

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
September 22, 2022

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. LETTER OF SUPPORT - SB 1238 (EGGMAN)

A copy of support from Mayor Jones for SB 1238 - Behavioral health services: existing and projected needs.

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

A. Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) notice of request to increase rates for the hydrogen blending demonstration project.

B. California Department of Food & Agriculture: Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) Fact Sheet and Quarantine Boundaries.

• OTHER ITEMS

- **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

- **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Items of interest are included.



Maria Stipe
Assistant City Manager



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

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Kim Bernice Nguyen
Council Member - District 6

September 1, 2022

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT: SB 1238 – Behavioral health services: existing and projected needs.

Honorable Governor Newsom,

The City of Garden Grove is pleased to offer its support for Senate Bill 1238 by Senator Eggman. SB 1238 would require the Department of Health Care Services, beginning January 1, 2024, and at least every five years thereafter, to conduct a review of and prepare a report regarding current and projected behavioral health care infrastructure and service needs in each region of the state. Data collection and sharing would be instrumental in understanding whether behavioral health services and infrastructure meet community needs and allow for effective planning for the future. Access to consistent, robust data statewide is the key to a health care system that is modern and evidence-based. ACC-OC recommends that these reports be made more frequently than once every five years to ensure the appropriate application of collected data in a timely manner.

For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove supports SB 1238 and urges you to sign this bill into law. Should you have any questions about our position please contact Shawn Park, Senior Management Analyst, at shawnp@ggcity.org or 714-741-5371.

Sincerely,

Steve Jones
Mayor

c: Tony Cardenas, League of California Cities, (TCardenas@cacities.org)
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, (cityletters@calcities.org)
Lauren Kline, ACCOC, (lkline@accoc.org)

Esté es un anuncio de que sus tarifas pueden cambiar. Para más detalles en español llame al
 1-800-342-4545.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (SOCALGAS) NOTICE OF REQUEST
 TO INCREASE RATES FOR THE HYDROGEN BLENDING DEMONSTRATION
 PROJECT
 APPLICATION NO. A.22-09-006**

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

On September 8, 2022, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) filed a Joint Application (A.22-09-006) to Establish Hydrogen Blending Demonstration Projects with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of the application, SoCalGas is requesting a total of \$15.3 million in forecasted revenue requirement: \$3.2 million in 2023, \$8.3 million in 2024, \$1.0 million in 2025, \$2.5 million in 2026, and \$0.3 million in 2027.

If the CPUC approves this application, SoCalGas will recover forecasted costs in gas rates over a 5 year period beginning after approval of the application. This will impact your monthly bill.

WHY IS SOCALGAS REQUESTING THIS RATE INCREASE?

SoCalGas is committed to helping its customers safely and affordably meet the state’s decarbonization goals. As such, SoCalGas is requesting authorization to establish a hydrogen blending demonstration project that will help inform on a safe hydrogen standard to support the potential and phased integration of hydrogen into the existing natural gas system. The application covers costs associated with planning and implementing the blending project.

HOW COULD THIS AFFECT MY MONTHLY GAS BILL?

If SoCalGas’s rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average Non-CARE residential monthly bill using 36 therms per month would increase by approximately \$0.03 or 0.05% per month in 2024. The proposed average rates shown below are for 2024, the highest revenue requirement year.

Transportation	03/01/2022 Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	% Increase
<i>Residential Non-CARE class average bill \$/month</i>	\$59.84	\$59.87	\$0.03	0.05%

Customer Classification	Current Average Rates	Proposed Average Rates	% Increase	Rate Change (in cents/dollars)
Residential ¢/th	109.046 ¢	109.124 ¢	0.1%	0.078 ¢
Commercial ¢/th	63.128 ¢	63.213 ¢	0.1%	0.085 ¢
Natural Gas Vehicles ¢/th	35.409 ¢	35.578 ¢	0.5%	0.170 ¢
Large Industrial (distribution level service) ¢/th	18.162 ¢	18.252 ¢	0.5%	0.089 ¢
Large Industrial (transmission level service) ¢/th	3.353 ¢	3.532 ¢	5.3%	0.179 ¢
Backbone Transmission Service ¢/dth/day	36.798 ¢	36.798 ¢	0.0%	0.000 ¢
System Total ¢/th	43.217 ¢	43.341 ¢	0.3%	0.123 ¢

HOW DOES THE REST OF THIS PROCESS WORK?

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

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

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Contact SoCalGas

Email: msilva@socalgas.com

Mail: Megan Silva
Regulatory Business Manager for SoCalGas
555 W. 5th Street GT14D6, Los Angeles, CA 90013

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at <https://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/cpuc>

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2209006 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

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

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

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

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

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

Please reference **Application A.22-09-006** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

- The Oriental fruit fly (OFF) is an invasive pest that attacks over 230 crops: including citrus and other fruits, nuts, vegetables and berries. The short life cycle of the OFF allows rapid development of serious outbreaks, which can cause severe economic losses. Heavy infestations can cause complete losses of crops.
- A great number of crops in California are threatened by the introduction of this pest: including apple, apricot, avocado, bell pepper, fig, grape, grapefruit, lemon, lime, melons, nectarine, orange, peach, pear, persimmon, plum, pomegranate, tangerine, tomato and walnut. In California, the combined 2015 gross value of the commercial hosts potentially affected was over \$16.4 billion.
- Establishment of these flies would cause direct economic losses via damaged fruit, increased pesticide use statewide by commercial and residential growers in efforts to lessen this damage, loss of revenue due to export restrictions on fruit both domestically and internationally, and adverse impacts on native plants through the destruction of their fruit.
- OFF is widespread through much of the mainland of southern Asia and on neighboring islands.
- OFF was first recorded in Hawaii in 1946, and it now attacks nearly every commercial fruit crop grown there except pineapples.
- OFF was first found in California in 1960 and has been reintroduced every year since 1966 through the movement of infested fruits and vegetables into the state. Numerous eradication efforts undertaken by CDFA and USDA over the years have prevented these introductions from becoming permanently established.

LIFE CYCLE

- Female OFF lay eggs in groups of 3 to 30 under the skin of host fruits. A single female can lay more than 1,000 eggs in her lifetime. Maggots tunnel through the fruit, feeding on the pulp. They shed their skins twice and emerge through exit holes in approximately 10 days. The larvae drop from the fruit and burrow two to three cm into the soil to pupate. In 10 to 12 days, the adults emerge. The newly emerged adult females need 8 to 12 days to mature sexually prior to egg laying. With an advanced infestation, breeding is continuous, with several annual generations. Adults live 90 days on the average and feed on honeydew, decaying fruit, plant nectar, bird dung and other substances. The adult is a strong flyer, recorded to travel 30 miles in search of food and sites to lay eggs. This ability allows the fly to infest new areas very quickly.

ERADICATION PROGRAM

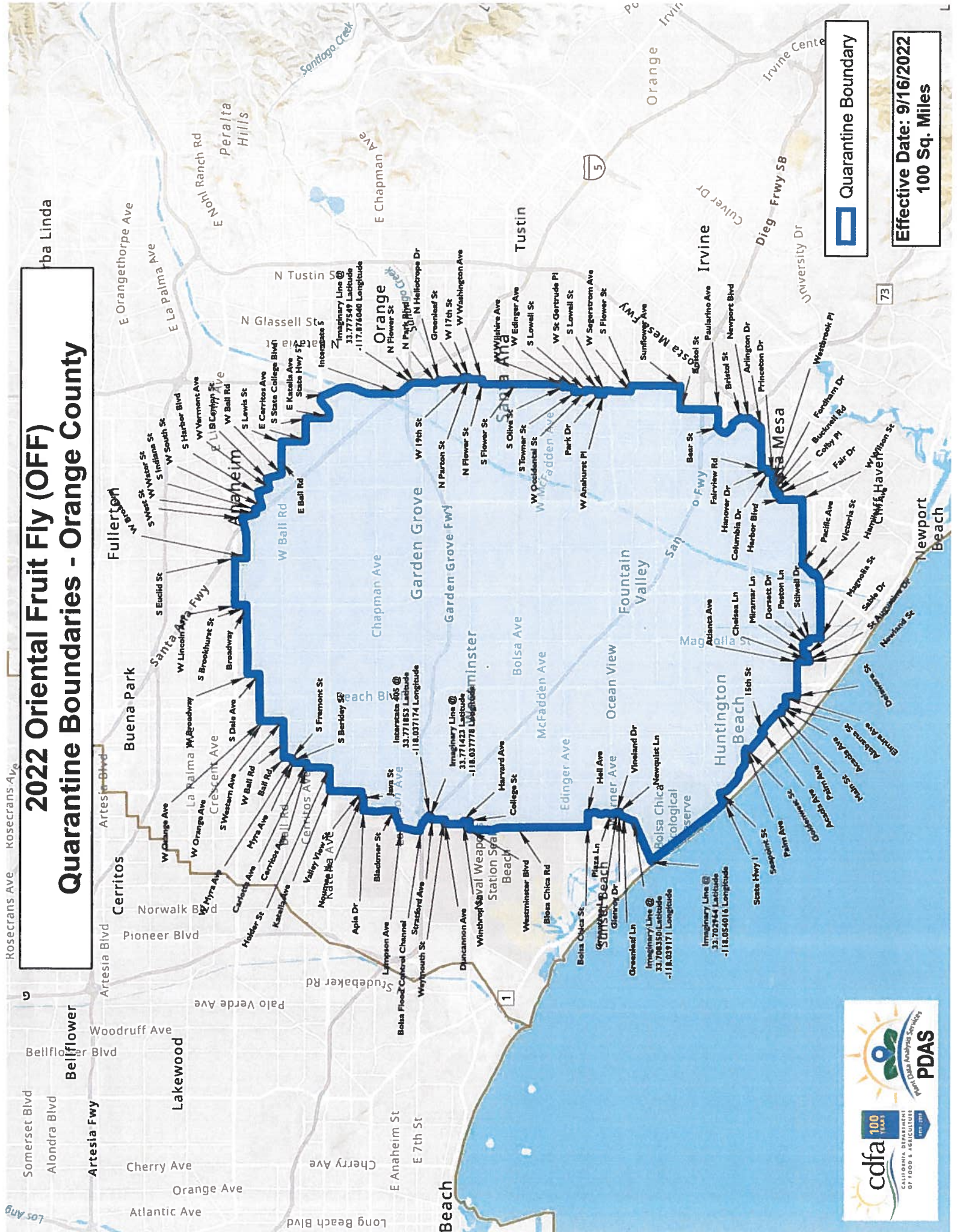
- Protecting California's environment from invasive species is the goal, and eradication via male attractant technique is the strategy.
 - Male attractant technique (MAT) is the standard treatment technique for OFF. MAT is conducted in a 1.5-mile radius from each fly find site for a minimum of 9-square-miles.
 - Approximately 600 small, gel-like "bait stations" per square mile are applied to utility poles and street trees at a height of six to eight feet. The technique is repeated every two weeks for a minimum of four applications, or one to two life cycles, depending on the severity of the infestation.
 - These bait stations contain a male attractant (methyl eugenol) that is mixed with a small amount of the pesticide Spinosad. The bait stations will attract the male fruit flies looking for an opportunity to breed. The females go unmated and no offspring are produced, effectively causing eradication of the population.
 - MAT is specific for this group of flies and will not harm other insects such as bees or butterflies.
 - If larvae, mated females, or numerous males are detected, additional ground treatments may be required to mitigate the spread of OFF. In this case, host trees and plants within a 200-meter radius of the find site are treated with a handheld hose that consists of an organic formulation of Spinosad and protein bait.

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

CDFA - www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps
CDFA Pest Hotline: 800-491-1899
APHIS/USDA - www.aphis.usda.gov



2022 Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) Quarantine Boundaries - Orange County



 Quarantine Boundary

Effective Date: 9/16/2022
100 Sq. Miles

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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

September 15, 2022 - September 21, 2022

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

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Wed 9/21/2022 8:33 am PDT

🍔 Garden Grove's got char! 🔥 Local #charburger lovers are in luck! #TheHabit Garden Grove is now open! Come get yo...



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



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Wed 9/21/2022 8:21 am PDT

@HABITBURGERGRILL



Impressions	353
Reach	335
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	10



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Tue 9/20/2022 1:48 pm PDT

@LORIKY 5K+ FOLLOWERS GIVEAWAY



Impressions	423
Reach	400
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	3



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Tue 9/20/2022 1:40 pm PDT

🎉 Congratulations to @lorikey for winning the 5K+ followers giveaway! She took home a kitchen pail to collect...



Impressions	1,342
Reach	1,256
Engagements	62
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.6%



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Tue 9/20/2022 1:27 pm PDT

!?! #DIY One in three elderly adults experience a fall each year, with falls being the leading cause of injury. This...



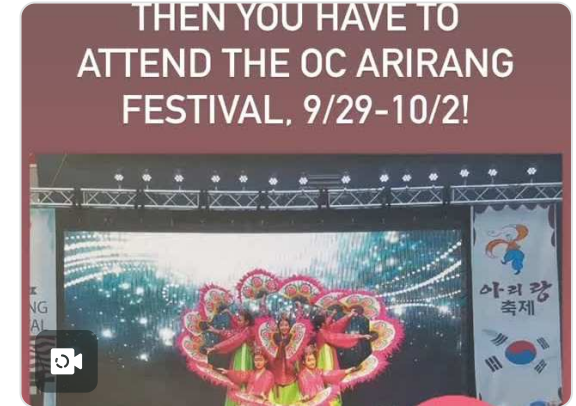
Impressions	208
Reach	208
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.5%



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Mon 9/19/2022 12:00 pm PDT

DO YOU LOVE KOREAN-AMERICAN FOOD, K-POP?! THEN YOU HAVE TO ATTEND THE OC ARIRANG FESTIVAL, 9/29-10/2!



Impressions	563
Reach	548
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	24



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Mon 9/19/2022 11:58 am PDT

OC Arirang Festival The community is invited to attend the #OrangeCounty Arirang Festival, a Korean-American...



Impressions	912
Reach	870
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%



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Mon 9/19/2022 11:56 am PDT

OC Arirang Festival The community is invited to attend the #OrangeCounty Arirang Festival, a Korean-American...



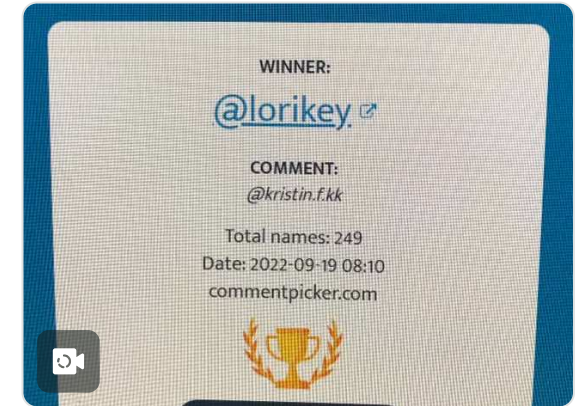
Impressions	2,303
Reach	2,303
Engagements	69
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%



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Mon 9/19/2022 8:37 am PDT

@LORIKEY



Impressions	486
Reach	466
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	26



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Mon 9/19/2022 8:35 am PDT

AND THE WINNER IS ...



Impressions	553
Reach	537
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	8



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Fri 9/16/2022 3:18 pm PDT



Impressions	460
Reach	456
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	15



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Fri 9/16/2022 3:17 pm PDT

🌱 #HispanicHeritageMonth is a special time for us to honor the rich history and vast contributions Hispanic and Latin...



Impressions	731
Reach	682
Engagements	29
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4%



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Fri 9/16/2022 3:15 pm PDT

🌿 #HispanicHeritageMonth is a special time for us to honor the rich history and vast contributions Hispanic and Latin...



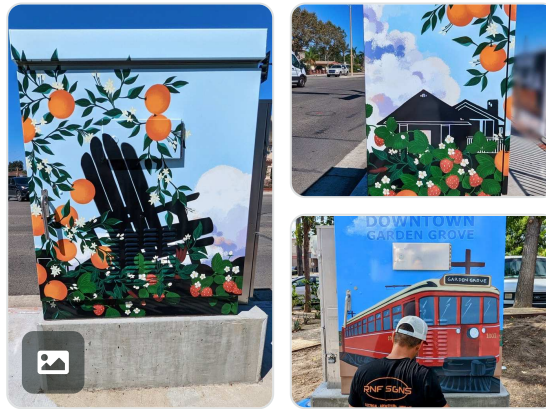
Impressions	887
Reach	858
Engagements	27
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 9/16/2022 11:34 am PDT

🍊 Our Civic Center area is looking colorful! Two utility boxes, at the corner of 9th St & Garden Grove Blvd & corner of Garden...



Impressions	237
Potential Reach	4,620
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.4%



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Fri 9/16/2022 11:27 am PDT





Impressions	401
Reach	392
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	28

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 Fri 9/16/2022 11:27 am PDT



Impressions	428
Reach	418
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	75

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 Fri 9/16/2022 11:25 am PDT

🍊 Our Civic Center area is looking colorful! Two utility boxes, located at the corner of 9th Street and Garden Grove...



Impressions	1,633
Reach	1,232
Engagements	124
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.6%

  **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Fri 9/16/2022 11:06 am PDT

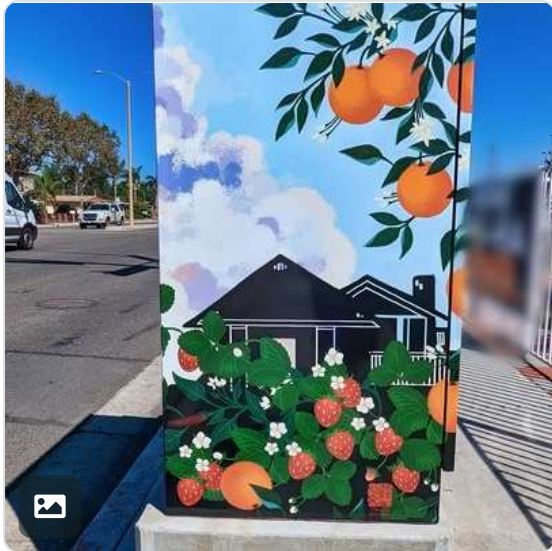


Impressions	4,927
Reach	4,150
Engagements	375
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 9/16/2022 11:06 am PDT



Impressions	4,927
Reach	4,150
Engagements	375
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 9/16/2022 11:06 am PDT

🍊 Our Civic Center area is looking colorful! Two utility boxes, located at the corner of 9th Street and Garden Grove...



Impressions	5,695
Reach	4,551
Engagements	400
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7%



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Fri 9/16/2022 8:32 am PDT

@caltransoc



Impressions	449
Reach	430
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	38



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 9/16/2022 8:21 am PDT

🚗 Are you a regular commuter of the SR-22? If so, these upcoming closures may impact your travel... [@CaltransOC](#) In...



Impressions	645
Potential Reach	6,269
Engagements	31
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.8%



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Fri 9/16/2022 8:11 am PDT

🚗 Are you a regular commuter of the #GardenGrove Freeway (SR-22)? If so, these upcoming closures may impact yo...



Impressions	1,992
Reach	1,910
Engagements	47
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%




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Fri 9/16/2022 7:40 am PDT


One lucky follower will win a kitchen pail to collect organic waste, as part of the Organics Recycling program. PM





Impressions	445
Reach	425
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	15


G  **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 9/15/2022 4:27 pm PDT

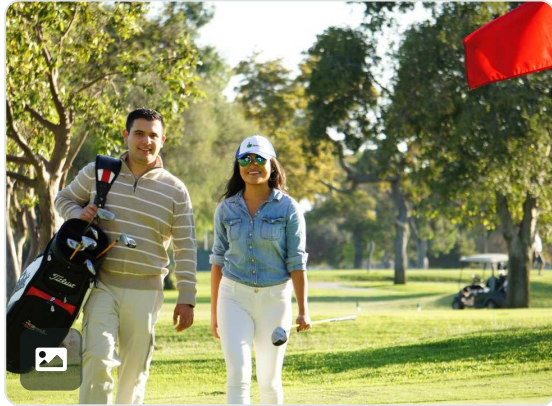
@foodsofgardengrove





Impressions	397
Reach	377
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	21


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Thu 9/15/2022 4:25 pm PDT


 It's tee time, #GardenGrove! Join the @gg_chamber and Garden Grove Community Foundation at the annual...




Impressions	935
Reach	852
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%


  **Garden Grove City Hall**
Thu 9/15/2022 4:22 pm PDT

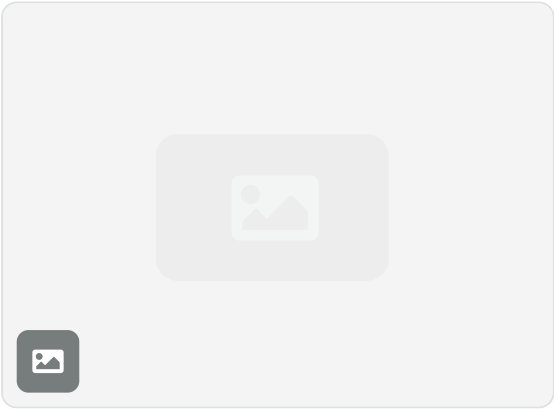
 It's tee time, #GardenGrove! Join the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and Garden Grove Community Foundation at...




Impressions	2,981
Reach	2,784
Engagements	83
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Thu 9/15/2022 4:17 pm PDT


 It's tee time, #GardenGrove! Join the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and Garden Grove Community Foundation at...



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

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 9/15/2022 7:31 am PDT

One lucky follower will win a kitchen pail to collect organic waste, as part of the Organics Recycling program, and other...



Impressions	424
Reach	404
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	12



Post Performance

September 15, 2022 - September 21, 2022

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 9/21/2022 6:01 pm PDT

Please join us next Tuesday, September 27, 2022 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM for the monthly Safety Event, at Kopan Ramen...



Impressions	958
Reach	958
Engagements	72
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 9/21/2022 6:01 pm PDT



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




Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 9/21/2022 12:30 pm PDT


Last night, September 20, 2022 at 8:49 PM, #GardenGrovePD Officers responded to the 13000 block of Garden Grove Blvd...



Impressions	4,630
Reach	4,578
Engagements	588
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.7%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Tue 9/20/2022 12:00 pm PDT


Are you interested in a career in law enforcement, but too young to be an officer? Our #cadet program is just for...



Impressions	903
Reach	895
Engagements	90
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Mon 9/19/2022 3:30 pm PDT

Last night, September 18, 2022 at 10:33 PM, as #GardenGrovePD Officers were conducting citywide enforcement of...



Impressions	13,737
Reach	13,340
Engagements	2,068
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.1%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Thu 9/15/2022 12:02 pm PDT

#SaveTheDate and join us for our upcoming #CoffeeWithACop Event on October 5, 2022 from 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM...



Impressions	2,150
Reach	2,003
Engagements	121
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%

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NEWS ARTICLES

Cocaine case is “wrapped” up

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



GARDEN GROVE police they seized five bags of cocaine during traffic staff Sunday night (GGPD photo).

This was a particularly easy case for police to “wrap up.”

On Sunday night at 10:33 p.m. Garden Grove officers were conducting citywide enforcement of reckless driving and street racing laws when they spotted a truck doing “burnouts” on Katella Avenue.

A traffic stop was initiated and when officers searched the vehicle, they spotted five heavily wrapped packages behind one of the seats.

It was determined that the wrapped items contained five kilograms of cocaine. A suspect was arrested and later booked into Orange County Jail.

Nickelodeon Hotel coming to Garden Grove

The \$277 million project, subsidized with taxpayer money, is billed as a plan to attract tourists and create jobs



Rendering of a Nickelodeon Resort planned in Garden Grove.

By [ROXANA KOPETMAN](#) | rkopetman@scng.com | Orange County Register

PUBLISHED: September 16, 2022 at 4:24 p.m. | UPDATED: September 19, 2022 at 2:45 p.m.

A Nickelodeon Hotel & Resort, featuring water slides and a lazy river, got the green light this week to be built in [Garden Grove](#).

The Garden Grove City Council unanimously approved the sale of city land to a developer for a Nickelodeon-themed hotel, with 500 guest rooms, a spa, restaurants, and a 600-seat theater.

The \$277 million project on Harbor Boulevard and Twintree Lane is slated for the city's tourism district, called the Grove District, which attracts tourists visiting neighboring Disneyland.

City officials touted the benefits of the project as “pretty significant,” which include millions in local taxes and hundreds of hotel and construction jobs, with a preference for hiring local residents and union construction workers to build the resort.

“I can't decide what I'm more excited about — to have SpongeBob or to have local jobs,” Councilwoman Kim Nguyen told her colleagues prior to the vote on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Councilwoman Stephanie Klopfenstein, who represents the area where the hotel will be built, called it “a historic project for Garden Grove” that will drive more tourism to the city.

To make the deal happen, Garden Grove agreed to give the developer, Newage Garden Grove II LLC in Arcadia, with Kam Sang Company Inc. as its managing partner, a break on the land sale and reimbursement of hotel tax revenue, expected to equal \$103 million in public assistance over a 30-year period.

Garden Grove is selling 3.72 acres of land the city has been acquiring for the past two decades. The city paid \$9.7 million for the land, and its related costs and is selling it for \$920,000, according to city documents. (The estimated value of the land is \$10.6 million, according to appraisals obtained by the city.)

The agreement also calls for giving the developer up to 60% of the city’s hotel tax revenue for three decades, up to \$93 million.

“To achieve the scale of destination project, despite the significant challenges brought on by the COVID pandemic, an economic development assistance program would be necessary to bring this caliber of project forward,” assistant city manager Lisa Kim told the council while presenting details of the agreement.

Meanwhile, a city analysis predicted the project will generate approximately \$236 million in various taxes and generate more business for Garden Grove’s hotel corridor, pumping more than \$1.75 billion into the city’s economy and another \$2 billion to the region over a 30-year period.

Kim said the project is expected to create 600-700 construction jobs plus 300-400 permanent hotel jobs and another 200 temporary hotel jobs.

The agreement incorporated a preference for hiring local residents in the construction of the project, with those jobs going to union workers. That was greeted enthusiastically by a number of union members in the audience, who spoke favorably of the agreement.





“These kinds of projects provide awesome opportunities for young men and women that are not going to go to college, but we will be able to put them on a pathway to the middle class,” said Ernesto Medrano, representing the Los Angeles and Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council.

However, one labor group was left out of the agreement: the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 441. Councilman John O'Neill, the group's president, recused himself from the dais and did not participate in the discussion or votes related to the project. But some union members addressed the topic during public comments, telling council members they were disappointed not to be included.

"Having the IBEW left out of this agreement is a hard pill to swallow," said one Garden Grove resident who also is a representative of the labor group.

The city and the developer are expected to close escrow on the property before the end of the year. Under a schedule included in the agreement, following approvals and permits, groundbreaking is expected by Nov. 1, 2024, and completion of the hotel is slated for 2027.

The resort will feature a 23-story hotel, with a 9,490 square-foot ballroom, a variety of restaurants and other food areas totaling 22,296 square feet, a 7,000-square-foot arcade, a spa and fitness center, and 528 parking spaces. Other entertainment amenities will include a Nick Studio, a Studio Hall, and a Kid's Lounge.

"We'll be bringing Nickelodeon to the real world," said John Hicks, project manager for the Kam Sang Company. "I'm excited to see the characters off screen and bring them to reality."

The resort will include water slides, splash zones, a pool, and a lazy river where guests "have an animatronics experience," Hicks said.

The hotel does not plan to offer day-time passes, Hicks said. It's too early to say how much it will cost to spend the night at the Nickelodeon Hotel Resort, he added.

The resort in Garden Grove may be unique in the U.S.

The cable television channel best known for its shows for children and teens is affiliated with only two hotels and resorts in the world: one in the Dominican Republic's Punta Cana and the other in Mexico's Riviera Maya, according to the [Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts website](#). There used to be one in Orlando that featured an outdoor waterpark, but that is now a Holiday Inn resort, according to [its website](#). Nickelodeon also has [theme parks](#) across the world, including a Nickelodeon Universe inside the Mall of America in Minnesota. Nickelodeon representatives could not be reached for comment Friday.

Council members Phat Bui and George Brietigam, both former planning commissioners, noted that the project has been in the making for about a decade.

"It's been a long road," Bui said.

It [first came to the City Council in 2016](#), but the developer had been in talks with Garden Grove officials for several years before then, Hicks said. At the time, the plan called for a larger project that included three towers with 100 timeshare units on nine acres. But some homeowners, Hicks said, were not willing to sell their houses, and the project was downscaled to the land that is already vacant and available. Earlier this summer, a union representing hospitality workers, UNITE HERE Local 11, [voiced opposition to the project](#), saying there is a better use for that land by building much-needed homes, as mandated by the state of California. Maureen Blackmun, president of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association, welcomes the project.

“This is a win for our city,” Blackmun said.

EDUCATION

Semifinalists for merit scholarships announced

By Roxana Kopetman
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More than 200 Orange County high school students just made a pretty selective list. They are National Merit semifinalists.

On Wednesday, the Evanston, Ill.-based National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of more than 16,000 semifinalists competing nationally for nearly \$28 million in scholarships that will be awarded next spring.

Northwood High School in the Irvine Unified School District boasted the highest number of honorees in Orange County: 37. University High, also in Irvine, had the second highest number with 27 semifinalists.

Schools with at least 10 winners were: Troy High School in Fullerton, Beckman High in Tustin Unified, Valencia High in Placentia, Portola High in Irvine, and the Orange County

School of the Arts in Santa Ana. While the vast majority of students hail from public schools, some study at private schools, including 10 semifinalists from Sage Hill in Newport Beach.

Nearly all the students nationwide, about 95%, are expected to reach the status of "finalist," and about half will win, earning the elite title of "Merit Scholar."

How did the students get this far? They aced the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served to initially screen students. The semifinalists represent less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors, according to the nonprofit organization that runs the program and raises the scholarship money.

The next step for the semifinalists, and high school officials, is to submit a detailed scholarship application with information that includes stu-

- Dorman, Mathew E.
- Ha, Soojong
- Han, Yonghoon B.
- Her, Audrey L.
- Lim, Matthew T.
- Liu, Natasha N.
- Liu, Yating
- Mathur, Mahak
- Ni, Brian
- Qian, William R.
- Qiu, Bowen
- Ryu, Brian P.
- Shim, Jay J.
- Shum, Elizabeth C.
- Son, Sean S.
- Sung, Joseph M.
- Wei, Ethan C.
- Winberg, Emilee Grace
- Yoon, Pearl Z.

GARDEN GROVE BOLSA GRANDE H. S.

- Palm, Catherine

GARDEN GROVE H. S.

- Nguyen, Kandice U.
- Nguyen, Uyen

PACIFICA H. S.

- Do, Anne N.
- Guardino, Caden
- Morris, Cayden

HUNTINGTON BEACH EDISON H. S.

- Bellinger, Wyatt D.
- Kaylani, Logan B.
- Vo, Adam T.

HUNTINGTON BEACH H. S.

- Colangelo, Mia Lauren
- Hayashi, Cooper J.
- Pham, Jacob Q.
- Pham, Lucas D.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

September 22, 2022

1. Agenda for the September 26, 2022 Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission (NICC) Special Meeting.
2. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from September 16, 2022 to September 22, 2022.

NOTICE AND CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE GARDEN GROVE
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission is hereby called to be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, of the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

Said Special Meeting shall be held to discuss the attached Agenda.

DATED: September 14, 2022



ERIC WILLIAMS
CHAIR



NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

September 26, 2022

Council Chamber
11300 Stanford Avenue

SPECIAL SESSION - 6:30 P.M. – Council Chamber

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing timothyt@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record and will be uploaded to the City's website. COVID-19: Masks are not required, however, the public is encouraged to wear face masks in City facilities. Please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symptoms.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except Public Hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. 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 Neighborhood Improvement Office at (714) 741-5135 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 all or a majority of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commissioners within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Neighborhood Improvement Office during normal business hours; and (2) at the Council Chamber 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 Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.



AGENDA
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ROLL CALL: CHAIR WILLIAMS, VICE CHAIR GONZALEZ
COMMISSIONERS BLACKMUN, CRAWFORD, HANSEN, RUBIN,
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- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 7, 2022
- C. MATTERS FROM STAFF
 - 1. PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2021-22 CONSOLIDATION ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) BY SENIOR PROGRAM SPECIALIST, TIMOTHY THRONE
- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. ADJOURNMENT

The next Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will be a **Regular Meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA.



AB 1985 signed into law, giving cities more time to comply with organic waste procurement requirements

Sep 21, 2022

Cities now have an additional two years to comply with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) [SB 1383 organic waste diversion](#) procurement requirements with Gov. Gavin Newsom's signing of [AB 1985 \(R. Rivas\)](#).

Signed into law in 2016, SB 1383 calls for a dramatic reduction in the amount of food, yard, and other organic waste that is thrown away in order to reduce methane, a climate super polluter. As part of those regulations, cities must procure recycled organic products.

As of Jan. 1, 2022, all cities are required to be in full compliance with their SB 1383 regulation procurement requirements. However, due to the lack of statewide organic waste processing infrastructure, not all cities are in full compliance. AB 1985 creates a two-year phase-in period for cities to meet their procurement requirement targets.

The League of California Cities, along with other local government and waste associations, played a critical role in securing the bill's passage.

Mulch, compost, and renewable natural gas — oh my!

SB 1383 requires every city to procure a specific amount of compost, mulch, or renewable natural gas from anaerobic digestion to develop a California-specific market for such material. This requirement is intended to spur the development of the compost and anaerobic digestion infrastructure in the state, which is necessary for cities and counties to comply with the full SB 1383 regulations.

[Cal Cities and its partners](#) worked collaboratively with Am. Robert Rivas, his staff, and CalRecycle to develop a compromise bill that recognized the lack of needed organic waste processing infrastructure, while also balancing the need to implement the important methane reducing law.

Methane is 84 times more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide over a 20-year time frame. Reducing this short-lived pollutant is one of the fastest ways to reduce the effects of climate change.

There are outstanding issues surrounding the procurement requirements — such as counting material processed out of state towards the procurement requirements. Discussions about these issues with CalRecycle, the Legislature, and stakeholders are ongoing.

Looking forward

Now that AB 1985 is law, local governments will have until Jan. 1, 2025, to fully implement their city's procurement requirements.

Continued city engagement with Cal Cities and CalRecycle will be critical to the successful implementation of these regulations. Cities are also encouraged to continue communicating with Cal Cities staff on how the implementation process is going.

For more information about organic waste regulations, please contact [Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Derek Dolfie](#).





Governor vetoes sales tax bill that would have cost cities and counties more than \$2 billion

Sep 21, 2022

Gov. Gavin Newsom noted Cal Cities' concerns in his veto message, stating, "We cannot ask our local governments to bear this loss in revenue."

Following months of advocacy by Cal Cities, Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed [AB 1951 \(Grayson\)](#), a sales and use tax exemption bill that would have greatly reduced local government revenues for housing, transit, public safety, and other critical services.

Specifically, the measure would have added locally approved tax rates to the current state General Fund-only sales and use tax exemption for the purchase of manufacturing equipment. Notably, the exemption did not include any requirements that would benefit local governments, such as job creation or environmental remediation.

Manufacturing is an invaluable part of many local economies. However, local budgets should not be undermined for statewide initiatives.

California already has the smallest sales tax base of any state. This, combined with stark regional differences in revenue growth, means that many cities are already unable to sustain the services they offered 15 years ago. Narrowing the sales tax base even further makes this critical revenue source less reliable.

To the extent that AB 1951 would have resulted in increased economic activity, the tax benefits would largely have been enjoyed by the state General Fund via increased personal income and corporation tax collections at the expense of local governments' sales and use tax revenue.

The Governor acknowledged [Cal Cities' position](#) in his [veto message](#), stating, "I agree with the intent of this bill to invest in California's economy, incentivize innovation, and spur a manufacturing marketplace that is competitive nation-wide. However, we cannot ask our local governments to bear this loss in revenue."

The veto came after the Governor signed [AB 2887 \(E. Garcia\)](#), which will increase the annual sales and use tax exclusion limit by \$50 million for eligible alternative energy and advanced manufacturing.

The local government revenue loss resulting from AB 2887 is estimated to exceed \$25 million annually for three years.

However, that revenue loss is a small fraction of the fiscal impact that would have resulted from AB 1951. According to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, AB 1951 would have resulted in an estimated over \$2 billion revenue loss for local governments over the lifetime of the broadened sales and use tax exemption.

[Throughout the year](#), Cal Cities urged lawmakers to backfill revenue loss to local governments for both measures using the state's [historic budget surplus](#). Cal Cities, along with a coalition of counties, labor groups, and transit agencies, moved to an opposed position for the two bills after the budget was passed without any related financial relief.

The Governor and his staff paid close attention to the coalition's concerns, demonstrating the value of strong state and local partnerships and proactive, constructive conversations. Cal Cities looks forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature on the 2023-24 State Budget.

For more information about AB 1951 or AB 2887, please contact [Revenue and Taxation Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Nick Romo](#).



City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar open for registration, now through Nov. 15

Sep 21, 2022

From protecting public records to election administration, city clerks are an integral part of the democratic process. With overall public trust continuing to decline, the job of a city clerk has never been harder — or more important.

The City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar — scheduled for Dec. 7-9 in Monterey — equips city clerks of all tenures with the tools needed to respond to emerging challenges and conduct routine business. The seminar provides numerous opportunities to learn from other colleagues and policy experts, as well as form invaluable support networks.

This year's seminar will cover a range of topics, including election resources, language accessibility and community engagement, multi-generational teams, best practices for working with other city officials, and an update from the Fair Political Practices Commission. Additional information is available in the “program at a glance” section of the [seminar webpage](#).

Registration and hotel information

Registration for the full seminar starts at \$500 for city officials from any Cal Cities member city. Seminar registration includes admission to all educational sessions, the Wednesday evening reception, Thursday breakfast and lunch, Friday breakfast, and access to all program

materials. The deadline to register is Nov. 15. Afterward, officials must register on-site.

This year, the City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar will be held at the Hyatt Regency Monterey at 1 Old Golf Course in Monterey, California. Centrally located on the Monterey Peninsula, the hotel is just two miles from the Monterey Regional Airport and offers complimentary self-parking for hotel guests.

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a reduced rate for seminar attendees. The deadline to reserve a discounted hotel room is Nov. 7, 2022. Discounted rooms often sell out before the deadline, so register early!

For more information, visit the City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar [webpage](#). For questions, please contact Conference Registrar [Megan Dunn](#).