

The logo for Working America, featuring the words "WORKING AMERICA" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font centered within a solid red rectangular background.

National Office  
815 16th St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
January 13, 2015

The Honorable Members of Garden Grove City Council  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Council Members:

I extend salutations in this letter to request your sponsorship of myself, on behalf of Working America Health Care, for an evening community event. This is a tremendous opportunity to provide your residents with a life-changing service. This event will help connect a disproportionate number of uninsured Garden Grove residents (25,000-30,000/ 28.8% of Population<sup>1</sup>) with information regarding the Affordable Care Act, coverage options, and tax credit availabilities.

Working America is the non-profit Community Affiliate of the AFL-CIO. We created Working America Health Care as a consumer advocacy program to help people understand the landscape of the Affordable Care Act, marketplaces, and connect them with licensed professionals to begin the enrollment process. The program also offers access to additional benefits for members of Working America (membership is free) or a labor union, which includes a free Health Advocate Service, even after health coverage is obtained – to help coordinate care (schedule appointments, find the right doctors, assist in the transfer of medical records), resolve claims, and answer questions about coverage, all at NO additional cost!

Let's help residents of Garden Grove get affordable coverage and avoid the possible tax penalties of up to almost \$400 this year. It would be my utmost pleasure for us to establish an evening (M-Th) between February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to educate community members in a room at the community meeting center. With no cost to the city or people of Garden Grove, it is imperative to provide such education and information about the ACA and the free service we are offering the public. We are able to co-brand fliers, a website, and 800# that is specific to the residents of Garden Grove, featuring the city's logo. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact. Thank you all so much for your time and help.

Sincerely,  
Rob Gruss

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<sup>1</sup> [Census Tract 088602; nytimes.com/newsgraphics; Centers for N

Approved for Agenda listing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan L. Roeder".

Allan L. Roeder  
Interim City Manager