

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles
 Dept.: City Manager
 Subject: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
 ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S
 TRANSPARENCY IN CITY
 GOVERNMENT WEBPAGE,
 OPEN GOVERNMENT

From: Kimberly Huy
 Dept.: Community Services
 Date: November 10, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To request that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution establishing transparency in the City's webpage, its Open Government application and the City's official website.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City of Garden Grove is dedicated to responsibly serving the needs of its residents, businesses and visitors by upholding the principles of openness, accessibility and transparency. At the direction of the City Council, the City has developed an Open Government webpage, to allow access to public information regarding the City, its finances, its officials and other government resources. Additionally, the City updated its website to offer better communication between the residents and City and to offer easier maneuverability within the website. Attached is the draft webpage for your review.

The attached Resolution provides a commitment to a new communication tool that enables the public to gain knowledge and awareness of the day-to-day business of the City, while empowering and encouraging constituents to participate, question and suggest ways of improving the conduct of government.

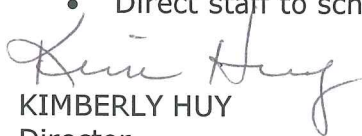
FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact regarding the adoption of this Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Adopt the attached Resolution establishing transparency in the City's webpage, its Open Government application and the City's official website; and
- Direct staff to schedule a press conference to inform the public of the new initiative.


 KIMBERLY HUY
 Director

Recommended for Approval



Scott C. Stiles
 City Manager

Attachment A: Resolution
 Attachment B: Draft transparency webpage

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S TRANSPARENCY IN CITY GOVERNMENT WEBPAGE,
OPEN GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove is dedicated to responsibly serving the needs of its residents, businesses, and visitors while upholding the principles of openness, accessibility, and transparency;

WHEREAS, With the increased, and more effective and efficient, use of the Internet as a means of communication, the City's official website provides an exceptional medium for providing important City information to the public, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;

WHEREAS, At the direction of the Garden Grove City Council, the City has created the *Open Government* webpage, available from the City's main website page, www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, where all users can access public information about the City, including its finances, its officials, and other open government resources;

WHEREAS, Through the creation of the Open Government webpage, the City will provide greater, more easily understandable, and completely anonymous, accessibility to its operations as a local government entity; and

WHEREAS, By providing this new open communication tool, the City enables the public to gain knowledge and awareness in order to encourage engagement, develop informed public opinions, and empower constituents to question, or suggest other ways in which the City can better conduct its day-to-day business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby establish the City's transparency in City Government Webpage, Open Government, accessible from the City of Garden Grove's official website.

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Garden Grove Open Government



The City of Garden Grove is a strong advocate for open government and provides a large quantity of government information available to the public. If the information you are looking for is not already available on the Garden Grove website, you may submit a Public Records request.

TRANSPARENCY

- Public Meetings
- Municipal Code
- OpenGov Portal
- Budget and Financial Reports (CAFR)
- Salary and Benefits
- Labor MOUs
- Public Record Requests
- Business License Lookup
- Maps
- City Manager's Weekly Memo
- Contact Information

PARTICIPATION

- Citizen Requests
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- Mobile App
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OTHER ONLINE SERVICES

- Water Bill
- ReGister for classes
- Building Permits