.	Fire Admin	10/03/16	09/27/16

Thank you.

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2132	09/23/16	Roger Begelman	When submitting requests through this portal for public records— are the following identifiers recorded and kept? This would include IP address, domain, user-agent information (browser, operating system, etc), client properties and so forth.	Information Systems	10/03/16	09/23/16
...			...			
2131	09/23/16	Daniel Poon	I need a list of properties in the city that have open code violations for substandard building, unpermitted work, hazardous condition, and abandoned.	Revenue Management Neighborhood Impr Building Serv	10/03/16	09/27/16
2130	09/22/16		Please provide me with a copy of mayor Bao Nguyen's public calendar for each month from November 2015 through August 31, 2016. Subject Property: Crystal View Apartments, 12021/12091/12156 Bayport St, Garden Grove 92840	City Manager	10/03/16	10/03/16
2129	09/21/16	Joey Zimmer Pandanus Consulting	1. Requesting copies of all water well permits and documentation in regards to water well #W-2324/State Well #04S/10W-35C01-Don Water Co	Water Services	10/03/16	09/23/16
2128	09/21/16	Sean Simko Forde & Mollirch	All 497 and 460 Forms for the following candidates running for Mayor and City Council on the November 8, 2016 ballot: STEVE JONES Mayor JOHN R. O'NEILL City Council Dist. 2 THU-HA NGUYEN City Council Dist. 3	City Clerk	09/30/16	09/21/16

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			CLAY BOCK City Council Dist. 3 S...			
		Property Address: Crystal View Apts, 12091 Bayport St, Garden Grove		Fire Prevention		10/03/16 10/03/16
2127	09/20/16	Joey Zimmer Pandanus Consulting	1. Copy of last inspection report. 2. Per the most recent inspection were there any outstanding fire code violations and/or life safety issues affecting the property? And it ...	Building Serv		
		Subject: Sycamore Court, 10642 Bolsa Avenue Garden Grove, CA 92843		Fire Prevention		
2125	09/19/16	Olivia Seagraves Consulting Solutions, Inc.	We have been hired to perform an Environmental and Engineering Assessment of the above referenced property. In accordance with lender requirements, we are required to contact l...	Neighborhood Impr Building Serv	10/13/16	
2124	09/19/16		Please provide all emails to Mayor Bao Nguyen and all emails from Mayor Bao Nguyen from August 10, 2016 through September 16, 2016.	City Clerk Information Systems	10/13/16	
2123	09/19/16		Please provide an electronic copy of Resolution 9338-16. Thank you.	City Clerk	09/29/16	09/19/16
			Hi,			
2122	09/15/16	Dave Miller	I'm working on a project for school and need to read all of the ordinances and resolutions adopted since 2012.	City Clerk	09/26/16	09/19/16
			Can you help me find them on your website? I'm not very good at this stuff yet.			

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<u>2121</u>	09/15/16	Ivan Kranjcec SmartProcure	Dear Denise or Custodian of Public Records, SmartProcure is submitting a public records request to the City of Garden Grove for any and all purchasing records from 2016-06-13 to current. The request is limited to readily available records witho... All available public documents relating to Garden Grove City Council District 5 2016 Election file paperwork, candidate statement for County Voter Registrar's Office and Garden Grove candidate information sheet and all related document for this 2...	Information Systems Purchasing	09/26/16	09/23/16
<u>2120</u>	09/15/16	Demian Garcia-Monroy DGM for GG City Council Districts		City Clerk	09/26/16	09/15/16
<u>2119</u>	09/15/16		please provide me with a link to the resolutions passed by the city council of garden grove for the last 4 years We are doing an environmental site assessment on the property located at: 7756 - 7782 Westminster Blvd, Westminster, CA 92683 (Even Numbered Addresses Only) We would like to know if there are any records in regards to underground/aboveground sto...	City Clerk	09/26/16	09/19/16
<u>2118</u>	09/15/16	Frank Trinidad Odic Environmental		Fire Prevention	09/26/16	09/15/16
<u>2117</u>	09/13/16	Marjorie McAfee ABC News	Chief of Police Todd Elgin Garden Grove Police Department 11301 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, CA 92840 Dear Chief Elgin:	Police Admn Serv Police Mgmt	10/07/16	10/03/16

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			Under the California Public Records Act Government Code Section 6250 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect...			
<u>2116</u>	09/13/16	Dale Ruebsamen	Copy of the Fire Department Incident Report No. G1609632 for an incident involving a vehicle into a building located at 9121-9151 Garden Grove Blvd. on August 23, 2016.	Fire Admin	09/23/16	09/13/16
		Erika Garcia	Good afternoon, my name is Erika and I work for Talley & Associates. I was wondering if you could please send me over the candidate's statements.			
<u>2115</u>	09/12/16	Talley & Associates	Thank you. To Whom It May Concern:	City Clerk	09/22/16	09/12/16
			Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask for:			
<u>2114</u>	09/12/16	Peter Green	For Fire Department ambulance services, 1. Statement of emergency medical services revenue from bill...	Fire Admin	09/22/16	09/20/16
		Tony Louthier	I work with a waste expense management group that mages expenses for some properties in Garden Grove. Please provide a copy of the latest rates sheet for trash.	City Clerk	09/22/16	09/12/16
<u>2113</u>	09/12/16	Cass Information Systems, Inc	All FPPC Form 802 and Form 806 filed since 1/1/2014	City Clerk	09/14/16	09/12/16
<u>2112</u>	09/12/16					

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<u>2111</u>	09/12/16	Norihiro Komatsu Kajima Associates, Inc.	To Record Specialist, This is Nori Komatsu with Kajima Associates, Inc. in Los Angeles. We are architectural firm and our client is looking for record drawings at 7421 Orangewood Ave. Garden Grove (East of House Food). When I stopped by the Buil... FOIA - for property condition assessment	Building Serv	09/22/16	09/12/16
<u>2110</u>	09/12/16	Mike Keller EMG	7089-7091 Belgrave Avenue Garden Grove, CA 92841	Fire Prevention	09/22/16	09/15/16
			SEE ATTACHED			
<u>2109</u>	09/08/16	Nasim Ahmed Partner Engineering and Science	Hazardous Materials and Underground Storage Tanks records (Fire Department Records) 12400 Industry Street	Fire Prevention	09/19/16	09/15/16
<u>2108</u>	09/08/16	Nasim Ahmed Partner Engineering and Science	Building Permit Records (original construction and demolition permits and Certificate of Occupancy only) 12400 Industry Street	Building Serv	09/19/16	09/13/16
<u>2107</u>	09/08/16	Frank Trinidad Odic Environmental	Any records in regards to underground/aboveground storage tanks, hazardous materials, hazardous waste and/or any clarifiers on the property located at: 7433 Lampson Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92841	Fire Prevention	09/19/16	09/15/16
<u>2106</u>	09/07/16	Ally Shin Law Offices of Howard Choi	Type: Pedestrian vs Auto Location: 9730 Garden Grove Blvd (in front of	Fire Admin	09/19/16	09/08/16

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Wild Crab Restaurant
Date of Injury: 1/22/2016

Name: Ki Hyung Min

Looking for any reports, notes or witnesses if you have any information regarding the above mentioned...

We would like to know if there are any records in regards to any underground/aboveground storage tanks, hazardous materials, hazardous waste and/or clarifiers on the property located at: 12919 & 12921 Main St, Garden Grove, CA 92840

2105 09/07/16 Frank Trinidad
Odic
Environmental

09/19/16 09/08/16

Fire
Prevention

Copy of Fire Department Incident Report #G1609673 pertaining to a car fire that occurred on August 24, 2016, on the 22 West Freeway off the 405 North.

2104 09/07/16 Laurie Ackerman
Jackie Castillo,
Esq.
Walter R. Zech,
Inc.

09/19/16 09/07/16

Fire Admin

Certified Copy of Minutes for Garden Grove Traffic Commission Regular Meeting of 9/2/14.

2103 09/07/16

09/19/16 09/07/16

Engr Services

Thank you!

Steven C.
LaMotte
Building
Industry

Hi Ann,

Thank you for the returned call.

09/19/16 09/06/16

Risk
Management

I was originally calling due to the fee notification I received the other week. I wanted to touch base to see if there is a staff

2102 09/06/16 Association /
Orange County
Chapter

#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
			report or any further documentation. And, if development or buildin...			
		Jackie Castillo, Esq. Walter R. Zech, Inc.	1) Certified Copy of Garden Grove Traffic Commission Agenda for 9/2/14; and 2) Certified Copy of 9/2/14 Traffic Commission Staff Report Item 4b	Engr Services	09/19/16	09/06/16
<u>2101</u>	09/06/16		Thank you! Copy of the Fire Department Incident Report for a house fire that occurred on January 8, 2016, at the property located at 11411 Baggett Street in Garden Grove.	Fire Admin	09/19/16	09/07/16
<u>2099</u>	09/06/16	Frank Trinidad Odic Environmental	We would like to know if there are any records in regards to underground/aboveground storage tanks, hazardous materials, hazardous waste and/or any clarifiers on the property located at: 12101, 12103, 12105, 12107, 12109, 12111 E. Valley View St,...	Fire Prevention	09/19/16	09/08/16
<u>2098</u>	09/06/16	Doris Johnson Center For Contract Compliance	Please provide a copy of the subcontractors list for the following projects: Project No. 7277 - Knott Street Rehabilitation Project No. 7228 - Valley View Street Rehabilitation	Engr Services	09/19/16	09/06/16
<u>2097</u>	09/06/16	Chris Davis Market Force One	Thank you for your assistance. I am requesting the August 'new business' file in EXCEL format	City Clerk	09/19/16	09/06/16

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			<p>Hello,</p> <p>We are looking to obtain new business list in your City for the Month of August,2016.</p> <p>If a list is available, include the owner name and phone number.</p> <p>Please feel free to respond via e-mail if a fee is required.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Copies of all building permits for the property located at 12641 Hazel Ave. in Garden Grove.</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to request the August 2016 issued permit report.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	City Clerk	09/19/16	09/06/16
2096	09/06/16	<p>Sandy Valladares Level2 Security & Automation</p>				
2095	09/01/16	<p>Donovan Do</p>		Building Serv	09/12/16	09/06/16
2094	09/01/16	<p>Jose Sanchez California Homebuilding Foundation</p>		Comm Dev Mgmt Building Serv	09/12/16	09/12/16



For Immediate Release: October 5, 2016

Media Contact: Nahal Mogharabi, 213-244-1815, Mogharabi.nahal@epa.gov

U.S. EPA to Oversee \$4 Million Groundwater Study in Northern Orange County Water Basin
Results will be used to develop cleanup plan

LOS ANGELES—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced it has reached an agreement with the Orange County Water District to conduct a remedial investigation and feasibility study to address a large area of groundwater contamination in Northern Orange County known as the “North Basin.” The work required by the agreement is expected to take up to two years to complete and is estimated to cost up to \$4 million.

The investigation and study will include the installation and sampling of 14 groundwater monitoring wells and data collection to determine the extent of contamination in the North Basin and provide EPA with information needed to develop an initial cleanup plan. Contamination in the North Basin is believed to be the result of industrial solvent spills and leaks from manufacturing, metals processing businesses and dry cleaning facilities over the last several decades.

“The Orange County groundwater basin is a vital source of drinking water for the 2.4 million people it serves,” said Alexis Strauss, EPA’s Acting Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. “Protecting this resource is critical for our long-term water sustainability.”

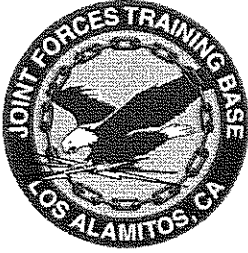
The North Basin is located in the northern portion of Orange County and includes parts of Fullerton, Anaheim, and Placentia. The Orange County groundwater basin is a source for drinking water for the region, providing the majority of the water used in 22 cities. The area of groundwater contamination is several miles long and over a mile wide. All drinking water publicly served meets federal and state drinking water standards.

Historical industrial activity has contaminated the soil and groundwater with chemicals, including tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE), and 1,4-dioxane. Federal standards for drinking water for both TCE and PCE are 5 parts per billion. Initial investigation of the groundwater in the North Basin has detected PCE concentrations up to 3,300 parts per billion and TCE concentrations up to 23,000 parts per billion, and four contaminated drinking water wells have been shut down.

Exposure to PCE can have health impacts including liver damage and increased risk of cancer. TCE has been linked to various health conditions, including impacts to the central nervous system, immune and endocrine systems, fetal heart development, kidney and liver cancer, and non-hodgkins lymphoma. The extent and nature of potential health effects depends on many factors, including the contaminant levels and the length of exposure to the pollution.

Under the agreement, the District will reimburse EPA for the cost of overseeing the work. The District is volunteering to complete this study under EPA oversight so that cleanup can begin as soon as possible. EPA is working to identify potentially responsible parties to carry out the cleanup plan after it is finalized. In addition, EPA is working with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control to clean up soil and groundwater at a number of facilities believed to have contributed to the regional contamination.

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Col. (CA) Richard Lalor: (562) 795-2096 or (626) 733-1170

October 5, 2016
Release 16-18

VISITING U.S. ARMY AVIATION UNIT TO CONDUCT TRAINING EXERCISES AND FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT LOS ALAMITOS ARMY AIRFIELD

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. – A visiting U.S. Army aviation unit will be engaged in training exercises at Los Alamitos Army Airfield (LAAAF) from Oct. 11th through Oct. 14th.

This routine training is designed to maintain overall operational readiness and proficiency of the aviators and support personnel who are participating in the exercises.

Flight operations may include periods of increased air traffic and aircraft noise, and residents of communities located near the base may hear aircraft arriving and departing LAAAF outside of normal airfield operating hours throughout the training period.

Efforts will be taken to minimize inconvenience to our neighbors during evening hours.

For additional information, contact Col. (CA) Richard Lalor at (562)795-2096 (office) or (626) 733-1170 (mobile) or via email at richard.w.lalor2.vol@mail.mil

WEEKLY MEMO 10/06/16

NEWS ARTICLES



Courtesy photo

Firefighters work to save a motorhome ravaged by fire.

Blaze destroys motorhomes; one firefighter injured

Fire also causes \$1 mil in damage to Pacific R.V.

A large fire destroyed multiple motorhomes last week, causing an estimated loss of more than \$1 million.

The Fire Department responded to 13731 Harbor Blvd. for a commercial structure fire at Pacific R.V. shortly before 2 p.m. The first arriving unit reported two motorhomes involved a fire next to a commercial structure.

Due to the amount of heat from the fire, it quickly spread to two additional motorhomes. Fire-

fighters made an attack on the fire to prevent its extension into additional vehicles and the structure. Resources were requested, balancing out to a total of three alarms composed of 50 firefighters from Garden Grove, Anaheim, Orange and the Orange County Fire Authority.

Firefighters faced extreme firefighting conditions due to a large volume of fire and temperatures over 100 degrees. In addition to the fire, a gas tank

ruptured, spilling a large amount of gasoline onto the ground which prompted a hazardous materials team response.

It took firefighters just over an hour to declare a knockdown and contain the fire.

No injuries to civilians were reported, and one Garden Grove fire fighter was transported to a local hospital for heat exhaustion.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Hail to the queen!



Photo by Dave Smithson

Megan Vo, left, was named Rancho Alamitos High School's 2016 Homecoming Queen last Friday. Rancho's football team beat Loara High, 33-19, at Bolsa Grande High School. With Vo is escort Joshua Son.

One of the best eateries around: school sites

School District uses innovative methods to serve tasty, healthy food

By Loren Berlin

The Garden Grove Unified School District has the distinction of being considered one of the largest restaurants around - and it's all healthy - according to Director of Food Services Agnes Lally, MS, who credits her staff with making her job easier.

Lally refers to the 360 Food Services workers as her 360 entrepreneurs.

The district incorporates food-learning into the school's curriculum throughout the year and they also have some school gardens at elementary school sites that help educate children by tying into the student's lessons and academic content.

Children have the opportunity to visit the school garden site and harvest tomatoes and lettuce that they

see **FOOD**,

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take back to the school; wash it and add it to their own school salad bar, thereby learning about produce while getting to eat it too.

Other salad items mostly come from Oxnard, Central California and Santa Barbara where a lot of California's and the nation's food is grown.

The district serves breakfast and lunch and an afternoon snack, along with a Summer Meal Program that helps fight hunger.

Lead Food Services person Erin Stanley helps with the school breakfasts.

"My favorite part is seeing how the lunch participation goes up as the school year progresses, because children learn about the food," she said. "And, the children also want to visit with me and share what's going on in their lives."

The school district has 66 percent of students who qualify for free and/or reduced-rate meals. Out of 45,577 students enrolled in the 2014-2015 school year, 30,000 were qualified. At the reduced rate, breakfast is 30 cents and lunch is 40-cents. Regular lunch costs are \$1.50 in elementary schools, \$2 in intermediate and \$2.50 at the high school level.

"We are the best price in town for lunch," said Lally.

"I get my energy from the kids; they are so enthusiastic about our food program," said Lally.

Stanley said she came up with an idea to heighten student's interest in school lunches by offering "Fast

Passes" on Fridays.

"Each teacher receives two Fast Passes for students they see doing well and those students get to go to the head of the food line and tell why they received the fast pass," said Stanley.

"Erin goes above and beyond," said Lally. "The men and women I work with are amazing."

"I try as often as I can to sit with the children and be a role-model for eating, showing them how they can use fruits in different ways and then they want to copy what I've shown them," said Stanley. "I have made a taco salad to give them a different angle of how to use a taco shell and they get a hand stamp for making good food choices," said Stanley.

Lally said she keeps abreast of what outside restaurants are offering and what might interest their students and works to make those items healthy, using whole-grains in producing pizza from "Domino's Pizza," served with a green salad, fresh fruit, juice, milk and a whole grain chocolate chip cookie.

This year, they are starting to work with "Pick Up Stix" and the GGUSD Food Service Department is also bringing out the grill to make their own whole grain pancakes with sausage links and a barbecue of hamburgers and hot dogs served with an assortment of fruits and vegetables, juice, milk and a whole grain chocolate chip cookie.

The menus are actually chosen by student taste-testers in elementary, intermediate and high school. From the taste-testing, the most popular menu items are chosen,

The district has two grants through the USDA, which includes a Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program three-times a week, offering students an opportunity to taste-test new food items some of which have included the dragon fruit and a variety of bell peppers, so they can learn to enjoy what might be new to them and learn how to eat the foods.

Second Harvest of the Month is also a grant program that is integrated with what the schools are teaching.

"Nutrition is very critical for our students and so we teach nutrition in our classrooms and also hold classes for the parents so they can teach their children at home," said Lally. "Our campus catering is our trademark."

Reading through the GGUSD food menu might make you want to go back to school just for the food.

In high school, the last two years, there has been a "Cook up Change" where culinary students who are part of the ROP Program work with a local chef to come up with a recipe that meets the school's healthy food guidelines; it's a county-wide competition and the winning team gets a trip to Washington, D.C.

During a previous year, the District's "After School Snack" won top honors in the sampling contest.

Also, there's a "Nutrition Educator Contest" where teachers/educators can enter to win prize money that goes back to their school.

For information, visit Eatsmart-2besmart.org and for questions, e-mail Southemcsna@gmail.com

Macabre 'Sweeney Todd'

Beth Hansen's portrayal of Mrs. Lovett steals the show

a must-see at Gem

By Angela Hatcher

Before a note is heard or a lyric is sung, the audience braces for an explosive and particularly eerie evening of the Demon Barber of Fleet Street's chilling tale.

Under the fine musical direction of Damien Lorton, One More Productions' presents an unsettling look into the crevices of the dank and darkest corners of 19th Century London and its pulsating characters through "Sweeney Todd."

OMP's veteran set designer Wally Huntoon and lighting designers Jon Hyrkas and Dan Baird set the mood, and from the moment the

orchestra strikes a sound, this deliciously disturbing, frightfully witty, and savory entrée is ready to be devoured, one enormous bite at a time.

David Stoneman portrays our protagonist; he makes this part his own. Stoneman presents an imposing and resonant-voiced Todd who is greatly believable, so any thoughts of others having starred in the role are completely a non-issue.

However, it is Beth Hansen's unparalleled portrayal of Mrs. Lovett that steals the show. Her depiction of Todd's accomplice is worthy of a Tony Award-winning

performance and her comedic timing is impeccable.

Hansen said, "Mrs. Lovett is smarter than people think she is." Hansen went on to say that she wanted to give "depth to the character" and she didn't want her (Lovett) to be thought of as "just comedy relief."

Oh, Hansen's Mrs. Lovett is funny, she's sassy and she's everything a comedic "side-kick" should be, but alas, Hansen brings Lovett's desperation, loneliness and longing to be loved to the forefront as tenderly and equally as she does her shameless and unabashed shocking behavior.

Two featured characters who must be mentioned are Alex Borrero as Pirelli and Danny Diaz as Tobias.

Tom Patrick's Judge Turpin is a love-to-hate character who makes that happen, and Josh Switzer's (Anthony) keening vocals are superb. Others worthy of mention are: Bella Gil as Joanna, Erika Baldwin as Beggar Woman, Anthony Kairoaz as Anthony and Richard Ullrich as Jonas Fogg.

The chorus clearly delivers and the ensemble rounds out the talented cast. "Sweeney Todd" is the story of a barber who was unfairly sent to prison for 15 years on a trumped up charge. Upon his return, he seeks revenge. He meets the owner of a failing meat pie shop, and together they come up with a killer idea for a partnership that will benefit them both for different reasons.

"Sweeney Todd" enjoys the juxtaposition of encompassing all the qualities of a truly sinister storyline along with Sondheim's incredible operatic music and lyrics.

Conducted by Kevin Homma, the powerhouse of OMP's live orchestra piloted in by a thunderous operatic feel, enhances the urgency of "Sweeney Todd's"

complex and intricate Sondheim musical score.

Matching the vengeful dramatic aspect of "Sweeney Todd" with its freakishly appealing wit and humor is a large part of what makes it one of Sondheim's darkest masterpieces and one of the most incomparable and artistic musicals of our time.

Is "Sweeney Todd" about passion, obsession, love, revenge, vengeance, blood-lust, the thrill of the kill or something else... as Hallowed Eve draws near once again, there is little time to decide...

See for yourself.

"Sweeney Todd"

The Gem Theatre
12852 Main St.

For tickets:
714-741-9550

For info:
www.onemoreproductions.com
Runs through
Oct. 23

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Community Calendar

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out
Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's

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

Dance Center hosts social
Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at 949-637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime

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

GG Kiwanis to meet

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

Cartoonist lessons offered

Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class

will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

Ready, young Rembrandts?

Elementary and preschool students are eager to learn and a joy to teach. Your young artist will learn to draw using our step-by-step process in this class, held on Tuesdays at the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster. Give your child a head start in being handwriting-ready by developing his/her fine motor skills. There will be new lessons each week at the preschool and elementary level. Students ages 3-5 meet at 3:15 p.m. and ages 6-12 meet at 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.westminster-ca.gov.

Rotary Club to meet

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2872

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 2.50 AND 2.52 OF TITLE 2 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING PROCEDURES

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance amends provisions of Chapters 2.50 and 2.52 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to purchasing and contracting procedures to conform the City's purchasing and contracting procedures to best practices and the latest changes in State and Federal laws and regulations.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 27th day of September 2016.

ATTEST: /s/ BAO NGUYEN
MAYOR

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, KATHLEEN BAILOR, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on September 13, 2016, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (5)
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE

and was passed on September 27, 2016, by the following vote:

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BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Garden Gove City Council
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Blue Ribbon School

Garden Grove Unified School District is pleased to announce that A.J. Cook Elementary School was named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. last week.

The prestigious honor was awarded to fewer than 300 public schools and 50 private schools nationwide

"This is one of the highest honors a school can earn and we are so proud that Cook Elementary School stood out on the national stage," said Linda Reed, district Board of Education trustee. "Congratulations to the administrators, teachers, staff, and students for all of the dedication that goes into working together to create an exemplary school environment."

Schools are nominated for the award by the state Department of Education, and then complete a comprehensive application about school practices. Sandi Ortiz Ishii, principal, and Meghan Fischer, teacher, will represent Cook Elementary at a two-day awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., to celebrate their hard-won achievements.

Elks event

Throughout the Cold War, and on into the present day, America's most powerful and effective deterrent against nuclear attack has been the triad system, consisting of land-based strategic missiles, manned long-range bombers and submarine-launched nuclear missiles. The latter leg of the triad was the bailiwick of the next speaker at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1952 on 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 13 (The Lodge is at 1151 Trask Ave. in Garden Grove).

As a naval engineering duty officer, Jim Jones played a major role in development of the submarines that carried this vital segment of our national defense. After many years working for the US Navy, both in uniform and as head of his own engineering company, Jones retired.

He has agreed to talk to at the Lodge about the fascinating world of our nation's protective umbrella that operates from under the sea.

Reservations are required. Call 562-287-4846, no later than noon on Oct. 11. Cost is \$15 including buffet lunch.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2873

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE ADDING CHAPTER 8.61 TO THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FALSE FIRE ALARMS

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance establishes standards and controls, including a fee, to reduce the number of false fire alarms to conserve resources and ensure that fire safety services are available in cases of genuine emergencies.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the ___ day of

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CITY HALL THIRD FLOOR TRAINING ROOM AT 11222 ACACIA PARKWAY, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., OCTOBER 27, 2016

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-087-2016

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new liquor store, Hero's Liquor and Market, with a new State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale, General) License. The site is at 13161 Harbor Boulevard in the HCSP-TZS (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan-Transition Zone South) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on October 3, 2016. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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ATTEST:
MAYOR

CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, TERESA POMEROY, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on September 27, 2016, with a vote as follows:

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Twin girls meet 'second mom,' their bone marrow donor from Garden Grove

By COURTNEY PERKES
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Judiel Ennis gave a quick cheek swab of DNA in 2012 and then completely forgot that she someday could be asked to donate bone marrow.

So two years later, when an email with the subject line “You are a match” arrived, the Garden Grove resident ignored what she assumed was spam from an online dating site. When her cellphone rang with an out-of-state number, she never listened to the voicemail.

Finally, DKMS, an international donor agency, tracked her down at work to tell Ennis that 1-year-old identical twin girls needed her marrow.

In November 2014, Ennis and her husband flew to Pittsburgh, where surgeons extracted marrow from both hip bones.

With her part done, Ennis constantly wondered about her little matches. On Wednesday, she finally got the chance to meet them, when 3-year-old Zoey and Zayne Espayos flew into town with their parents from their home in Canada to say thank you.

“I don’t feel like anyone should be thanking me,” said Ennis, 32. “What I did was what I hope anyone else would do. All it takes is a swab to save a life, and I got to save two.”

The twins’ parents, Mark and Reina Espayos, called the emotional meeting a family reunion.

“She’s the second mom now,” said Reina Espayos, 39, wiping away tears. “She gave life to my daughters.”

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The twins were born Aug. 30, 2013, after they had a diagnosis in utero of a deadly genetic blood disorder called alpha thalassemia. The condition reduces the production of hemoglobin, which carries oxygen throughout the body.

Both Mark and Reina, who are originally from the Philippines and moved to Manitoba in 2010, carry the gene, giving their offspring a 25 percent chance of inheriting the disorder.

Mark Espayos said they were told they could terminate the pregnancy or spend a few minutes with the newborns before they likely would die.

By the time Reina was six months along, the twins' hearts began to fail.

Their doctors decided to try what they described as a bold plan to give the twins blood transfusions inside the womb. They used an ultrasound machine to guide a needle into their umbilical veins to inject red blood cells.

After their birth, the girls received frequent transfusions, sometimes as often as every three weeks, but doctors said they would need bone marrow transplants.

Older sister Zachi, now 13, was a match.

Zoey received the transplant first, after turning 1, but quickly rejected her sister's marrow. Terrified, the family waited for word of another match for both girls.

"I thought it was the end of the world," Mark Espayos, 39, said. "(The doctors) said, 'We're going to plan B, which is looking all over the world for a donor.'"

That donor turned out to be Ennis, who took a week or two to track down.

Zoey got a transplant in November 2014, with half of Ennis' marrow frozen for Zayne. Zayne's transplant followed in April 2015.

With the transplants a success, the twins are now cured and do not require anti-rejection drugs.

"The doctor said treat them like any other normal kids," Reina Espayos said. "They play, sing and dance."

According to Cancer Care Manitoba, which treated the girls, only a few cases of bone marrow transplantation for severe alpha thalassemia patients have been reported worldwide. There are no known cases of other identical twins with the disorder who have survived after in utero blood transfusions and bone marrow transplants.

BECOMING A DONOR

Ennis, whose parents were born in the Philippines but raised her in Orange County, was working at a now-defunct Irvine mortgage company when she participated in an office bone marrow drive through DKMS.

"There aren't enough potential donors for a patient in need of a bone marrow transplant," said Brittani Luce, donor recruitment coordinator for DKMS. "It's like finding your genetic twin."

When the agency contacted her two years later, she was newly married to Nolen Ennis. She was scared because she'd never been hospitalized or undergone surgery. She had lots of questions about the donation process.

"I was thinking someone is going to open me up and sell my organs on the black market and that is the end of me," Ennis said.

She recovered quickly with minimal pain. She was told there would be a one-year waiting period before contact could be made with the recipients' family, if the family was willing.

Earlier this year, DKMS gave Ennis contact information for the Espayos family, though at first she was hesitant to reach out. She found photos of the girls on Facebook and learned more about their story.

Then she sent a message and waited nervously for a reply from the mother.

"She just thanked me for giving her daughters a chance," Ennis said. "She said we're forever family. We're always going to be connected."

Since then, they've been in constant communication.

After spending Wednesday together, Ennis is taking the Espayos to Disneyland today. She's hosting a party for them to meet her extended family before they return to Canada on Sunday. Her new employer, LoanDepot, presented a \$30,000 donation to DKMS in recognition of Ennis' gift at the lender's Lake Forest office.

Ennis, who has a 2-year-old son, said she's eager for the girls to feel more comfortable with her as the week goes on. She says the experience of donating has helped her appreciate life more.

"If I were ever to have a daughter, Zoey Zayne would be her name," Ennis said.

To learn more about bone marrow donations, visit dkms.org/en.

Contact the writer: 714-796-3686 or cperkes@scng.com

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Cat knocks over candle, causes house fire

By **ALMA FAUSTO**
STAFF WRITER

A cat knocked over a lit candle, causing a fire at a Garden Grove house Thursday night that displaced six people and caused \$15,000 in damage.

Shortly before midnight, firefighters were called to a house in the 12000 block of Dunklee Lane after reports of a fire. When they arrived, they found heavy smoke coming from the house.

Fire Capt. Thanh Nguyen said it

took about 10 minutes to put out the fire, which was confined to one room. Nguyen said the investigation concluded a candle was lit and a cat knocked it over.

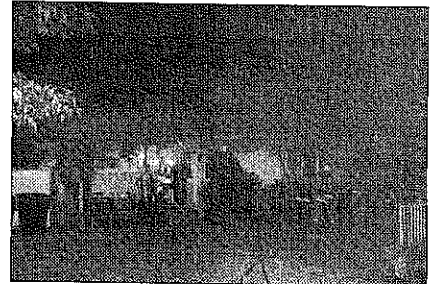
No one was injured.

It is believed the cat's actions were accidental, Nguyen said.

Red Cross officials responded to the scene to help the displaced residents.

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GARDEN GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A house fire in Garden Grove on Thursday night caused \$15,000 in damage and displaced six people.

Garden Grove police arrest driver after high-speed chase

By **SCOTT SCHWEBKE**
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • A man suspected of driving a stolen car was arrested Wednesday after a brief, high-speed chase that began in Garden Grove and ended in Los Alamitos, police said.

Around noon, a Garden Grove police officer spotted a stolen 2012 Honda Accord near Beach Boulevard and Garden Grove Boulevard, Lt. Tom DaRé said.

Police attempted to stop the Honda, but the car sped off. Police pursued the car as it drove at speeds up to 100 mph on the 22, then northbound on I-605, according to DaRé.

The man driving the Honda, who wasn't identified, got off the freeway at the Willow Street and Katella Avenue exit and crashed into a median, DaRé added.

The driver, who was uninjured, fled from the Honda and was arrested. He will be charged with auto theft.

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Staff time: The City Council this week agreed to dedicate about 20 hours of staff time to work with an organization that would like to build a Vietnam War and Black April memorial in Garden Grove Park. Councilman Phat Bui asked the council to let staff work with the committee to study the feasibility of such a project.

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Pet licenses: The City Council recently approved a three-year agreement with PetData to help process and issue animal licenses. The deal will cost the city about \$60,000 a year. In January, Garden Grove will take over animal control services in town from Orange County. The county has 13,200 active animal licenses on file for the city.

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Halloween fun: The city's annual Jack O'Lantern Jamboree will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way. There will be a "spooky train," carnival games, bounce houses and a magician. Cost: \$8. Ticket sales begin Oct. 10. Information: 714-741-5200.

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Semifinalists: Five high school students from the Garden Grove Unified School District were recently named semifinalists for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program, the winners of which get a \$7,500 scholarship. The students are Alex Nguyen from Bolsa Grande, Martin Lu and David Nguyen from Garden Grove, and Janice Chang and Tariq Foraida from Pacifica.

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Food drive: The Chamber of Commerce is having a canned food drive for the nonprofit Helping Others Prepare for Eternity, also known as H.O.P.E., until Nov. 23. Those who donate six canned food items – to the commerce's office at 12866 Main St. – will get a \$10 gift card to Carolina's Italian Restaurant. H.O.P.E. helps abandoned and abused women and children.

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Pedestrian safety: A special Police Department Accident Reduction Team, formed as part of a campaign to reduce traffic collisions involving pedestrians and bicycles, issued more than 300 citations in August – when the team began zero-tolerance weeks. The citations were for violations such as texting while driving or riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the street.

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Nguyen co-authors bill to help seniors

Next year, senior citizens will find that filing their taxes will become easier thanks to the passage of AB 1891, authored by Assemblyman Matt Dababneh and coauthored by Sen. Janet Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove and Westminster.

This new law maintains that once an individual has turned 65 years old, and a school district has previously exempted them from a parcel tax, the district must continue to grant that exemption for as long as the senior is eligible.

"It is important that we remove barriers that could prevent our seniors from receiving the parcel tax exemptions they are eligible for," said Nguyen. "In this endeavor, I was pleased to join Assemblymember Dababneh and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association to pass this important bill, which will make it so that our seniors do not have to go through the hassle of filing paperwork with a school district year after year."

Parcel taxes are imposed on parcels of real property, typically sections of land, and unlike property taxes, are not based on the value of the property; they are a flat tax. Parcel taxes can be imposed by cities, counties, school districts and special districts and are used as a source of additional revenue. These taxes are collected by the county treasurer at the same time as property tax.

Under current law, some school districts grant parcel tax exemptions to seniors based on their age. These school districts require seniors to file the same paperwork every year, even though seniors continue to be eligible for the exemption. Those who qualify for this exemption are seniors over the age of 65, persons receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age, or those receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, regardless of age.

AB 1891, which will be implemented January 1, 2017, was sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and supported by the California Taxpayers Association and the California Association of Realtors.

Seniors interested in applying for this tax exemption should consult their tax preparer or local school district to determine if the program is available in your district.

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The good, the bad and the ugly; readers sound off



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

It's weird.

There are droughts.

There is rain.

There are hard seasons and harvest seasons.

My poor metaphor is about – if you haven't guessed – letters that I receive about my columns.

Over the past couple of weeks, reams of residents have sent missives opining about two of my most recent columns.

The first column that elicited

responses dealt with Historic Main Street in downtown Garden Grove and Little Saigon in Westminster.

I noted that the recent Elvis Festival on Main Street was a hit, and encouraged more events on Main Street like it. I also recommended, for Westminster, a Pho festival in Little Saigon. I figured an annual taste-fest would lure hundreds – if not thousands from around the county and beyond and prove great for local businesses.

Regarding Main Street, readers seem split about my idea. Some felt events such as the Elvis Festival are a great idea; others said numerous events would prove a noisy nuisance for local residents. The annual Strawberry Festival, one of the biggest events in Orange County, is enough, the naysayers wrote.

"We have to be realistic. Garden Grove is not Anaheim, does not have a Disneyland, does not have an Angel Stadium, and is not Huntington Beach either," wrote Georgia C. "We should be OK with who we are. And, by the way, I love the Strawberry Festival and enjoy your weekly column. Most

of the time."

That "Most of the time" was a punch to the gut...

As for the Pho festival, most readers thought it was a fine idea. By most, I mean about 80 percent.

"We are the Pho capital of America," wrote Mai T. "The Tet Festival is a great event. A Pho festival, maybe in the fall, would be another way to bring attention to the great people and culture we have here in Westminster."

The second column dealt with Measure QQ in Stanton. Residents will vote on Nov. 8. The measure would repeal measure GG, which Stanton residents voted for two years ago. GG is a 1 percent sales tax hike, with money going toward public safety.

I received 11 correspondences on this matter. All 11 opposed QQ. That's no poll. It's certainly not scientific. But does it reflect the way Stanton residents feel about this measure?

Tune in on Election Day.

Do you have a question, comment or news tip for Tony? Send to tonyontown@yahoo.com.

Victim wounded

Garden Grove police officers responded to an unknown trouble call in the 13100 block of Casa Linda last week.

When officers arrived, they saw two males together, later determined to be the suspect and the victim in an apparent assault, standing on the sidewalk area.

Officers saw the victim quickly separate and run westbound on Central Avenue where he was later found with a knife wound to his torso.

Fire Department medics administered First Aid and the victim was transported to a nearby hospital in stable condition.

Officers detained the suspect and recovered a weapon on him. The suspect is a juvenile so no information will be released at this time.

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School district holds 'Going Global Launch Party'

Community celebrates first-ever Spanish Dual Language Immersion Academy

On Sept. 19, Garden Grove Unified School District welcomed public officials, community leaders and parents to a "Going Global Launch Party" to celebrate the district's first-ever Spanish Dual Language Immersion Academy at Monroe Elementary School.

The Dual Language Academy held its first day of school Sept. 1 with more than 170 transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students beginning their journeys to becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. The "Going Global Launch Party" was held to showcase the benefits of dual language instruction to community leaders.

Kindergarten students from the program entertained guests with a performance of "Buenos Dias" and classroom visits allowed community leaders a glimpse into student learning.

District Board of Education President George West spoke about the planning and collaboration among the Board of Education, staff, and community that began in 2012 with discussions about the need and desire to expand the district's world and heritage language offerings.

"Our goals were driven by the board's belief that 21st century students must be prepared to

work in a diverse global economy," said West. "Students will need to demonstrate a mastery of English, and by being bilingual and biliterate, they will have the keys to open doors in an increasingly competitive job market."

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Sara Wescott and Monroe Principal Cesar Loya shared with guests the excitement of parents who were eager to enroll their students at Monroe. Loya highlighted the significant academic gains that come with learning a second language, including critical thinking and problem solving skills.

"At Monroe, language is not a barrier - it's a unifier that is bringing our students together," said Loya. "We have students from all walks of life and a wide array of language backgrounds but they

are working side-by-side and helping each other progress and grow to become bilingual."

City of Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and State Sen. Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove) were among the elected officials who presented proclamations congratulating the district on equipping students with the skills to thrive in a global society.

The launch party also included a ceremonial ribbon cutting in recognition of the successful start to the 2016-2017 school year.

The Academy follows a 90:10 model with students learning in Spanish 90 percent of the time and English 10 percent of the time for kindergarten through first grade, ultimately reaching 50 percent of each language by sixth grade.

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Sept. 30, 2016

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Courtesy photo
Kindergarten students at the Dual Language Immersion Academy at Monroe Elementary School welcomed public officials, community leaders and parents to their school with a song recently. Students in the academy learn multiple languages.



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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Dana Saucedo (714) 741-5253
Community Services Department

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

SENIOR DAY TRIP TO HARRAH'S CASINO

If you're feeling lucky, join the Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center for a day trip to Harrah's resort Southern California casino on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes bus transportation, breakfast snack, and \$5 back in slot play.

The bus departs the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at 11300 Stanford Avenue at 8:00 a.m., and will return by approximately 5:00 p.m. Seniors are invited to sit back and enjoy the air-conditioned deluxe motor coach while it makes its way to Harrah's casino in Valley Center. Once there, the playing floor has something for every taste including over 2,000 slots, 60 table games, Poker, Rincon Craps, PaiGow, BlackJack, Baccarat and Three Card Poker.

The trip must be paid in full at time of registration. A valid California I.D., driver's license, or military I.D. is mandatory to board the bus.

Seats are limited, so register early. For information and reservations, please contact the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
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Contact: Mary Cerda (714) 741-5004
Human Resources Department

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

CITY TO HOLD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The City of Garden Grove is hosting a community blood drive at the Community Meeting Center, A Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue on Thursday, October 20, 2016, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All donors will receive a complimentary admission to Madame Tussauds Hollywood.

Donors must be at least 17-years-old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Photo ID is required.

Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org or contact Valerie Allaeddini at (714) 697-9848. Sponsor code: cityofgg.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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CONTACT: Van Vu (714) 741-5239
Garden Grove Police Department

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

GARDEN GROVE PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, the Garden Grove Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. To dispose of pills safely, drop them off at the Garden Grove Police Department, located at 11301 Acacia Parkway, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April, Americans turned in 447 tons (over 893,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,400 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 11 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 6.4 million pounds—about 3,200 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

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Garden Grove Participates in National Drug Take Back
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Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the Take Back Day initiative, visit <https://www.dea.gov/index.shtml>.

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Erin Webb (714) 741-5313
Planning Division

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

**CITY TO HOST REGIONAL ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION FORUM**

The City of Garden Grove is hosting a Regional Active Transportation Forum: "Connecting People to Place Matters in Orange County," on Friday, October 14, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The Regional Active Transportation Forum will connect economic development and housing issues to active transportation, showcase ideas from active transportation advocates, community members, and health professionals, and discuss routes for youths and seniors.

At 1:15 p.m., Daniel S. Iacofano, who has 30 years of experience in urban planning and community design, will be addressing issues on transportation, housing, economic development, land use, and regional growth.

Aaron Paley, co-founder of CicLAVia, and Shaheen Sadeghi, founder and head of LAB Holding, will be discussing at 2:25 p.m., how active transportation and placemaking strategies are supporting positive changes to the community, and how both public sector initiatives and private investments are making this happen.

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CITY TO HOST REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FORUM

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The Regional Active Transportation Forum is part of the *Re:Imagine Garden Grove Campaign*, which works to improve active transportation in the city, and find grants to implement projects that will improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Space is limited. To register, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/27416782334. To register for a Walk Audit before the forum, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/27419125342.

For more information, contact Erin Webb, Garden Grove Economic and Community Development, at (714) 741-5313, or email Michele Martinez, Alliance for a Healthy Orange County, at michele@ochealthalliance.org.

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The Alliance For a Healthy Orange County



Regional Active Transportation Forum

Connecting People to Place Matters in Orange County

Friday October 14, 2016 | 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Garden Grove Community Center, 11300 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840

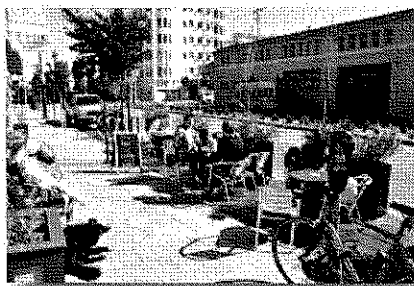
RSVP at: www.eventbrite.com/e/27416782334 - Space is limited | Lunch will be provided.

Featuring Key Note Speaker: Daniel S. Iacofano, PhD, FAICP, FASLA

There will be a **Walk Audit** before the forum, register here: www.eventbrite.com/e/27419125342



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For more information please contact Michele Martinez | michele@ohealthalliance.org



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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Officer Thomas Capps (714) 741-5847
Garden Grove Police Department

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

CITY LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE TRAFFIC FATALITIES

In response to the nationwide increase of fatal accidents involving distracted drivers, and pedestrians and bicyclists not following traffic rules, the Garden Grove Police Department Accident Reduction Team was organized as part of a City campaign to reduce traffic collisions, and to prevent fatal accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists.

According to the Accident Reduction Team, more people are using electronic devices while driving and walking. To reduce the number of fatalities in Garden Grove, the Accident Reduction Team began enforcing "zero tolerance" weeks in August, by looking for distracted drivers, pedestrians jaywalking, and bicyclists not traveling on the right side of the roadway in the direction of traffic. The enforcement resulted in the issuing of more than 300 citations. This year-round effort focuses on re-educating commuters on traffic safety rules, and the importance of safely sharing roads.

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City Launches Campaign to Reduce Fatalities

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Along with the California Office of Traffic Safety, in September the Garden Grove Police Department joined other law enforcement agencies, pedestrian advocates, and walking clubs in the "California Pedestrian Safety Month," passed by the California State Senate.

Police Chief Todd Elgin stated, "With the growing obsession on texting and social media, distracted driving has become an epidemic, and distracted walking has become an increasingly serious problem, not just in Garden Grove, but nationwide. More and more people are getting injured and killed for something that could wait. This is something we all have to think about."

According to the Garden Grove Police Department, to date, eight fatal accidents have occurred in Garden Grove for 2016.

To prevent fatalities and life-changing injuries, the Garden Grove Police Department Accident Reduction Team will be reaching out to commuters through various media outlets, as well as through presentations, and community meetings to educate the public on the dangers of not following traffic laws. The City's website, social media, and other mediums will be used to promote the campaign.

For more information, please contact the Garden Grove Police Department Community Liaison Division at (714) 741-5760.

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TRAFFIC INCIDENTS CONTINUE TO BE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN GARDEN GROVE.



Distracted driving, driving under the influence, jaywalking, and disregard for traffic rules have contributed to pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities increasing by 50 percent.

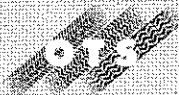
DID YOU KNOW? Being distracted while driving takes the driver's eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, and mind off the task of driving for an average of 4.5 seconds. That's driving blind for the length of an entire football field at 55-mph, and you have less than a second to react to a situation.

Think about that, Garden Grove.

Stay alert and save a life. Nothing is worth your life, or anyone else's.

For more information, contact the Garden Grove Police Department Community Liaison Division at (714) 741-5760

or visit the City's website at www.garden-grove.org.



CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

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WEEKLY MEMO 10/06/16

**S O C I A L M E D I A
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In response to the increase of fatal accidents involving distracted drivers, and pedestrians and bicyclists not following traffic rules, an Accident Reduction Team was organized as part of a City campaign to reduce traffic collisions, and to prevent fatal accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists. To learn more about the Accident Reduction Team and their efforts, visit <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/.../campaign-to-reduce-fatal>.

#StayAlert and #SaveALife. #SafeStreetsGG



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Garden Grove City Hall added 6 new photos.
 Published by Garden Grove, CA on Friday at 10:07am

Garden Grove Police Department Joins City Schools for National Walk to School Day

Did you participate in National Walk to School Day? Garden Grove Police Department officers put their walking shoes on and joined students from Barker, Garden Park, Bell, and Enders schools as they walked and biked to school today. Walk to School Day events aim to raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling. It also emphasizes the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, and concern for the environment. For detailed information, visit [http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/.../national-walk-to-school-...](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/) Garden Grove Unified School District #GardenGrove #SafeStreetsGG #NationalWalkToSchoolDay



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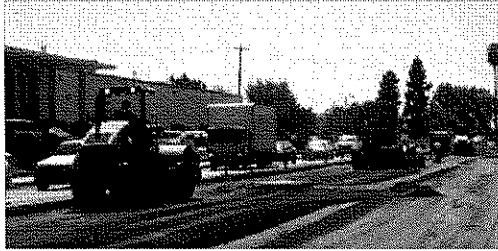
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Garden Grove City Hall added 2 new photos

Published by Garden Grove FirePulks 171 · October 4 at 4:28pm · 60

****UPDATE on the Street Improvement Project on Knott and Valley View:**
The contractor has mixed in the cement to the underlying base material of the inside lanes on Knott St., from Garden Grove Blvd. to Lampson Ave. The cement will need time to cure and as a result you won't see much work happening on Knott today or tomorrow. The work will resume on Thursday and Friday, as the base layer of the asphalt goes down. Please be advised that traffic will continue to be down to one la... See More



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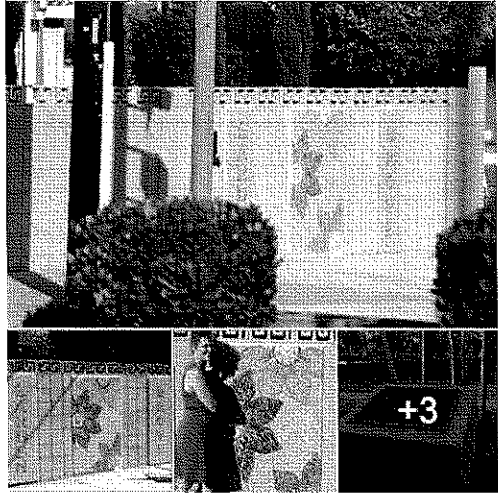
Garden Grove City Hall added 6 new photos.

Published by Missy M Mendoza FR · October 4 at 12:00pm · 🌐

Hey #GardenGrove, here's a quick update on the 'Latest Things Happening in the Community'!

The new mosaic unveiling took place on Tuesday, September 27th, located on Lampson and Mailey! This mosaic was created with the help of many Garden Grove community hands at three city events: City's 60th Anniversary Celebration, Garden Grove Summer Concerts, and the Garden Grove Movies in the Park.

If you are ever near City Hall, be sure to stop by the new Dalai Lama plaque, located next to the tree commemorating the Dalai Lama's visit to Garden Grove, located across the street.



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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove PlcPlace 191 October 4 at 10:00 AM

Good morning, #GardenGrove.

We'd like to invite all of you to attend a free forum next Friday, October 14, to discuss the progress and future of active transportation in #OrangeCounty. The seminar begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.; however, if you would like to attend the afternoon lunch portion to listen to Shaheen Sadeghi, who created "anti-malls" in Costa Mesa and Anaheim, and is set to bring his creative touch to Garden Grove, as well as Aaron Paley, consultant for our previous #G2COpenStreets events, you are more than welcome too. RSVP's can be made at Eventbrite, at <http://ow.ly/8JKf004Qmad>.

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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Itasy M Mendez on October 3 at 12:44pm

Hungry? Well, #GardenGrove has some lunch and dinner options for you on this Monday!

Check out this Orange County Register article for some local restaurant recommendations here in the City like Loving Hut Garden Grove and more.

Think #BKGIS - Buy in #GardenGrove!



Hitting Yelp for some fine, local restaurants

Brainiac doesn't dine out as much as we'd like, and partly that's because when we set out to pick a place with Missus Brainy, we always get bogged down – and then bored – by the same old places.

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Garden Grove City Hall shared Garden Grove Unified School District's post

Published by Itasy M Mendez on October 3 at 10:57am

Congratulations to Garden Grove Unified School District's very own A.J. Cook Elementary School who was named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Secretary of Education John B. King Jr!

The honor was awarded to less than 300 public schools and 50 private schools nationwide. The City of #GardenGrove is proud of your accomplishments!



3 Orange County schools win Blue Ribbon awards

3 Orange County schools win awards

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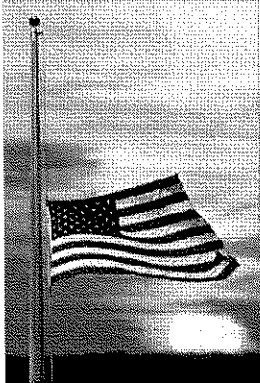
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Published by Garden Grove ProPublica 192 · September 30 at 8:31pm · 40

As a mark of respect for the memory of Shimon Peres, former President and Prime Minister of Israel, and an advocate for peace, the United States flags will be flown at half-staff until sunset on September 30, 2016.



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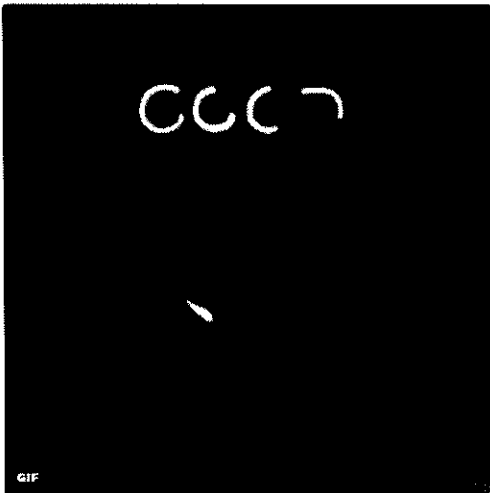
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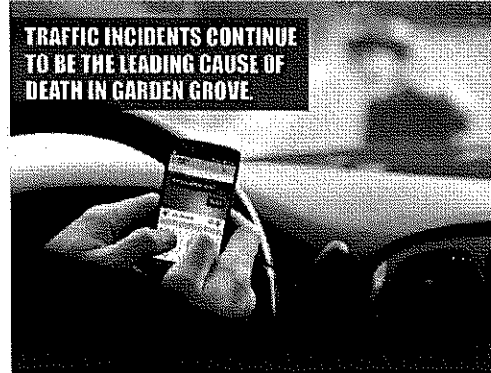


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City of Garden Grove @CityOfGardenGrove · 12h

In response to an of fatal accidents involving distracted drivers, City launches campaign to reduce fatalities ow.ly/lkos304TTn2



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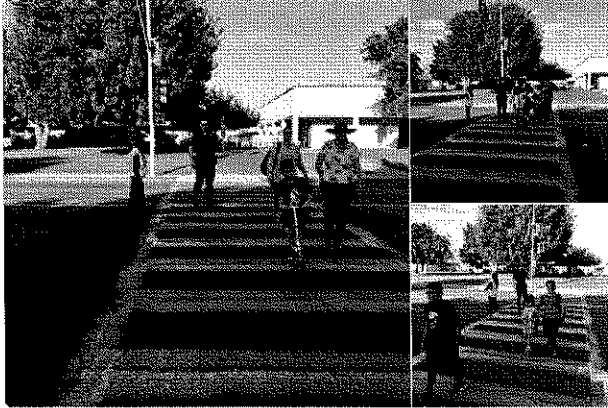
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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Oct 5

Today is #NationalWalkToSchoolDay, and @GardenGrovePD helped some @GGUSD students make their way to school! #GardenGrove



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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Oct 4

Happy #NationalTacoDay, #GardenGrove! Enjoy today's weather reaching a high of 76°F & a low of 59°F.



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Register to attend a free forum to discuss the Progress&Future of active transportation in #OrangeCounty, Fri Oct 14



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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Oct 3
 A.J. Cook ELEM, a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. [ow.ly/R1xf304Oc32](#) @GGUSD



3 O.C. elementary schools earn Blue Ribbon awards
 Schools in Garden Grove, Rossmore and North Tustin have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools, officials announced Wednesday.

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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Oct 3
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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Sep 29
 Enjoy #NationalCoffeeDay, #GardenGrove! Today's weather will reach a high of 89°F & a low of 66°F.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

October 6, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes for the Thursday, September 8, 2016 Zoning Administrator meeting, as well as the agenda for the Thursday, October 13, 2016 meeting.
3. Letter from Hon. Kirk H. Nakamura, Assistant Presiding Judge for the Superior Court of California, Orange County announcing that Superior Court of Orange County has launched their annual Grand Jury recruitment drive.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated September 30 and October 3, 2016.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 6, 2016 – October 16, 2016

Thursday	October 6	1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Free Flu Shots and Health Screening offered by The H. Louis Lake Senior Center, CMC A Room Call 714-741-5253 for reservations
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Thursday- Sunday	October 6-9		One More Productions presents "Sweeny Todd" Gem Theater
Friday	October 7		Casual Day – 2016 Holiday Drive
		8:00 p.m.	Strawberry Productions Movie Under the Stars "My Fair Lady", Festival Amphitheater
Saturday	October 8	6:30 p.m.	Strawberry Productions presents "Heart to Heart - Tribute to Heart", Tricia Freeman Band Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	October 11	5:30 p.m.	Fitness Equipment Dedication, Garden Grove Park
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, CMC
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, CMC
Wednesday	October 12	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 13		Casual Day – Breast Cancer Awareness (Pink)
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting CMC
Thursday- Sunday	October 13-16		One More Productions presents "Sweeny Todd" Gem Theater
Friday	October 14		City Hall Closed
		10:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Regional Active Transportation Forum hosted by the City of Garden Grove, CMC
		6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Friday Night 4-D Fright – Movie "Insidious" Open to GGUSD High School Students Only Atlantis Play Center

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840
Third Floor Training Room

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – MINOR MODIFICATION TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-333-11

Applicant: Mai Khuong
Location: 12072 Knott Street #A
Date: September 8, 2016

Request: A Minor Modification to Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-333-11 to modify the approved floor plan from nonpermanent walls to permanent walls, and to modify the approved hours of operation to the existing 2,400 square foot tenant space. The site is in the PUD-105-71 Rev. 90 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Mai Khuong, Nguyen Nguyen, Kasey Truong, Quan Nguyen

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1748-16.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Thursday, September 22, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

Thursday, October 13, 2016
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

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

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

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

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Zoning Administrator may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-084-2016

APPLICANT: Little Saigon Supermarket, LLC
LOCATION: 10932 Westminster Avenue

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing 21,543 square foot supermarket, Little Saigon Supermarket, with a new Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale, General) License. The site is in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-085-2016

APPLICANT: KAT GG DE, LLC
LOCATION: 10870 Katella Avenue

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new, approximately 44,007 square foot gym, Gold's Gym, at 10870 Katella Avenue, Suite A, located in an integrated shopping center, Gardenland Shopping Center. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC
3. ADJOURNMENT



KIRK H. NAKAMURA
ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE

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County of Orange

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September 2016

Re: 2017/2018 Orange County Grand Jury Recruitment

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Orange County Superior Court has launched its annual Grand Jury recruitment drive. I am requesting that you and your organization assist in our efforts to recruit qualified applicants for the one-year Grand Jury term that begins June 30, 2017.

A rigorous and widespread recruitment process is necessary to ensure excellence in the county-wide applicant pool. We are distributing flyers in the community to inform qualified citizens of this important public service opportunity.

We ask you to post the enclosed Grand Jury flyers online, in a newsletter, or in another location where the information may be viewed by members of your organization and the public. Feel free to make additional copies of the flyer. The application, the flyer, and more information are available online at www.ocgrandjury.org. To request an application or additional flyers via U.S. Mail, call the Grand Jury Hotline, (657) 622-6747, and leave a name and mailing address. Completed applications must be received no later than **Friday, January 20, 2017**.

In the next few months, Superior Court judges and current grand jurors will be speaking to members of local community organizations about serving on the Grand Jury. If you would like a speaker from the Superior Court or the Grand Jury to make a presentation to your organization, please call the Court's Public Information Office at (657) 622-7097.

Thank you for your assistance in informing Orange County residents about this exciting opportunity. We look forward to working with you to recruit an outstanding pool of applicants for the 2017/2018 term.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. H. Nakamura".

Hon. Kirk H. Nakamura
Assistant Presiding Judge
Chair, Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee

Enclosures: Grand Jury Flyers with Timeline of Events



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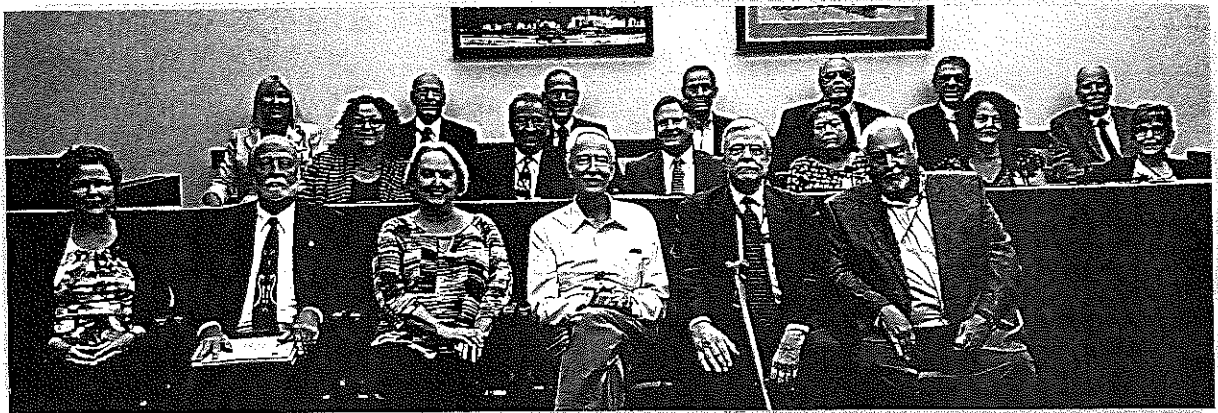
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Orange County Grand Jury

- Investigate the performance of county, city, and other local agencies
- Analyze data and write reports with recommendations for improvement
- Look into citizen complaints about local government agencies
- Decide on indictments for some criminal cases
- Verify that local tax dollars are spent wisely
- Examine conditions at local jails

Application and Information: www.ocgrandjury.org

Grand Jury Hotline: 657-622-6747



Qualifications:

O.C. resident, U.S. citizen, 18 or older, sound judgment, and knowledge of English

Application Deadline: January 20, 2017

One-year Term Begins: June 30, 2017

Stipend: \$50/day, plus mileage

The Grand Jury's role differs substantially from that of a trial jury. Up to 80% of the Orange County Grand Jury's time is spent in its civil watchdog role, investigating local government agencies. In the Grand Jury's criminal role, it only participates in criminal indictment and investigation hearings, not jury trials. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.



2017-2018 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY Recruitment and Selection Timeline

9/2016	Application Period Opens – Information and application form are available online, www.ocgrandjury.org , or by calling the Grand Jury Hotline, 657-622-6747.
1/20/2017	Application Deadline
2/3/2017	Applicant Orientation – 2:00-3:00 p.m., informational session with participants from the Court, O.C. Sheriff's Department, and Grand Jury, Central Justice Center, Jury Assembly Room (third floor), 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.
2/10-2/24/2017	Judges of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee review applications and select no more than 90 of the most qualified applicants proportionately from the five O.C. Supervisorial Districts.
2/28/2017	Jury Commissioner confirms top applicants and informs all applicants by mail.
3/1-3/29/2017	O.C. Sheriff's Department conducts background investigations of top applicants.
4/5-4/13/2017	Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee members conduct interviews.
4/20-5/1/2017	Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee members select top applicants.
5/3/2017	Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee members meet to select 25-30 top applicants, proportionately representing the five O.C. Supervisorial Districts.
5/4-5/8/2017	Superior Court judges vote to approve the final list of 25-30 Grand Jury nominees (majority approval required).
5/9/2017	Letters mailed to all candidates; nominees' names released for publication.
5/17-5/18/2017	Nominees Fingerprinted – O.C. Sheriff's Department, Live Scan Office, 320 N. Flower St., Santa Ana 92703.
5/24/2017	Drawing to Designate 19 Grand Jury Members and Alternates – 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon, Central Justice Center, Dept. C1 (second floor), 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.
5/31/2017	Deadline for Grand Jury Members to apply to be foreperson, 4:00 p.m.
6/5, 6/6, 6/7, & 6/8/2017	Mandatory Training for 19 Members and ALL Alternates – Conducted by members of the outgoing Grand Jury and their advisors.
6/16/2017	Judges interview foreperson candidates.
6/20/2017	Name of Grand Jury foreperson is announced.
6/30/2017	Oath of Office Ceremony – 10:00-11:30 a.m., Central Justice Center, Dept. C1 (second floor), 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana 92701.

Dates and Times Subject to Change

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Governor Brown Signs League-Supported Economic Development Measures; Vetoes Bill to Restore Funds to Recently Incorporated Cities

Earlier this week Gov. Jerry Brown took action on several bills important to cities. The good news is that he signed AB 2492 (Alejo and E. Garcia) and AB 806 (Dodd and Frazier), which strengthen local economic development tools. Regrettably, the Governor vetoed SB 817 (Roth), the latest effort to restore funding to recently incorporated cities. *For more, see Page 2.*



Voting Rights Legislative Package Aimed at Curbing Frivolous Litigation Signed by Governor

Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 28 signed a series of California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) measures that streamline cities' conversion to district-based elections while simultaneously curbing a rash of serial and costly litigation. Since the enactment of CVRA, dozens of cities and additional local government entities have been sued for alleged violations. *For more, see Page 3.*



Governor Brown Signs SB 807, Granting Immunity to Cities for Damage or Destruction of Drones Interfering with Emergency Operations

SB 807 (Gaines) was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 29, which provides local agency first responders with immunity should they damage or destroy a drone that is interfering with their emergency operations. The bill, co-sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California Police Chiefs Association, is the only measure on drone regulation that the Governor has signed this year. He vetoed the others. *For more, see Page 4.*

AB 2492 makes several additional improvements to last year's AB 2 (Alejo and E. Garcia), which authorized the creation of Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIA), and restored redevelopment authority to local agencies to assist poor and deteriorated areas within a community.

AB 2492 makes the following improvements to CRIA law:

- Clarifies the ways to calculate employment and crime data, based on input from the Employment Development Department and Department of Justice;
- Authorizes CRIA's to access several additional forms of financing that are available to Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts;
- Allows countywide and citywide income data to be used when designating areas, in addition to statewide income data; and
- Allows census tracts and blocks within disadvantaged community identified by the state Cal Enviro Screen to use the tool.

AB 806 (Dodd and Frazier) provides additional flexibility to local communities seeking to expand economic development.

The measure:

- Clarifies that loan, lease and sale agreements and property acquisition are included in the range of options a community may employ to advance economic development.
- Clarifies that cities and counties may make loans to rehabilitate commercial buildings and structures when financial assistance is found to be necessary for the economic feasibility of a project, and clarifies that such decisions must be approved after a public hearing with appropriate loan repayment terms and other safeguards.
- Expands a provision that has operated well for the disposal of city/county-acquired property from former redevelopment properties for "fair reuse value," so that all other communities can use these options to acquire and dispose of other properties to create economic opportunities.

The League thanks Assembly Members Luis Alejo, Eduardo Garcia, Bill Dodd, Jim Frazier and Governor Brown for their support of these measures that will provide needed support to local governments undertaking economic development projects.

Governor Vetoes Latest Effort to Assist Recently Incorporated Cities

Governor Brown vetoed SB 817 (Roth), a repeated effort to restore funding stability to recently incorporated cities, citing concern for long-term general fund commitments. The veto continues the funding challenges for these cities created by SB 89 (2011), which diverted critical Vehicle License Fee (VLF) revenues away from newly incorporated cities-compounding the challenges facing new and future incorporations.

SB 817 sought to resolve this problem with a statutory formula that provides cities that incorporated between 2004 and 2012 with shares of property tax to offset the amount of VLF revenue they would have received.

Unresolved Policy Issues Affecting Future Incorporations

The issues raised by SB 817 also touch on larger policy issues for the state. When SB 89 was adopted as part of the response to the budget crisis in 2011, it also undermined the economic viability of incorporations in California.

The typical pattern of city formation in California has been for pockets of growth to begin in unincorporated areas, then — at some point — the residents explore city formation to better manage their community.

Neglecting this issue can have growth and climate impacts as well, because city formation has been a way to further compact growth. Once cities are established, their future growth tends to be

compact and is regulated by local agency formation commission (LAFCO) policies. In contrast, unincorporated development patterns are typically less dense and not regulated by LAFCO.

The League looks forward to establishing a dialogue with the Administration where the role of new city formation in the state's future, and their contributions to sustainable development patterns and local quality of life can be further explored.

'CVRA' Continued from Page 1...

CVRA provides generous recovery for attorney's fees. Consequently, cities have incurred extremely high legal costs — some as high as \$7 million. The League worked diligently this year to mitigate the out of control costs associated with CVRA litigation. Local agencies in recent years have paid an estimated \$20 million in legal fees to plaintiffs' attorneys. This estimate does not include internal costs expended by the agency during CVRA litigation.

Last year the Governor signed SB 493 (Canella), which allows cities with a population of under 100,000 to convert to by-district elections through the ordinance process — providing cities a faster way to convert and curb litigation costs. This week he signed AB 2220 (Cooper), which simply expands upon SB 493 to allow all cities regardless of population size to convert to district-based elections through the ordinance process.

Assembly Member Luis Alejo (D-Watsonville) worked on a companion measure to AB 2220 bringing together stakeholders from all spectrums. AB 350 (Alejo) achieves a balance of increased civic outreach with cost mitigation for cities attempting to switch from an at-large voting system to a by-district voting system.

Under AB 350, prospective plaintiffs are required to send a written demand letter alleging that the local government has violated provisions of CVRA. Upon receipt of the letter, a local government has an initial 45 days of safe harbor to assess their needs and make a determination if they wish to contest the alleged violation or convert to districts through the ordinance process. Should the city choose to convert to district through the ordinance process, the city is afforded an additional 90 days to comply before a lawsuit can be filed.

Key Provisions of AB 350 include:

- **If a city is complying with the provisions AB 350, it is safe harbored from litigation throughout the public hearing and ordinance process** (up to 135 days if a demand letter was received by the city, 90 days if no demand letter was received).
- **A city can be proactive** and voluntarily switch to district based elections (without receiving a formal demand letter). The city would pass a resolution of intent to switch to districts and from that point have 90 days of safe harbor (free from litigation) to comply with the provisions of AB 350 and go through the ordinance process.
- **Cities still have full local control.** They are not mandated to move to districts, as we have seen in previous bill attempts. If a city receives a demand letter they are given 45 days of protection from litigation to assess their liability (perhaps hire their own demographer to conduct an analysis, meet in closed session, etc.) and make a determination if they choose to contest the demand letter or pass a resolution of intent which buys them an additional 90 days of safe harbor and switch to districts by ordinance.
- **Legal fees capped.** A hard cap of total financial liability will now be set at \$30,000. Currently, a city can be sued by several different plaintiffs. Even if a city is in the process of converting to districts and have entered a pre-litigation settlement agreement with one plaintiff, they can still be sued by another plaintiff (as we have seen in several cities).
 - Moreover, settlements are much higher, typically in the six figure range (even seven figures). Under AB 350, a city is only liable for a *total* cost of up to \$30,000 and the plaintiff must show financial documentation that they in fact incurred those costs. Regardless if more than one plaintiff tried to file suit, if a city takes advantage of the AB 350 process their liability is limited up to \$30,000.
- **A city can avoid any cost** if it proactively switches to districts and utilize the safe harbor.

These measures are critically important to League member cities that have experienced a spike in frivolous and expensive litigation. These companion measures not only create a mechanism for cities to convert to districts quickly, but provide a fiscally responsible way for our cities to convert. Most importantly, these measures still allow cities to retain a degree of local control and make a decision that best suits the needs of their constituents while still complying with CVRA.

The League applauds Governor Brown, Assembly Members Luis Alejo and Jim Cooper, as well as the wide range of stakeholders who came together on these measures — ensuring that cities are protected from serial litigants whose only motive is financial.

'Drone bills' Continued from Page 1...

In 2015, the Governor vetoed a bill similar to SB 807. He also vetoed SB 168 last year, which was also by Sen. Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado Hills). The Governor in his veto measure cited his objection to the fact that it created a new misdemeanor offense, which he did not believe to be necessary.

SB 807 created no new criminal offenses of any kind, and was limited in scope to local agency first responders once objections were raised that stage agencies did not need any greater expression of immunity in statute.

Under the California Constitution, cities are independent sovereign entities independent of the state. While cities have immunity under current law, it is not the same immunity that the state enjoys. Municipal immunity is more limited, and must be affirmatively raised in court as a defense, after cities have already been sued. Courts will recognize that immunity, but only after cities have incurred significant expense in defending themselves in litigation against what in this instance are lawsuits without merit.

SB 807 helps local governments by eliminating the requirement that they incur the expense of legal fees for litigation, in the narrow instance of lawsuits arising for damage to drones that were interfering with first responder operations. The immunity conferred on local government does not extend to any secondary damage that may arise once the drone comes down.

Governor Upholds Local Control of Parking Regulation with AB 2586 Veto

Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 30 vetoed AB 2586 (Gatto), a League-opposed measure, which would have limited cities' ability to regulate their own parking regulations.

If the bill had been signed, it would have:

- Required cities to make parking promptly available once street sweeping and other maintenance activities have been provided, creating confusion for city officials and residents alike in when drivers can actually park in a given space;
- Prohibited cities from contracting with so-called "bounty hunters" when contracting out for parking enforcement by prohibiting cities from providing incentives for parking enforcement to simply fulfill their end of the bargain of enforcing city parking laws; and
- Permanently prohibited cities from ticketing cars at broken meters, even in cases of suspected vandalism, despite city efforts to adopt such policies voluntarily and a lack of evidence to demonstrate cities ticketing cars at broken meters is a widespread problem.

City streets are an essential part of overall infrastructure and provide much more than parking for residents. Urban forestry, undergrounded utilities, stormwater ways, and other essential infrastructure are inextricably linked to city streets. While cities do their best to accommodate their residents parking needs, residents also expect their cities to deliver other essential services, such as tree trimming, garbage collection, and debris removal.

The Governor's Veto of AB 2586 helps return local control over parking regulations to where it belongs, with local government.

Governor Upholds Local Control of Taxi Regulation with AB 650 Veto

Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 28 vetoed AB 650 (Low), a League-opposed measure that would have limited city and county ability to impose taxicab regulations, and instead shift authority over taxi regulation to an unknown state agency. The Governor's veto of AB 650 provides an opportunity for affected stakeholders to take a more thorough and thoughtful approach to addressing the issues facing the for-hire transportation industry.

The Legislature approved AB 650 in the final hours of the legislative session without any meaningful input from the public and affected stakeholders in a veiled attempt to level the playing field between the taxicab and transportation network company industries. Instead of taking concrete measures to actually bring both industries under a similar regulatory structure, the final version of the bill simply froze a city or county's ability to properly administer taxicab regulations.

If the bill had been signed, cities and counties would have no longer been able to:

- Impose any new service charges, fees, or assessments on taxicab transportation services even if taxicab companies are newly introduced into those jurisdictions;
- Impose fees for taxi driver permits in excess of \$75 in perpetuity, regardless of inflation, with no consideration of existing constitutional restrictions on permit fees or the real cost for taxi program administration; and
- Impose any additional regulations to help ensure adequate levels of service to all areas within the jurisdiction for individuals covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, such as expansion or adoption of an ordinance similar to Los Angeles' requirement that 10 percent of its taxi fleet must be wheelchair accessible.

Cities throughout the state have been responsive to the challenges of the taxi industry by easing restrictions or creating uniform regulations. From waiving registration fees, to consolidating taxicab regulation to a regional entity, cities have been proactively trying to assist in addressing those challenges, while upholding proper safety measures.

League of California Cities® Health Benefits Marketplace™ Booth at Annual Conference

Be sure to stop by the League's Health Benefits Marketplace (HBM) booth number 629 during the 2016 Annual Conference & Expo, Oct. 5–7, to discover the health care and OPEB solutions available to cities for their active employees and retirees coverage.

Launched on Aug. 1, 2016, the HBM is the League's health care platform designed to help cities address escalating OPEB liabilities while at the same time offer a greater flexibility in health care coverage to active employees and retirees. In addition to medical insurance coverage, valuable Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance services, a wellness program along with ID Protection, life, dental, disability and pet insurance are through the HBM.

Visit booth number 629 during the annual conference to meet the League's HBM consultant Barry Eyre with Diversified Benefit Strategies. He will be joined by representatives from Connecture, Willis Towers Watson, Accord Systems and WellRight, which are partnering with the League to provide the active employee, retiree, ACA compliance and wellness program solutions respectively. This is a convenient opportunity to discover how the HBM's flexible solutions can offer solutions to meet your city's particular needs.

About the League's Health Benefits Marketplace

This League-sponsored marketplace is a consumer-driven platform that gives options to active employees and retirees, letting them select healthcare coverage that best suits their needs. Cities can choose from a variety of plan options from the best carriers in the state to offer their active employees, including HMO, PPO and consumer-directed plans. To reduce OPEB liabilities (along with implied subsidies to retirees), cities can transition their retirees to the individual market.

Eligible retirees also are able to maximize their coverage under the federal Medicare program, helping lower costs for their former employer and themselves.

For additional information on the Health Benefits Marketplace visit www.cacities.org/HBM or contact [Norman Coppinger](#) with the League at (916) 658-8277. To obtain a quote or receive an analysis on OPEB liability reduction, cities or their broker should contact [Barry Eyer](#) with Diversified Benefit Strategies.

Submit Proposals Now for the 2017 Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum *Deadline to Submit is Oct. 31*

The League of California Cities® is now accepting session proposals for the 2017 Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum taking place June 28–29 in Monterey.

This two-day conference is for California mayors and council members of all tenures and focuses on current issues and timely topics that will assist officials in their daily roles and operations within their city.

Submit proposals through the [online proposal form](#) by Monday, Oct. 31 to be considered by the Executive Forum Program Planning Committee. There are a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. It is recommended that proposals are written in a word-processing program first, then paste the final version into the online form.

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

If you have any question about this event, please contact [Caitlin Cole](#), conference program manager at (916) 658-8248.

Visit the [Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum](#) webpage for additional information.

League Submits Comments on Final Workshop on Development of the 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) concluded the comment period for the final workshop to assist with the development of the Draft 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update. The League provided [comments](#) on a wide-range of issues including local land use authority, vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and infill development. City officials are encouraged to review the [Workshop Presentation](#), [Land Use White Paper](#), and the [Potential VMT Measures](#) document. These documents and the final 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update could negatively impact local land use authority.

Under existing law, the Scoping Plan must be updated at least every five years. The most recent update was issued in 2014. ARB initiated the current Scoping Plan Update in order to comply with [Executive Order B-30-15](#), which required the Scoping Plan to be updated to reflect the midterm greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. Gov. Jerry Brown signed SB 32 (Pavley) earlier this year to codify the executive order.

Important Next Steps

ARB will release the Draft 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update this fall. The public comment period will commence at that time. The League will closely review the document and provide extensive comments. We recommend cities take action as well.

Regional workshops hosted by ARB will begin in winter 2016 and spring 2017. Workshops are being planned for the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Central Valley.

The final 2030 Target Scoping Plan Updated will be presented to ARB in spring 2017.

The League will continue to provide additional information once the Draft 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update is released and the workshops are scheduled.

Clovis Council Member Harry Armstrong Retires after 46 Years in Office

Former League President and Clovis City Council Member Harry Armstrong will retire on Oct. 17 after 46 years in office. That date will be Council Member Armstrong's last city council meeting, making him one of, if not the, longest serving elected city official in California.

The League last September recognized Council Member Armstrong for his decades of service to California cities during the organization's Annual Conference & Expo. His involvement in the Clovis city government dates back to 1966 when he was appointed to the Clovis Planning Commission. First elected to the Clovis City Council in 1970, he has been re-elected 11 times and has served his city as mayor five times.

Council Member Armstrong stepped down from the League of California Cities board of directors in September 2015, after having served a combined total of 27 years on the board. He has been a member of the League's Transportation, Communications and Public Works Policy Committee since 1984, and active in the South San Joaquin Valley Division.

League Executive Director Chris McKenzie honored Council Member Armstrong for his dedication, leadership and service to the League. "Harry's dedication to the cities of California is unsurpassed. He has brought incredible integrity and focus to his decades of service not only on the Clovis City Council but to the League of California Cities and all the other local government related organizations and agencies he has served," said McKenzie. "The League of California Cities is eternally grateful for Harry's 27 years of service on to our South San Joaquin Valley Division, our Transportation, Communications and Public Works Policy Committee, and countless task forces on important policy issues for cities."

Transportation and water have been his passion. Council Member Armstrong served as chair of the Fresno County Transportation Authority for 22 years, as well as chair of the Fresno County Water Advisory Board for 13 years, and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies for 21 years. In addition, he was instrumental in getting Freeways 180 East and 168 built.

Councilmember Armstrong has received numerous awards including the Rose Ann Vuich Ethical Leadership Award, League of California Cities' Award for Service and Contributions to the Board of Directors, 2015 Fresno Council of Governments Regional Forum — Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence, Leadership & Commitment; he was inducted into the Clovis Hall of Fame in 2010, and was named the Grand Marshal of the Clovis Rodeo Association in 2015. The upcoming City of Clovis transit system hub will be named the William "Harry" Armstrong Transit Center.

Mayor Nathan Magsig stated: "Harry Armstrong has been a guiding force in Clovis for 50 years. No one person has had more of a positive impact on Clovis than Harry Armstrong. Clovis is today, and has been, the safest city in the Central Valley. It is a city of choice for young families. It is a community that is recognized nationally for excellence. Harry Armstrong has been a major part of making Clovis what it is for over 50 years, including serving on the Planning Commission. He has seen the community grow from a small farm town to a community with vast business, educational and recreational opportunities. Harry Armstrong has dedicated most of his life to bringing excellence to Clovis. This is a debt that can never be repaid."

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Governor's Action on League Priority Bills Mostly Positive

Governor Signs 25 of League's 31 Requested Signatures; Vetoes 7 of 11 Requests

Gov. Jerry Brown finished his work on Friday signing and vetoing legislation sent to him by the Legislature in 2016. Overall the news was mostly positive for cities, with the Governor agreeing with the League's position 76 percent of the time. *For more, see Page 2.*



Governor Signs Legislation Expanding State Regulation over Medical Marijuana

Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 29 signed AB 2679 (Cooley), expanding the universe of state regulation on medical marijuana. This League-supported legislation is helpful as it addresses instances in which local governments have approved certain manufacturing activities, only to have them shut down by law enforcement. *For more, see Page 6.*

Major positives for the League this year were his signature on several bills helping improve implementation and reduce legal costs associated with implementation of the Voting Rights Act, including AB 2220 (Cooper) and AB 350 (Alejo); helpful economic development bills AB 2492 (Alejo and E. Garcia) and AB 806 (Dodd and Frazier). He also vetoed numerous bills that would have undermined local authority with parking in AB 2586 (Gatto), and taxis in AB 650 (Low), and other measures proposing to expand worker's compensation benefits. Disappointments included the Governor's signature on SB 1069 (Wieckowski) which restricts a local agency's ability to impose requirements on second units (now named "accessory dwelling units") and AB 626 (Chiu) regarding construction claim resolution processes.

The following is a list of bills on which the League asked the Governor to either sign or veto with the Governor's action listed. For more information on legislative language, the League's position letters and sample position letters for cities, please enter bill number in the League's bill search.

Requested Signature

AB 350 (Alejo) California Voting Rights Act: Notice and Cure

Governor's Action: Signed

Provides a 'notice and cure' provision for cities who are being sued under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). This measure would give cities 135 days to switch to district-based elections through the ordinance process without the fear of soaring legal fees.

AB 723 (Chiu) Housing: Finance

Governor's Action: Signed

Makes helpful changes to rules governing the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for small, "non-entitlement" cities, and expands eligibility requirements for affordable housing development loans awarded by the California Housing and Finance Agency.

AB 806 (Dodd and Frazier) Economic Development

Governor's Action: Signed

Clarifies loan, lease and sale agreements and property acquisition are included in the range of options a community may employ to advance economic development. Provides additional flexibility for local agencies to acquire and dispose of properties to create economic opportunities.

AB 1244 (Gray) Workers Compensation: Fraud

Governor's Action: Signed

Creates a suspension process for medical providers who commit serious crimes or are involved in fraudulent activity that is modeled after the suspension process for Medi-Cal. Currently, there is no suspension process for medical providers in the workers' compensation system beyond removal from the Qualified Medical Examiner list. This bill should decrease fraud in the workers' compensation system, thereby reducing costs to employers.

AB 1276 (Santiago) Child Witnesses: Human Trafficking

Governor's Action: Signed

Allows a minor age 15 or younger who is a victim of human trafficking to testify in court by means of closed-circuit television in criminal proceedings, if a court finds:

- Open court testimony would cause severe emotional distress;
- Defendant has issued threats of serious bodily injury against the minor or his/her family;
- Defendant caused great bodily injury to the minor during the commission of the offense;
- Defendant or his counsel behaved in a way that prevented completion of minor's testimony during a hearing or trial; and
- Defendant used a deadly weapon during the commission of the offense.

AB 1592 (Bonilla) Autonomous vehicles: pilot project

Governor's Action: Signed

Allows the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to conduct a pilot project to test the full range of autonomous vehicle technology, including vehicles without a steering wheel, gas/brake pedal, or driver.

AB 1719 (Rodriguez) CPR Training

Governor's Action: Signed

Requires school districts and charter schools that require a course in health education as a prerequisite to graduation from high school, to include within the curriculum instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

AB 1787 (Gomez) Local Government Translation Services

Governor's Action: Signed

Requires, for agencies that have a time limit on public comment, the legislative body to provide at least twice the allotted time to a member of the public who utilizes a translator to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the legislative body, unless simultaneous translation equipment is used to allow the body to hear the translated public testimony simultaneously.

AB 1789 (Santiago) Personal Income Taxes: Voluntary Contributions: School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund

Governor's Action: Signed

Extends the voluntary tax contributions to the School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund until January 2022 or until the contribution by taxpayers does not meet the \$250,000 contribution amount.

AB 1952 (Gordon) Property Tax Postponement Program

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Makes several modifications to assist with the implementation of the recently reestablished Property Tax Postponement, a state loan program operated by the State Controller to help lower income seniors and disabled persons stay in their homes and reduce their risk of default and delinquency.

HOT AB 2220 (Cooper) District-Based Elections

Governor's Action: Signed

This is a simple expansion of SB 493 (Cannella, 2015) which will allow cities with a population threshold over 100K to switch to districts via the ordinance process versus the ballot process. Ballot initiatives are costly and do not insulate a city from CVRA litigation if the measure fails.

AB 2269 (Waldron) Animal Shelters

Governor's Action: Signed

Prohibits the sale or transfer of live animals from pounds and animal shelters to any animal dealer or research facility for purposes of research or experimentation.

AB 2406 (Thurmond) Junior Accessory Dwelling Units

Governor's Action: Signed

Allows a local agency to create an ordinance for junior accessory dwelling units (JADU) in single-family residential zones. JADUs are units that are no more than 500 square feet in size and contained entirely within a single-family residence. The unit may include separate sanitation facilities or may share the facilities with the existing structure.

AB 2491 (Nazarian) Vehicles: Stopping, Standing, and Parking

Governor's Action: Signed

Authorizes local governments to adopt an ordinance that prohibits a person from stopping, parking, or leaving a vehicle parked within 15 feet of driveways used by emergency vehicles to enter or exit a police station, ambulance service facility, or general acute care hospital.

AB 2492 (Alejo and E. Garcia) Cleanup to CRIA Law

Governor's Action: Signed

Includes helpful changes for implementation of last year's AB 2 Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs):

- Clarifies calculation of crime and unemployment data.
- Allows use of countywide and citywide income data.
- Allows access to financing options provided to EIFD's.
- Facilitates disadvantaged communities' use of the tool.

AB 2594 (Gordon) Stormwater Resources

Governor's Action: Signed

Clarifies that a public entity that captures stormwater, in accordance with a stormwater resource plan, before the water reaches a natural channel, may use the captured water.

AB 2679 (Cooley) Medical Marijuana: Regulation: Research

Governor's Action: Signed

Expands authorized research activities of the University of California's Marijuana Research Program to include motor skills. Provides interim guidance for what manufacturing processes are legal for marijuana-derived products under the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, including legal forms of butane extraction. Sunsets once the state begins issuing manufacturing licenses.

AB 2693 (Dababneh) Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

Governor's Action: Signed

Enhances existing consumer protections and disclosures associated with the PACE program.

AB 2722 (Burke) Transformative Climate Communities Program

Governor's Action: Signed

Creates the Transformative Climate Communities Program to award competitive grants to develop and implement neighborhood-level climate community plans that include greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities.

AB 2724 (Gatto) Unmanned Aircraft/Drones

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Requires drone manufacturers to provide information for online access to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Safety regulations and the FAA registration requirement in their product packaging. Requires drone owners to procure liability insurance in an amount determined by the Department of Insurance.

AB 2728 (Atkins) California Organized Investment Network (COIN)

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Extends the sunset date on the COIN tax credit program to Jan. 1, 2018. Includes language that expands the definition of a "community development investment" to include reservation-based and rural communities (either up to 10,000, or up to 20,000 population, as defined).

AB 2821 (Chiu) Housing for a Healthy California Program

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Requires HCD to establish the Housing for a Healthy California Program, which would fund competitive grants to pay for interim and long-term rental assistance for homeless Medi-Cal recipients. Establishes criteria for an applicant to be eligible for a grant, including having identified a source of funding for housing transition services and tenancy sustaining services.

AB 2853 (Gatto) Public Records Internet Reports

Governor's Action: Signed

Allows a public agency to comply with certain disclosure requirements under the California Public Records Act by posting any public record on its internet website and, in response to a request for a public record posted on the internet website, directing a member of the public to the location on the internet website where the public record is posted.

SB 441 (Wolk) Public Records Act: Exemptions

Governor's Action: Signed

Exempts from disclosure any identification number, alphanumeric character, or other unique identifying code used by a public agency to identify a vendor or contractor, or an affiliate of a vendor or contractor, unless the identification number, alphanumeric character, or other unique identifying code is used in a public bidding or an audit involving the public agency.

SB 807 (Gaines) Unmanned Aircraft: Local Agency Immunity

Governor's Action: Signed

Provides stronger immunity for local agency first responders who damage or destroy a drone that interferes with their emergency operations.

SB 817 (Roth) Property Tax Allocation: Recently Incorporated Cities

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Assists four recently incorporated cities in Riverside County which were severely harmed in 2011 when the state swept all remaining shares of city vehicle license fee (VLF) revenues. These lost revenues would be replaced with shares of property tax in the same manner that all existing cities (under the 2004 VLF-property tax swap) received property tax to offset lost shares of the VLF. In short, these cities will be treated equally with all others.

SB 866 (Roth) Veterans Housing

Governor's Action: Signed

Allows Proposition 41 bond funding to be used to create supportive housing for female veterans and their children who have suffered sexual abuse.

SB 1046 (Hill) Ignition Interlock Devices

Governor's Action: Signed

Expands an existing four-county ignition interlock device program to be statewide in scope. Requires persons convicted of Driving Under the Influence offenses to install and maintain an Ignition Interlock Device, i.e. a breathalyzer, on their motor vehicle in order to obtain a restricted driver's license, or to have a driver's license reinstated.

SB 1108 (Allen) Local Redistricting Commissions

Governor's Action: Signed

Allows a general law city to establish their own citizen redistricting commission. Currently, charter cities already have that authority.

SB 1221 (Hertzberg) Firefighters: Interaction with Mentally Disabled

Governor's Action: Signed

Authorizes the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to make its coursework on assessing, interacting with, and providing assistance to mentally disabled persons available to firefighters and fire departments.

SB 1288 (Leno) Rank Choice Voting

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Allows a general law city to change their voting methodology to rank choice voting but must be done through the vote of the people. Currently, charter cities already have that authority.

Request for Veto

HOT AB 626 (Chiu) Public contracts: claim resolution

Governor's Action: Signed

Establishes a claims resolution process that would require local governments to respond to every claim for disputed payment amounts from a contractor within 45 days; pay undisputed amounts within 60 days; meet and confer if claimant continues to dispute payment amounts or if the agency fails to respond to a claim; and force mediation when meet and confers don't resolve disputes.

AB 650 (Low) Taxicab Transportation Services

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Makes preemptory changes in anticipation of the expected reorganization of the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) that would remove transportation companies from the PUC's regulatory authority. Except for the city and county of San Francisco, will limit city/county service fees, cap taxi driver permit fees at \$75, and prevent expansion or adoption of ordinances that help ensure adequate levels of disability access if those policies were not in place by July 1, 2016. Cities and counties would still have to perform all other regulatory functions that are required of them, such as background checks and drug and alcohol testing, until the PUC is reorganized.

AB 779 (C. Garcia) Local Government Compensation Reports

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Creates a duplicative compensation report that must be posted to an agencies' website for each elected official. Compensation is broken down into: salary; overtime; unused vacation; stipends; pension; retirement and health premium contributions; automobile, phone and technology allowances.

HOT AB 1217 (Daly) Orange County Fire Authority

Governor's Action: Signed

Establishes a legal precedent of state interference in the governance of local joint powers authorities by codifying a rule that members of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors cannot appoint alternates.

AB 1505 (Hernández) Statute of Limitations: Public Contracts

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Increases the statutes of limitations on competitive bidding violations, specifically Public Contract Code Section 20163, that prohibits local governments from breaking up public works projects into smaller projects for purposes of evading competitive bidding requirements.

AB 1643 (Gonzalez) Workers Compensation: Apportionment

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Eliminates the 'apportionment' process for certain non-industrial work injuries. Apportionment is a key cost controller in the workers compensation system.

AB 1669 (Hernández) Displaced Employees: Service Contracts: Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste

Governor's Action: Signed

Requires local governments to give a 10 percent bidding preference to solid waste collection and transportation services contractors that agree to retain the employees from the previous such contractor for up to 90 days.

HOT AB 2586 (Gatto) Parking

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Permanently deletes the Jan. 1, 2017 sunset on AB 61 (Gatto, Chapter 71, 2013), which prohibits cities from ticketing cars at broken meters. Also requires that cities make parking promptly available once street sweeping and other maintenance activities have been provided and prohibits cities from providing incentives when contracting out for private parking enforcement

SB 654 (Jackson) Parental Leave

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Expands the current California Family Rights Act (CFRA) to public and private entities of 20 employees or more. Current law mandates CFRA applies to employers of 50 or more.

HOT SB 897 (Roth) Workers Compensation: '4850' Time Expansion

Governor's Action: Vetoed

Expands '4850' time for an additional year for first responders who suffer a catastrophic injury at the hands of another. Definitions within the bill will expand the applicability of the new law to allow for increased abuse of '4850' time.

HOT SB 1069 (Wieckowski) Land Use: Zoning

Governor's Action: Signed

Restricts a local agency's ability to impose requirements on second units (renamed "accessory dwelling units" or ADUs). Prohibits local agencies from imposing parking standards on units that are within one half mile of public transit, located within an architecturally and historically significant district, or when there is a car share vehicle within one block; among other conditions. Also places confusing restrictions on the water/sewer connection and capacity fees.

AB 2679 provides critical state guidance as to what manufacturing processes are legal for marijuana-derived products under the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, including legal forms of butane extraction, in the interim period between now and the time more detailed state regulations are developed to govern this activity. It provides that its manufacturing provisions will expire one year after the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation posts a notice on its website announcing that state licensing authorities have begun issuing licenses. In addition, AB 2679 authorizes the research activities of the University of California's Marijuana Research Program to include motor skills.

This bill went to the Governor's office with the support of the League and Police Chiefs Association, which worked with industry to develop the detailed language in the bill, then vetted it with the Fire Chiefs Association to ensure they were at least neutral.
