

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
February 11, 2016

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. COMMERCIAL ORGANICS WASTE (AB1826) IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

Bill Murray provides information on the Garden Grove Sanitary District's Implementation Plan of Assembly Bill 1826 which is legislation on Commercial Organics Waste. A copy of Republic Services letter to commercial customers is also attached.

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

A. 91 STEER CLEAR

A copy of the flyer from the Riverside County Transportation Commission discussing the 55 hour full closure of the east and westbound 91 between the 71 and I-15 beginning Friday, February 19 through Monday, February 22, 2016.

B. COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE COUNTY

A copy of the letter sent to the Mayor discussing the amount of delivered food for 2015 to vulnerable families and seniors.

• OTHER ITEMS

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Scott C. Stiles	From:	William E. Murray
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Public Works
Subject:	COMMERCIAL ORGANICS WASTE (AB 1826) IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY	Date:	February 8, 2016

OBJECTIVE

To provide information regarding the Garden Grove Sanitary District's (District) Assembly Bill 1826 implementation plan.

DISCUSSION

As part of the new legislation on Commercial Organics Waste (AB 1826), an implementation plan was provided last month by the City's Waste Hauler, Republic Services. The implementation plan outlined the impacted customers, existing yard clippings collection service, new food scrap collection service, alternative solutions, new rates and public outreach. What follows is a summary of each:

Impacted Customers - Based on the State's methodology for determining large organic waste generators applicable to this new law, Republic Services identified 175 commercial accounts, which include businesses and multi-families throughout the City.

Existing Yard Clippings Collection Service - Republic Services will notify the affected customers of this new law and highly encourage that they sign up for their existing service. Due to space constraints for a new bin, this may not be a viable solution for some customers.

New Food Scrap Collection Service - This new service will begin in April 2016. Republic Services will notify the affected customers of this new law and highly encourage that they sign up for their new service. This new service program involves new collection bins, collection vehicles, collection equipment, processing, public education, reporting, labor and other related costs. Participating customers are responsible for cleaning their new bin at least once a week for sanitary purposes and to minimize odors in the surrounding area. Due to space constraints for a new bin, this may not be a viable solution for some customers.


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Alternative Solutions - For customers unable to sign up for these services mentioned above, Republic Services will continue to provide their free waste assessments and include a component on organic waste. They will encourage customers to "right-size" their organic waste stream through internal controls for purchasing requirements that would eliminate excess waste. They will also recommend donating to the Orange County Food Bank or Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County.


Rates - New rates will be applied for the new food scrap collection service and will be reviewed by the City prior to implementation. To lessen the rate impact, Republic Services is recommending the rates be passed on to the entire commercial sector. To further minimize rates, Republic Services is looking into routing this collection through a comingled effort between surrounding cities they service in order to maximize route efficiency by obtaining full truck loads when returning back to the transfer station in Anaheim.

Public Outreach - Last month, Republic Services began sending periodic messages on invoices for the affected customers referencing the new law and the existing yard clipping service. In February, Republic Services will send out a separate mailer to the affected customers notifying them of the new law and the new food scrap service available. For customers who sign up for this service, Republic Services has developed a comprehensive educational program focusing on training customers on acceptable food scrap waste. This is to avoid contamination that easily occurs when food scraps are mixed with plastic or metal containers. To offset language barriers, Republic Services is working on preparing public posters in Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean.

If you have further questions regarding our implementation plan, I can be reached at (714) 741-5956.



WILLIAM E. MURRAY, P.E.
Public Works Director



By: A. J. HOLMON III
Streets/Environmental Services Manager



We're Keeping You Informed

MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING

Dear Valued Customer,

In a joint effort by the City of (CITY) and Republic Services a new subscription based Food Scrap Recycling Program is being introduced to reduce wasted food and to help your business comply with California's strict recycling laws. Assembly Bill AB 1826 mandated businesses, to start recycling their organic waste by April 1, 2016 depending on the amount of waste they generate each week. "Businesses" includes, public entities, school districts, universities, community colleges, federal, state, local and regional agencies or facilities.

The law phases in mandatory recycling of commercial organics beginning with the largest generators; decrease the amount of organic waste under which a business is subject to the requirements from 8 cubic yards of organic waste to 4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste or more on January 1, 2019.

- **April 1, 2016** - 8 cubic yards of organic waste per week
- **January 1, 2017** - 4 cubic yards of organic waste per week
- **January 1, 2019** - 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste (garbage) per week

Based on your existing service level, your company meets or surpasses the minimum volume threshold requirement for April 2016; depending on the type of debris, your business may need to implement an organics program.

ORGANIC RECYCLING SERVICES

The requirement to recycle organic waste can be met by taking one or any of the following actions:

1. Source separate organic waste recycling collection service that specifically includes collection and recycling of organic waste. (*Republic Services is the franchised service provider for the City*)
2. Recycle organic waste onsite, or self-haul organic waste for organic recycling.
3. Sell or donate the generated organic waste.

LANDSCAPE WASTE

Sustainable methods for reducing organics are not only good for your business; they are good for the environment. Start by taking advantage of solutions to responsibly dispose of non-hazardous wood, leaves, grass, pruning, tree trimmings, and landscape waste. When arranging for gardening or landscaping services, require that organic waste generated by those services be managed in compliance with the law. Contact us to learn about containers for clean source separated green waste.

FOOD SCRAP WASTE

Coming Soon! A new subscription based food scrap recycling program designed to help large commercial generators comply with the new law will be available beginning April 1, 2016. Participation in the program requires the cleanest, purest organic materials.

Successfully managing organic waste is essential to the state reaching its goal and contributing to global climate change. Republic's food scrap recycling program and recycling toolkit provide messaging and signage to help you implement a program at your business.

While costs for collecting and processing food scraps are expected to be considerably higher than landfill disposal cost, please be assured we are doing everything we can to make the food waste recycling program as cost-effective as possible. These rates will be available after we have a better idea of how many businesses plan to participate.

MANAGING ORGANIC WASTE

Republic Services is working with its partners to develop sustainable solutions and new innovations for organic waste recycling service that includes mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.

In addition to organics recycling, edible food may be donated to feed people and animals. Many good educational resources are available on the EPA and CalRecycle's websites to help your business develop best practices for managing organic waste. If your business participates in any organic waste reduction practices, please let us know so that we may update our annual report to the state.

- **Organic Materials Management/Food Scraps Management**
calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/
- **Tools for Assessing Wasted Food**
epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/tools-assessing-wasted-food

- Find Food Pantries in Orange County, CA
wastenotoc.org/
- Mandatory Organic Recycling (MORe) Frequently Asked Questions
calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ.htm

If your business generates 8 cubic yards or more of organics per week, visit [XX](#) or call (800) 700-8610 before February XX, 2016 to answer a few short questions. Note registering your businesses' organics recycling plan and answering the questions does not obligate you to participate in the commercial food scrap recycling collection program; it merely lets us know you may have a need, or interest in the food scrap recycling collection program.

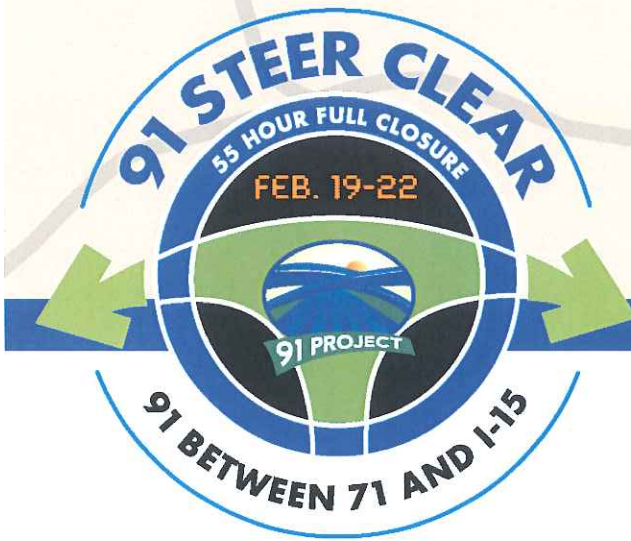
THE FUTURE OF ORGANIC RECYCLING

As we look to the future, Republic Services is committed to making recycling food waste simple and efficient. We are working to develop organic waste recycling service that includes mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste. It is our hope these services will be readily available to all business by the end of 2017.

Sincerely,

Name

Title



SPECIAL ALERT

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

#91steerclear

A full closure of eastbound and westbound 91 between the 71 and I-15 will occur from Friday, February 19, 2016 at 9 pm to Monday, February 22, 2016 at 4 am.

The 55-hour weekend closure of the 91 will allow crews to consolidate three major construction activities and help ensure the safety of project crews and motorists by eliminating the possibility of conflicts. In case of rainstorms or inclement weather, the closure will be postponed to the next weekend, weather permitting.

Because of the impact that a full closure will have on this heavily traveled roadway, motorists are urged to “steer clear” of the area during this closure. To minimize major travel delays and impacts during the closure, RCTC strongly recommends that motorists plan ahead, avoid travel in the area or stay home. Motorists traveling on the 91, the 71 or I-15 near the project area during the closure period can expect travel delays of three to four hours. If travel cannot be avoided, motorists can use the 57, 60 and I-10 as alternate routes.



CLOSED / CERRADO

- Recommended DETOURS
- Open, Expect Major Delays



For more detailed information, visit www.sr91project.info, call the helpline at 877-770-9191 or email sr91project@rctc.org



Community Action Partnership of Orange County

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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February 2, 2016

Mayor Bao Nguyen
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove , CA 92840

Dear Mayor Nguyen,

I am proud to report that the OC Food Bank delivered more service to the community during 2015 than in any prior year. The OC Food Bank distributed 21,616,035 pounds of food during 2015, assisting an average of 145,000 vulnerable families and seniors each month.

This feat was possible thanks to the support of thousands of food donors, financial donors, and volunteers.

As a policy maker, you too are a vital partner in supporting the charitable work of the OC Food Bank. We respectfully request that you continue to work to make progress on issues related to social and economic justice. Our shared goal is that people able to work find meaningful employment that pays a living wage and that those unable to work have access to needed supportive services. On these and other matters, we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to improve our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark".

Mark A. Lowry
Director, CAPOC's OC Food Bank

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**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**

Streetcar makes Obama's budget

The project planned for Santa Ana and Garden Grove is in line for \$125 million in federal funding.

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portation Authority that finalizes the total from the New Starts program.

"It is a huge, big deal for OCTA," transit authority Chief Executive Darrell Johnson said. "New Starts is perhaps the most rigorous federal funding program that exists for transportation, so to be recognized and be placed into the budget proposal shows that we've been doing all of our work, our planning, our analysis in line with a very rigorous program."

OCTA had asked for \$145 million in federal funds - about half of the total \$289 million for the project - but is "very, very pleased" with the \$125 million recommended and has several options, from state programs to local sales tax dollars, to fill the \$20 million gap, Johnson said.

OC Streetcar is the first OCTA project to be considered for New Starts funds, and reaching this point was "critical" and anticipated since planning for the streetcar began in 2008, Johnson said.

The planned streetcar would run from the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center through downtown Santa Ana and to a new multimodal transit hub at the eastern edge of Garden Grove.

The proposed OC Streetcar is one milestone closer to becoming the county's first modern light-rail system, after President Barack Obama included \$125 million for it in his proposed federal budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Inclusion of the 4.15-mile streetcar in Santa Ana and Garden Grove in the president's \$4.15 trillion budget released Tuesday puts the project in the pipeline to receive nearly half of its total cost from federal funds.

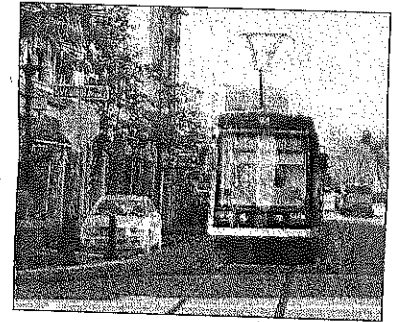
If the OC Streetcar remains in the budget Congress is supposed to approve by Oct. 1, the Federal Transit Administration within the next two years will consider a full-funding grant agreement with the Orange County Trans-



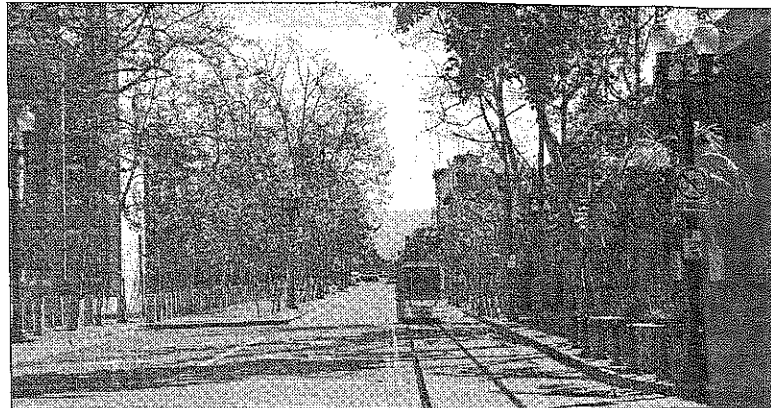
JESSICA KWONG
STAFF
WRITER

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COURTESY OF OCTA
A rendering shows the proposed OC Streetcar in Santa Ana.



COURTESY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The proposed streetcar would connect Santa Ana and Garden Grove.

Construction would begin in late 2017 for service starting in 2020.

Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, D-Orange, said the president's budget typically goes through "a lot" of changes before Congress approves it, but that she will work with her colleagues and Rep. Bill Shuster, chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, to "make sure (OC Streetcar) stays in."

Obama's proposed budget received a hostile response from the Republican-led Congress, leaving unclear implications for the streetcar funding.

Sanchez said she fought for New Starts funds for a 9.3-mile light-rail system in central Orange County to John Wayne Airport called CenterLine about a decade ago, but it never material-

ized. OC Streetcar, a smaller project, has support from the cities it traverses and local transit authority officials.

"Now I just have to make sure I can protect that money from people who want to take it and do New Starts in their own backyard," said Sanchez, whose local office is in Garden Grove.

Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido, an OCTA board member and longtime proponent of OC Streetcar, said the New Starts funding has been a long time coming.

"These types of projects unfortunately take a long time to realize. You have to be persistent, have to have good people around you like my fellow board members," Pulido said. "All the stars have to line up, and right now all the stars have lined up."

Main Street staple shuts down

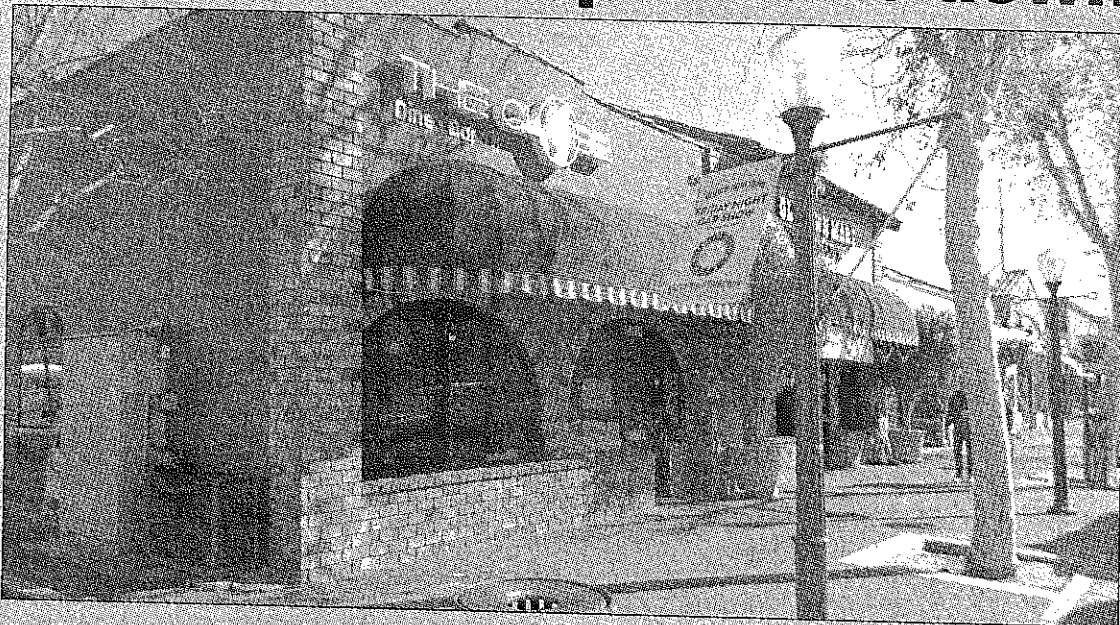


Photo by Brady Rhoades

In a bit of unfortunate news, The Globe restaurant on Historic Main Street has closed after four years in business. The Globe, which offered an eclectic menu and a large variety of Belgian beers, received a rave review from food critic No Baloney Tony upon its opening. No word yet on what will replace the restaurant.

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Feb. 10, 2016

Local rep to serve on Military Council

State Sen. Janet Nguyen calls
the appointment an "honor"

As an advocate for veterans and military families, State Sen. Janet Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove and Westminster, is proud to announce that she has been appointed to the Governor's Military Council. The Governor's Military Council works to protect and expand the military's role in national security and California's economy.

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

The Governor's Military Council was created through an Executive Order by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2013 with the mission of protecting California's 29 federal military installations and operations from potential Department of Defense (DoD) budget cuts and to leverage changes that will position the state to continue innovation and

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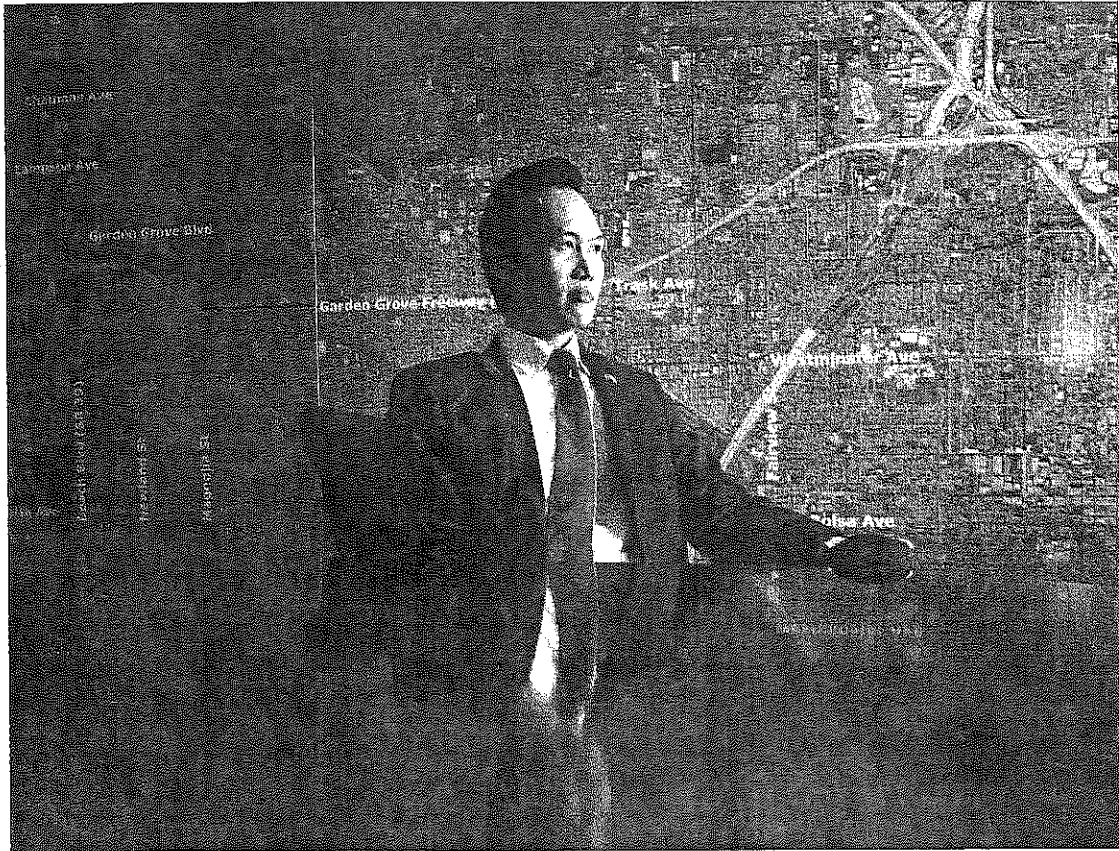
leadership in military affairs. This is especially important because over 360,000 men and women are employed by the DoD in California, including 168,000 active duty soldiers, airmen, marines and sailors.

"As representative of the Thirty-Fourth Senate District, home to two military installations, the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station and the Los Alamitos Joint Training Base, I am personally familiar with both the challenges that face our military bases, and the benefits they generate. Our

bases are critical to the overall security and economic well-being of the State of California and I look forward to providing input to ensure they are protected," said Nguyen.

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

Senator Nguyen was nominated for this appointment by the Senate Committee on Rules and also serves as member of the Senate's Veterans Affairs Committee.



LEONARD ORTIZ, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden Grove Councilman Bao Nguyen has worked to expand language programs in area schools, which soon will include a new Vietnamese-English dual-immersion program.

Bao Nguyen

City: Garden Grove

Age: 35

Bio: He was born in a Doctors Without Borders clinic in Thailand after his family had fled Vietnam as boat people. The Nguyens made it to Nashville, where Nguyen remembers eating lots of catfish. When he was about 4, the family took a Greyhound bus to California, bouncing around until settling in Garden Grove. Nguyen has a bachelor's in political science from UC Irvine and a master's in Indo-Tibetan Buddhist studies from Naropa University in Boulder, Colo. He was a board member for the Garden Grove Unified School District and, in 2014, mayor of Garden Grove. He is a councilman now, running for U.S. Congress.

Zodiac: 1980, Year of the Monkey

Lucky number: "Pi (3.14), because it's infinite. And because I love pie."

New Year's plans: He will visit his parents, do the traditional greetings, celebrate and give thanks to his ancestors.

Personal style: Sleek and fashionable but professional. Nguyen dresses in slim, almost European-cut, suits, typically black, with shirt and tie. He adds flash with crazily patterned socks.

Good works: "I worked on the expansion of the language programs in the school district. Vietnamese and Spanish, at least, is taught at all of our high schools and junior highs. Next (school) year, you'll see the opening of the district's first Spanish-English dual-immersion program, and the following year, the first Vietnamese-English dual-immersion program."

Mentor: George West, president of Garden Grove Unified's board. "He's

somebody who sees that things can always improve, things can get better, and he works toward that. That inspires me."

Soul food: "Tacos – but the authentic ones, street tacos. Not Taco Bell."

Honors and awards: Voted most spirited at Pacifica High School and won the Bret Baldwin Poetry Award at UC Irvine.

Soundtrack: "I like gospel. It's moving. I like anything I can dance to." He also likes Johnny Cash, who started as a gospel singer.

Words to live by: A quotation from the 14th Dalai Lama: "Given human beings' love of truth, justice, peace and freedom, creating a better, more compassionate world is a genuine possibility."

– Chris Haire

Woman arrested on suspicion of robbing Garden Grove banks

By **ALYSSA DURANTY**
and **LOUIS CASIANO Jr.**
STAFF WRITERS

GARDEN GROVE • A 55-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of committing two bank robberies, the most recent at a Farmers & Merchants branch Tuesday morning when \$500 was taken.

Around 11 a.m., police responded to an alarm from the bank, at 10422 Garden Grove Blvd., where police said Mary Lynn Taber of Anaheim entered wearing a pink-and-white scarf around her head and dark sunglasses.

She approached a teller and pulled out the what initially appeared to be a long-barrel handgun or short-barrel rifle from a

black duffel bag, said Cathy Kramer, a special agent with the FBI's Orange County division.

Taber fled the bank with approximately \$500 in cash and then took off in a 1998 black Saturn sedan, Kramer said.

The teller and a co-worker were able to get the license plate.

At 12:08 p.m., police found the Saturn at Taber's apartment complex at 890 S. Beach Blvd in Anaheim, said Sgt. Ron Echavarria of the Garden Grove Police Department. She was detained and a rifle – a replica – was found inside the vehicle.

Taber is now suspected of robbing a U.S. Bank, at 12112 Valley View St. in Garden Grove, on Jan. 8, 2014.

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Free trip: Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, which opens this month, is giving away 13 two-night stays at its water park and resort. The Garden Grove location, 12681 Harbor Blvd., is the 13th in North America. To enter, go to greatwolf.com/gwlsocalsweeps; a previous mention in this spot gave an incorrect email address. You'll need to provide your name, state, email and birthday. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

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GARDEN GROVE

Sponsors needed: The city is looking for businesses to sponsor the fourth annual College Graduates' Reception, scheduled for April 26. Businesses will get to attend the reception - which is for residents who are set to graduate from universities in the spring - and have their business name and logo on invitations and programs. Info: 714-741-5280
Chris Haire, 714-796-6979

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GARDEN GROVE

New law: The City Council on Tuesday will weigh whether to mandate city commissioners be qualified voters of Garden Grove. As of now, commissioners must have residency and be eligible to vote. Only planning commissioners must be registered to vote in Garden Grove; if the new law passes, all commissioners will have the same prerequisite. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

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GARDEN GROVE

Commission vacancy: The Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission will have a vacancy on its board once the City Council accepts the resignation of a member, which is expected tonight. The commissioner is moving out of town, according to a letter she sent the city on Jan. 14. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

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Feb. 9, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Anniversary party: The city has scheduled its 60th anniversary celebration for 4 p.m. June 18 at Village Green Park, 12732 Main St. Students from the Garden Grove Unified School District, which is celebrating its 50th year, will perform, and there will be music, games and other activities. The celebration will end with a cake cutting. Information: 714-741-5200.
Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

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GARDEN GROVE

New law: The City Council on Tuesday opted to mandate that city commissioners be qualified voters of Garden Grove. Previously, commissioners had to have residency and be eligible to vote. Only planning commissioners had to be registered to vote in Garden Grove; under the new law, all commissioners have the same prerequisite. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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

Thursday, February 11, 2016

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT GARDEN GROVE SENIOR CENTER

Community members are invited to participate in the 40th anniversary celebration of the H. Louis Lake Senior Center. This free event is scheduled on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the H. Louis Lake Senior Center Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The highlight of this event is the unveiling of a special 40th anniversary mosaic, which is made from 2,400 pictures, with some of the photos taken in the early 90's. Other festivities include a cake cutting, dancing, and live music provided by "The Serenaders."

The senior center was named in honor of Garden Grove's first Mayor, H. Louis Lake, to recognize his commitment to the community. The center offers local seniors a multitude of services and activities, serving an average of 175-200 seniors daily.

Reservations can be made by calling or visiting the senior center front office. For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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

Monday, February 8, 2016

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE SIX DECADES IN THE MAKING

With just four months away from the City's 60th anniversary of incorporation, plans are in the works for a community celebration. The free event will take place on Saturday, June 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main Street.

The event will feature performances by students from the Garden Grove Unified School District, live music, games, and activities. The event will conclude with a special anniversary cake-cutting, with free cupcakes for attendees, while quantities last.

The City will be promoting the diamond anniversary, with 60th anniversary street banners highlighting the City's 60th anniversary logo. During the months leading up to the event in June, the City's Facebook and Twitter will feature themed photos and videos, highlighting different aspects of the Garden Grove community. The public is encouraged to upload personal photos and stories to be included in the postings using #tbt, #fbf, and #GGturns60.

For more information, call (714)741-5200, or visit the City's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, Facebook, and Twitter.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

February 11, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Cancellation Notice for the February 18, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.
3. Notice of Public Hearing on the Draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 11, 2016 at 10:00am.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated February 5, 8 and 11, 2016.

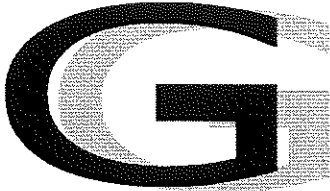


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 11, 2016 – February 24, 2016

Thursday	February 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
Friday	February 12	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Sweetheart Dinner Dance hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Senior Center Dining Room
Friday- Sunday	February 12- 14		One More Productions presents "Funny Girl" Gem Theater
Monday	February 15		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	February 16	5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Breastlink Medical Group Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 9191 Westminster Ave. Suites 105 & 210
Thursday	February 18	8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Pechanga Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Garden Grove Fire Department's Badge Pinning Ceremony, Fire Station No. 1 11301 Acacia Parkway
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
Friday	February 19		City Hall Closed
Friday- Sunday	February 19- 21		One More Productions presents "Funny Girl" Gem Theater
Tuesday	February 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Courtyard Center Activity Room Housing Authority Meeting, Courtyard Center Sanitary District Meeting, Courtyard Center Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	February 24	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's 40 th Anniversary Celebration Senior Center Dining Room
		2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 18, 2016
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: February 11, 2016

JOHN O'NEILL
CHAIR



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

January 28, 2016

Mr. Scott C. Stiles
City Manager
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Mr. Stiles:

Notice of Public Hearing on the Draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) cordially invites you to participate and provide comments at a public hearing on the draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The UWMP presents Metropolitan's long-term plan for ensuring water supply reliability and water quality for the region. The draft UWMP complies with California state law requiring urban water suppliers to prepare and update urban water management plans every five years. The hearing will be held as part of the meeting of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee whose board members are helping to shape a public dialogue on the future of water management and conservation in the region. The meeting is at:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Meeting – Room 2-456
Monday, April 11, 2016 at 10:00 AM

The draft UWMP is posted on Metropolitan's web site, mwdh2o.com for your review. Public input is encouraged and will be considered during finalization of the 2015 UWMP. Written comments are due by **April 11, 2016**. Please send comments to:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
PO Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153
Attn: Edgar Fandialan

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Edgar Fandialan at (213) 217-6764 or via email at efandialan@mwdh2o.com.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deven N. Upadhyay".

Deven N. Upadhyay
Manager, Water Resource Management

CA Cities Advocate



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Local Government Officials, Labor, Transportation Advocates in Riverside County Urge Legislature to Pass Transportation Funding Package

Two weeks after the California Transportation Commission voted to cut \$750 million in transportation funding statewide, local elected officials, labor groups and transportation officials gathered Friday morning to urge the Legislature to pass a transportation funding package. The local officials spoke about the fact that without a decision by the Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown to dedicate more funding to transportation, other critically important transportation projects could languish. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Adopts Housing Affordability as a Strategic Priority; Legislature Also Focusing on Issue

Proposals under Legislative Discussion Range from Identifying More Resources to Removing Local Authority

Last November the League board of directors, following a policy setting retreat with other League leadership, identified addressing housing affordability and securing more resources to assist the chronically homeless as one its top three policy priorities for 2016. *For more, see Page 2.*



Upcoming Legislative Hearings of Interest to Cities

The Legislature will host a number of oversight and informational hearings on a variety of policy areas of interest to cities in the coming weeks. *For more, see Page 4.*

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California motorists today annually spend \$762 just to fix repairs caused by poor road conditions. The deferred maintenance on the state highway system is pegged at \$59 billion. The funding shortfall to maintain the existing local streets and roads system is \$78 billion. The CTC's defunding of projects through the California State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the coming five years will only add to the transportation infrastructure crisis.

Friday's news conference in Riverside County at the I-10/Jefferson interchange improvement project in Indio included a large group of stakeholders who told reporters first-hand about the dire condition of the roads as well as the types of jobs created with funded transportation projects.

League President and Rancho Cucamonga Mayor L. Dennis Michael was among the city officials at the podium. "What's needed is a long term, stable funding source for transportation," said Michael. "We need the legislature and Governor Brown to vote on a package of bills that will bring that that stable funding to the Coachella Valley and to cities and counties throughout California."

President Michael was also joined by:

- Indio Mayor Glenn Miller;
- Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley;
- El Centro Council Member and Southern California Association of Governments President Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro;
- Coachella Mayor Steve Hernandez;
- Indian Wells Mayor Dana Reed;
- Palm Desert Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik
- Indian Wells Council Member Doug Hanson
- Southern California Partnership Executive Director John Hakel; and
- Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington.

Additional news conferences throughout California may be planned in the coming weeks. The League will update members with new information.

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The applicable policy reads: *Improve Housing Affordability. Increase state and federal financial support, reduce regulatory barriers, and provide additional incentives and local financial tools to address chronic homelessness and improve housing affordability and availability in cities throughout the state.*

The rationale for this priority is obvious: cities are on the front lines of this issue but there is little to work with. The causes include growing income disparity, uneven recovery from the recession, fewer jobs paying a living wage, flawed and disorganized systems of social services and decades of federal divestment in affordable housing production, coupled with the recent elimination of California's redevelopment agencies and the exhaustion of state housing bonds.

California has an estimated affordable housing shortage of more than one million homes. Funding for development and preservation of affordable homes dropped by a whopping 79 percent, from approximately \$1.7 billion annually to nearly nothing. Collectively, it's not a pretty picture.

Recent League Actions

- **Leadership Meetings:** The League's executive officers in early January met with leadership in the Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown to discuss League strategic priorities and goals, including concerns about affordable housing. Executive officers also met with leaders from the California Building Industry Association to discuss shared priorities and how we can partner, especially around the need for affordable housing.
- **Outreach to County Partners:** Executive Director Chris McKenzie recently met with the County Administrative Officers (CAOs) and specifically discussed League priorities

around housing affordability and homelessness. Discussion ensued on the possibility of forming a joint task force with the CAOs on homelessness issues.

- **Internal Homeless Working Group:** The League convened an informal homelessness working group last fall comprised of city staff and elected officials from 19 diverse cities to help the organization craft positions on how state policies can best serve local communities in addressing this crisis. The committee examined what currently works at the local level, cities' needs and the ways in which state and federal programs and policies are successful or problematic in the effort to address homelessness. Local governments, nonprofits and social service agencies are innovating at the local level with solutions to get people housed and into the treatment programs they need to permanently get off the streets. Funding is one of the greatest challenges to success.

The group drafted a series of principles that League policy committees adopted in mid-January. The principles recommended that the League should support legislation and advocate for additional funding for emergency housing, affordable housing, mental health, permanent supportive housing, homelessness prevention programs, etc. Recommendations were also made to support funding streams that are flexible and that incentivize regional cooperation, policies or legislation that enhances the use of housing vouchers and changes in problematic policies or regulations that hinder work in this area to name a few. These principles will be considered by the board of directors when it meets Feb. 18-19. The consensus is clear — *California needs legislation that combats homelessness should focus on solutions and provide resources that get people off the streets and into shelter and housing.*

Recent Legislative Action

- **Fall Informational Hearings:** During the fall recess, several Senate Transportation and Housing Committee hearings were held focused on homelessness, housing affordability and crisis, mental health and other services for veterans.
- **Senator Kevin de León Launches Ambitious Funding Proposal:** Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) announced on Jan. 5 a bipartisan proposal to fund efforts to combat homelessness and help California's lowest income residents. Called No Place Like Home, the Senate leader projects that this initiative would fund 10,000 or more housing units throughout the state. This constructive approach would establish a \$2 billion bond to build permanent supportive housing for mentally ill homeless individuals to be funded by the Mental Health Service Act (Proposition 63 of 2004).
- **Other Helpful Legislation:** Feb. 19 is the Legislative deadline to introduce bills. Numerous bills are expected to be introduced in the coming weeks aimed at providing additional resources for affordable housing.
- **Upcoming Hearing:** The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee will hold an informational hearing on Feb. 25 titled Challenges and Opportunities: Homelessness in California's Local Communities.
- **Proposal to Remove Local Authority:** Sen. Carol Liu (D-La Canada Flintridge) recently introduced SB 876, which proposes to reduce local regulatory authority to address homeless activities in public and private spaces. While the author may be well-intended, the League disagrees that removing local authority to regulate homeless activities offers a solution; rather it would compound problems for local communities. The League's opposition letter is online.

Next Steps

City officials should expect a robust discussion in the Legislature this year on how to respond to housing affordability and chronic homelessness challenges. That's positive and appropriate. The League will engage in these discussions and advocate for constructive proposals that bring resources and assist local agencies. While there will be opportunities to secure significant

additional resources, clearly local control and flexibility must be protected as well. Legislators should be encouraged to help not hinder local efforts to address affordable housing challenges.

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Following the fast approaching Feb. 19 bill introduction deadline, expect to see a decrease in informational hearings as the Legislature prepares for hearings on the FY 2016-17 budget and specific legislation.

Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The Senate and Assembly publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the California Channel.

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

Feb. 10

Joint Hearing of the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review and Natural Resources Committees, 10 a.m., State Capitol, Room 437

- Oversight Hearing: State Environmental Incentives for Low and Moderate-Income Families

Feb. 11

Assembly Select Committee on California's Clean Energy Economy, 1-4 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437

- Energy Efficiency of Existing Buildings

Feb. 17

Joint Hearing of the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications and Transportation and Housing Committees, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- Ride-hailing Disruption: Establishing a Level Playing Field In the Transportation-for-Hire Market

Feb. 18

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, upon adjournment of session, State Capitol, Room 4203

- Informational Hearing: Cap-and Trade: Addressing Legislative Budget Priorities

Feb. 22

Joint Hearing of the Senate Transportation and Housing and Assembly Transportation Committees, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- Joint Hearing: Overview of California Air Resources Board Air Quality and Emissions Reduction Programs as they Relate to the Transportation Sector

Joint Hearing of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- Informational Hearing: Wildfires, Drought and Climate Change's Impact on Tree Mortality

Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- Informational Hearing: Tax Incentives for Economic Growth

Feb. 23

Joint Hearing of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife and Senate Natural Resources and Water Committees, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- State Implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

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Feb. 25

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, upon adjournment of session, State Capitol, Room 4203

- Informational Hearing: Challenges and Opportunities: Homelessness in California's Local Communities

March 3

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review, Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- Oversight Hearing: Medical Marijuana, ELPF, Proposition 1, State Obligations, LAO Presentation, Budget Overview

March 8

Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- Oversight Hearing: Assessing California's Chronically Underfunded Water Needs: Options for Moving Forward

March 9

Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation, 9:00 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- California Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resources Agency, and CalTrans

March 14

Joint Hearing of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development and Assembly Business and Professions Committees, 9 a.m., Room 4203

- Sunset Review Oversight Hearing: California Massage Therapy Council

March 16

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, Upon Adjournment of Session, State Capitol, Room TBD

- California Transportation Commission 2016 STIP Fund Estimate

State Water Board Extends, Alters Water Conservation Mandate

Cities Specific Data Due by March 15 to Receive Credit

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on Tuesday voted to extend through October the emergency urban water conservation regulation, while making some modest changes to address the concerns raised by cities and water agencies.

New in the update are adjustments of between 2 to 8 percent, maximum, which will be based on hotter-than-average climate, population growth and investments in drought-resilient water sources. Cities must provide specific data to the board by March 15 to determine the size of an adjustment.

The regulation continues to mandate how much water suppliers must save based on their residential gallons per day data from July through September 2014.

The update also creates penalties for homeowners' associations or community services organizations that impede property owners who reduce or stop watering during the declared drought emergency.

The board directed its staff to report back on water supply conditions in April, leaving the door open for further adjustments based on additional rain and snowfall in the coming months.

The emergency regulation aims to reduce statewide water use by 20 percent compared to 2013. Over a seven-month period, the prior regulation has resulted in a 25.5 percent reduction in water use.

State officials praised Californians for their conservation efforts but underscored the need for continued conservation. Despite recent storms, the state's reservoirs and groundwater basins remain depleted after four years of record drought.

[The emergency regulation fact sheet](#) has more detailed information.

Help Refresh the League of California Cities® Website by Completing a Short Survey

The League of California Cities® is refreshing its website and would like to continue to provide current updates on legal, legislative and educational issues on a regular basis through a central, streamlined site. In order to do this, the League is conducting a brief survey to better understand the value and use of its [website](#) and featured website tools.

Survey responses will help redesign the League's homepage and corresponding features to better serve its audience. Members are encouraged to take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/league2016newsletter> by Friday, Feb. 19.

California City Solutions: Santa Maria's Short Film on Gang Life Leaves an Impression

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). [Santa Maria's Life Facing Bars: A Gang Prevention Documentary](#) was submitted in 2015 for the Public Safety award category.

The city of Santa Maria's innovative 37-minute documentary "[Life Facing Bars: A Gang Prevention Documentary](#)" delivers a powerful message to youths and is drawing nationwide interest from law enforcement, nonprofits and educators. Selected by the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival as one of 2014's top short featured documentaries, the film exposes kids to reality about the gang culture's manipulations and consequences. This is done by convicted gang members and through compelling interviews with prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys, and educators. Hundreds of DVDs of the film have been sent to organizations across the country.

Year after year, when the Santa Maria Police Department's gang suppression officers traveled to schools and organizations to urge kids to stay out of gangs, the police always did the speaking. Outreach efforts lacked the compelling impact of firsthand perspectives from gang members, some of whom joined at young ages.

In Santa Maria alone, there are more than 1,000 documented gang members and in one year alone, 88 percent of the city's homicides were gang-related. An alarming trend nationally is the gang recruitment of children in junior high school. Many kids are told glamorized versions of the gang lifestyle by older peers, and find an appeal in protection from bullying, attention from girls, and respect from their peers. Notorious for never speaking with police, it was rare for gang members to renounce their gang code and share information about the realities of gang life and about the stark reality of *Life Facing Bars*.

Santa Maria Police Department Lieutenant Daniel Cohen, who has been investigating and policing local gangs for 14 years as a detective and a supervisor, believed that vivid testimony about the real truths and consequences from those who lived the gang culture could serve as a powerful warning for young people.

Cohen has seen the multitude of victims left in the wake of gang crimes. He has witnessed young men mature behind bars and others who never got the chance. He remembered one particular interrogation with a gang member, a young man who confessed to shooting someone. The man broke down into tears at the interrogation table. "I asked him, 'Do you have any regrets?'" Cohen said. "And he said, 'I wish someone would have warned me.'"

That interrogation confession gave the lieutenant an idea. He wanted to find a way to expose young people who are intrigued by the fascination of gang culture to the realities and consequences that it brings.

In the early 2000s, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office started rigorously applying several gang enhancement laws that had been on the books since the 1980s. Local gang members were being sent to jail for longer stretches of time, which re-shaped the local gang culture in an unprecedented way.

More gang members came forward with information and shared their own experiences — but these interactions were not being captured on video. Cohen recognized the need to proactively reach the community's youth before their exposure to gangs. By capturing and sharing these stories, the department could positively influence these impressionable minds, but faced the challenges of financing and generating a professional-quality video, and of course, gaining permission to access and interview convicted gang members.

Every time Lieutenant Cohen used a few video clips of comments from gang members at the end of his outreach presentations, they resonated with his audiences; however, he knew that was only scratching the surface. This led him to consider the idea of a more meaningful film that covered all the bases, with an appealing production quality for the young crowd he targeted. The gang prevention documentary, *Life Facing Bars*, was Cohen's brainchild, which he executed in addition to his full-time regular duties.

Cohen had three objectives for the film: to uncover the lies gang members use to manipulate and brainwash kids to join the gang lifestyle, to drive home the harsh reality of the gang lifestyle and the serious consequences of their actions, and to give the kids practical ways to avoid the lifestyle and to get involved in more positive activities.

He recruited Cal Poly San Luis Obispo senior and filmmaker Matthew Yoon. They showed samples of Yoon's work to Santa Maria Police Chief Ralph Martin who gave approval for the documentary. Cohen asked the Santa Barbara Foundation, a nonprofit organization that sponsors community projects and philanthropy, to sponsor the project, and additional funding came from the Santa Maria Police Council.

Cohen worked with the District Attorney's Office. Senior Deputy District Attorney Ann Bramsen, a gang prosecutor in Santa Maria, quickly understood the powerful potential. With her assistance, Superior Court judges were apprised of the project and discussions took place with defense attorneys.

Cohen and Yoon spent months on the project, driving to prisons for interviews and then producing and narrating. Several gang members from all over Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties were interviewed for the film, showing their tattoos and recounting their time in prison with some having spent only months outside of prison since jumping into gang life at the young ages of 11 or 12. Behind bars they talked about having children who barely know them and missing out on birthdays and holidays. One of the most moving moments of the film comes from an interview with a gang member's tearful 8-year-old son, who is only allowed to see his father every three months, and will never spend time with him outside of prison.

By participating, each gang member surrendered the gang code of snitching and each of them was aware that they or their loved ones are a target while they are incarcerated or upon their release.

Also spotlighted in the film are many of the community's high-profile personalities who work with gang members in the justice system, such as Superior Court Judge Rogelio Flores, Prosecutor

Ann Bramsen, and Defense Attorney Michael Scott. They remind viewers that time for a crime can double or even triple if gang allegations are involved, and the person accused of a crime does not have to be a gang member themselves to face those allegations — association is often enough.

The film took more than a year of planning, interviewing, and editing. The Santa Maria Police Department released the film at a local movie theater in March 2014, before an audience of 350 people including prosecutors, judges, city council members, school district officials, and nonprofit leaders. It was also uploaded to YouTube the same month and has received more than 240,000 views, with an additional Spanish version released in December 2014.

The documentary was shown at the 21st Annual San Luis Obispo International Film Festival in March 2015. Lieutenant Cohen has also sent hundreds of DVDs of the film to organizations across the country, as the poignancy of the film is not lost on organizations outside of Santa Barbara County or even California.

When producing *Life Facing Bars*, Cohen had junior high and high school students specifically in mind. Classroom presentations were the intended audience, which is the main reason why the film's length was kept to shorter than 40 minutes. This allows for a screening of the film with 20 minutes left over for questions and discussion, all within the usual hour time slot allotted for visiting presenters.

While *Life Facing Bars* does address a hugely negative issue, the film also provides a wealth of content that offers a potential solution to the complex issue of gang involvement. The fourth chapter, titled "Escaping Your Environment," includes interviews with local educators like Pete Flores, Santa Maria High School's assistant principal of student affairs, who explains the importance mentors have in education and shares his own story of a counselor who kept him in school. The film is being used by numerous local nonprofit groups, including the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria.

Expanding Efforts to Treat Opioid Overdoses

Addiction to opioids such as heroin, morphine, and prescription pain relievers continues to challenge the social and economic wellbeing of counties big and small. Heroin use specifically has increased dramatically in the past five years, and subsequently, overdose-related deaths more than doubled from 2011 to 2014. In an effort to provide assistance with this national epidemic, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy hosted a community forum on the opioid overdose in Knox County, Tenn. At this forum, state and local leaders announced that the National Association of Counties, the National Governors Association, the National League of Cities, and the United States Conference of Mayors with the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Premier, Inc., and Adapt Pharma are offering NARCAN® Nasal Spray at a 40-percent discount.

NARCAN®, a potentially lifesaving opioid withdrawal medication, is the only FDA-approved, ready-to-use nasal spray version of naloxone hydrochloride. It can stop or reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, and access to this medication will allow public agencies to combat the number of drug-related overdose deaths across the country. Adapt Pharma is offering a 40-percent discount, \$37.50 per dose (\$75 for a two-pack carton) in an effort to make the medication more affordable and accessible, through the U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance and Premier, Inc. NARCAN® is a simple product; its ease of use can save lives, even in the most high stress situations.

"The Administration has made it a top priority to expand access to the overdose reversal drug naloxone and medication-assisted treatment because we have lost too many of our family members and friends to the opioid epidemic," said White House National Drug Policy Control Director Michael Botticelli. "This public-private partnership to secure discounts for state and local agencies can help ensure that these life-saving medications are available wherever they are needed."

The National Governors Association threw support behind the agreement and highlighted the collaboration as an effective one. "Governors are at the forefront of the fight against opioid abuse," said National Governors Association Chair Utah Governor Gary Herbert. "At the last NGA Summer Meeting, governors convened to discuss the opioid epidemic. There we discussed that to turn the tide, there must be a coordinated response across all levels of government, which this purchasing effort helps to achieve."

Clarence Anthony, CEO and executive director of the National League of Cities, emphasized the importance of cooperation among Adapt Pharma and U.S. Communities. He stated that "American cities are facing an epidemic of opioid addiction. Providing affordable access to drugs like NARCAN® Nasal Spray is critical to saving lives in the event of an opioid overdose. This public-private partnership is a vital step in stemming the opioid addiction epidemic in our communities."

NARCAN® is also a simple product; its ease of use can save lives, even in the most high stress situations, and even when administered by understandably panicked bystanders.

The National Association of Counties views the offering as a perfect fit for its Safe and Secure Counties Initiative, and will continue to work with state associations of counties to develop policy recommendations and promote promising practices to address the opioid epidemic plaguing communities. "Medication-assisted opioid treatment can mean the difference between life and death," said NACo President Sallie Clark, commissioner, El Paso County, Colo. "We see the devastating effects of prescription drug abuse and heroin use because counties are at the intersection of the local health, justice and public safety systems. We welcome this public-private partnership to support our response to this national crisis."

U.S. Conference of Mayors CEO and Executive Director, Tom Cochran, understands how critical it is for local leaders to take advantage of this enormous opportunity. "Mayors across this nation are grappling with solutions to address the exponential rise in opioid overdoses occurring in our cities. We believe the expanded availability of this treatment is another tool for mayors and cities to use in their efforts to stem this epidemic," he stated. The U.S. Conference of Mayors created a special mayors' task force on substance abuse, prevention and recovery services, which will be headed by Boston Mayor Martin Walsh with the support of the organization's president, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

Drug abuse can be absolutely devastating for individuals, families, and communities. The announcement of the discounted offering of NARCAN® is an indication that local leaders and organizations are willing to unite with private companies to combat addiction and overdose deaths.

U.S. Communities combines the purchasing power of more than 62,000 public agencies. The program offers no user fees, best overall supplier government pricing, quality brands, integrity, experience, and oversight by public purchasing professionals. For more information, please visit www.uscommunities.org. For more information on how U.S. Communities is poised to combat prescription drug abuse and heroin use, please visit www.uscommunities.org/suppliers/premier-medical/combating-drug-abuse/.

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Internet Tax Freedom Act Extension May Be Acted On Soon *Cities Need to Email U.S. Senate Immediately*

Once again rumors are swirling that the Senate will consider the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 this week, which includes a permanent extension of the Internet Tax Freedom Act (ITFA). The League has joined with other stakeholders to urge the removal of the provisions of the Customs bill prior to its passage, but help is needed from individual cities.

Cities are urged to immediately email Sens. Barbara Boxer and Deanne Feinstein to urge them to oppose the Customs bill, officially known as the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. A vote on the conference report could come as early as Thursday. A [sample letter](#) can be found on the League's Federal Issues page or cities can use the [League's letter](#) as a sample. The letters should be sent to ellen_freedman@feinstein.senate.gov, eric_haren@judiciary-dem.senate.gov, and sean_moore@boxer.senate.gov.

The House has already acted on a bill to permanently extend ITFA, therefore the best opportunity to stop the extension is in the Senate.

Cities may remember that the provisions to make ITFA permanent were included in the unrelated [Customs Reauthorization Conference Report](#) in December. This action came without notice and was completely unexpected.

Originally enacted in 1998, this legislation would place a permanent moratorium on taxes imposed on access to the internet. While there is no city in California that imposes such a tax, the League has raised concerns regarding the evolving nature of the internet and how a permanent moratorium will impact city revenues. For example, city utility user tax revenues are being eroded as consumers migrate from traditional phone lines to broadband-based telecommunications services. The League has asked Congress to consider a short-term extension, instead of the permanent extension, to provide Congress an opportunity to revisit the policy in regular intervals. The [Center on Budget Policy and Priorities](#) have posted a blog that underscores the harm a permanent ban on internet access taxes would have on state and local revenues.

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Call for 2016 Helen Putnam Entries

Submission Deadline is April 14

It's time to submit your city's innovative program and compete for statewide recognition. Each year the League of California Cities® honors outstanding work in member cities across the state through the League Partner-sponsored Helen Putnam Awards for Excellence.

For more, see Page 2.



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$5.6 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for APP Hayward Jet Center

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA). This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued \$5,600,000 in tax-exempt bonds for the APP Jet Center (APP) in Hayward.

For more, see Page 2.



Public Works Officers Institute, Register before All Seats are Gone

Feb. 16 is Registration Deadline

The League's Public Works Officers Institute & Expo is selling out fast. There are just 48 spots available for the three day conference, which will be held in Sacramento March 9-11.

For more, see Page 3.

If your city has done remarkable, innovative work in any of the 12 categories listed below now is the time to get your deserved recognition. It is an opportunity to thank your employees and collaborators, gain the appreciation of your residents and feel proud of outstanding contributions made to better your city.

The award recognizes the successes of California cities as demonstrated by beneficial innovations, resourceful efficiencies, improved public service, and overall enhanced public trust and support. The award also provides a great opportunity to have a community celebration of the good work you are doing.

Does your city have an outstanding program that delivers efficiency, quality service and innovation? Enter your program at www.helenputnam.org to compete for the recognition it deserves.

Award categories include:

- CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration Award
- Community Services and Economic Development
- Economic Development through the Arts
- Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Housing Programs and Innovations
- Internal Administration
- League Partners Award for Excellence in City-Business Relations
- Planning and Environmental Quality
- Public Safety
- Public Works, Infrastructure, Transportation
- Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government

Additionally, your city can receive the President's Advocacy Award. This prestigious award honors a distinguished program or individual that best advocates for the League's annual strategic priorities. One outstanding winner may be chosen from the 12 categories.

Your city must be a member of the League of California Cities to apply. To qualify, simply demonstrate that your city offered a program or service that has proven measurable and successful within a minimum of one year of actual implementation. Particular attention and credit is given to applications specifically advancing the League's strategic priorities at www.cacities.org/priorities, which are determined each year by the board of directors.

Submit your entry [online](#) by April 14.

Please contact [Melissa Lienau](#) with any questions at (916) 658-8216.

Hayward: APP Jet Center

APP owns and operates Fixed Base Operations (FBO) at three U.S. airports, as well as one hangar complex. An FBO is a business that sells aviation fuel and provides services and storage for private and business aviation customers. APP's FBO locations are in Manassas, Virginia; Fort Pierce, Florida; and at the location of the current financing in Hayward.

CSCDA partnered with KeyBanc Capital Markets to provide the \$5.6 million in tax-exempt bonds to APP. The bond proceeds will be used for the construction of a new 20,000 square foot aircraft storage hangar, attached 3,000 square foot passenger terminal and renovations to the existing terminal. The financing will provide the following economic development benefits:

- Employment in the Hayward area during and after construction;
- Upgrading the suitability of the Hayward Executive Airport for corporate aviation use; and
- Increasing tax revenues to the city of Hayward and Alameda County.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit <http://cscda.org> for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

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Feb. 16 is the deadline to register and spots are being filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Register [online](#).

Full conference registration will include admission for the following:

- *Sacramento Bee* columnist Dan Walters will present the opening general session focusing on the State of California: Past, Present and Future, with a spin towards the daily dealings of those in the public works profession;
- A discussion on how to engage people in public works issues, whether it is at a community meeting, on the agency website, or in a printed document;
- An information-packed breakout session featuring a three-part discussion on pavement sustainability;
- State-wide issues discussion on water issues, a Road Charge Pilot Program update, and Caltrans & Highway Bridge Committee Updates;
- Discussion with the agency that has been delivering recycled water to its community for more than 40 years highlighting the future of recycled water as well as the local perspective on the potentials, practices and pitfalls from an agency that has been delivering recycled water to their community for over 40 years;
- Networking reception with exhibitors on Wednesday, enjoy networking breakfast and lunch on Thursday, and breakfast on Friday; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

For a full list of planned sessions and other conference details [visit the League website](#).

[Brian Sanders](#) can answer conference questions. [Megan Dunn](#) can answer registration questions.

California City Solutions: Rancho Cucamonga Involves Spanish-Speaking Community Members in Strategic Planning

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

Rancho Cucamonga's Spanish speaking residents had a lot to say about their community. Unfortunately, many of them were not confident enough to voice their concerns and engage in local government. These residents became distrustful of city government, primarily living in an underserved area which often faced disproportionate differences. A number of policies and programs that are developed and implemented affect this portion of the population, yet their input was not requested or incorporated into the solutions. The city of Rancho Cucamonga developed [Community Champions](#) to engage Spanish-speaking residents in a leadership program, providing them the opportunity to collaborate with the city to develop policies, programs, and strategies to improve the quality of life for their community.

No opportunities existed for the few residents who wanted to engage with city officials to raise their concerns. Many had never been to city hall, let alone a Rancho Cucamonga City Council meeting and did not know who their elected leaders were, or knew that their voice mattered.

Over one-third of the population in Rancho Cucamonga identifies as Hispanic. This population is at higher risk for various chronic diseases and resides in neighborhoods that are not easily accessible to a healthy lifestyle. Residents in the southwest portion of the city in particular faced many challenges to the quality and length of their life, with higher rates of poverty and fewer neighborhood amenities. Two out of every three residents were obese or overweight and three out of every four school children did not meet fitness standards. There were no outlets selling fresh produce, limited access to open spaces for exercise, and the streets lacked curbs, sidewalks, and bike lanes. Despite these inconsistencies, these populations are traditionally less represented in local decision making including city council meetings.

Rancho Cucamonga leaders strongly believe that local community members are best equipped to solve local issues. In order to do this, it was critical for Spanish-speaking residents to become actively engaged in community issues if the city was going to effectively improve the quality of life for its residents. To do this, it must give residents, especially those who are most disadvantaged, a voice to create the healthiest thriving community.

The city has a long history of civic engagement as the foundation of its governance style. Healthy RC is a city community partnership with over 75 community stakeholders, including elected officials, city staff, the county health department, hospitals, schools, nonprofits and community based organizations, faith based groups, businesses, local universities, residents, and youth collaborating to improve the quality of life through policies, programs, and partnerships.

The idea of Community Champions was developed through the Healthy RC initiative to engage Spanish-speaking residents as leaders and partners who not only inform decisions and policies, but also play an active role in implementing and sustaining them. Participants work in partnership with local governmental leaders and officials, community partners, resident and youth groups to voice concerns and issues and identify and implement long-term policy driven solutions.

Community Champions meet bi-weekly to enhance their leadership and communication skills, deepen their understanding of public policy and local governmental processes, and build their capacity to plan and implement solutions to their identified priorities in their neighborhoods. They have increased access and availability to healthy food by dramatically rezoning where community gardens and farmer's markets could be located, simplifying the permitting process, and reducing associated fees.

Instrumental in identifying opportunities in the city that require additional attention, Community Champions have canvassed neighborhoods, collected data and conducted neighborhood assessments, engaged local residents, and applied for, and secured, grants to improve the quality of life for residents in this area. They have also conducted walkability assessments around local schools to gather data for successful Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant applications that created new sidewalks in their neighborhood enhancing safety and increasing walkability and bikability for students and their families.

Community Champions were successful in collaborating with the city and its Healthy RC stakeholders on the development of policies such as community gardens, farmer's markets, and complete streets. They not only advocated for the passage of these policies, but were actively involved in coordinating and conducting focus groups, comprehensive surveys, and drafting policy language and recommendations that were later adopted by the city council, often speaking in Spanish at city council meetings. As a result of their involvement, the Complete Streets policy was recognized as the 10th best Complete Streets policy in the nation.

The program has also received regional recognition. Recently, they were invited to speak to public health students at the University of Southern California on the importance of providing meaningful engagement opportunities to local residents.

By learning how to navigate through the policy process, the Community Champions are improving the dialogue with local decision makers, applying for grant opportunities, and making informed decisions that affect all residents, and particularly those in the southwestern area of the city.

Rancho Cucamonga's innovative approach provides a model for other local governments to partner with residents to create policies and programs that benefit the entire community. It is the city's commitment to engaging and empowering all residents in improving the quality of life for everyone who lives, works, and plays here that is the heart and soul of Rancho Cucamonga.

Planning Commissioners Academy Sold Out

There will be no on-site registration for the League's annual Planning Commissioners Academy. Set for March 2-4 in San Ramon, the conference has sold out and built up a substantial waiting list.

Sign up for the Housing, Community and Economic Development Listserv, which features news about educational opportunities for planners and commissioners like the Academy. Visit the League website for more information about how to get involved with the League's Planning and Community Development Department.

Grant Opportunity for Police Departments

Applications for Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grants due April 1

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) has released a Request for Proposals for a new grant program called "Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations." Municipal police departments and cities that contract for law enforcement services are among the eligible applicants. Please forward the following information to your members.

The Budget Act of 2015 allocates \$6,000,000 to the BSCC to administer this new grant program. The grant is intended to fund collaborative law enforcement-community approaches that aim to improve, strengthen, establish or reestablish positive meaningful relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The grant period is July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018.

Eligible applicants, in partnership with the communities they serve, are:

- Municipal police departments;
- County sheriff's departments; and
- Cities that contract for law enforcement services.

Eligible applicants (see above) must pass through a minimum of 30 percent of the total grant award to one or more community partners. March 18 is the deadline to submit a notice of intent to apply with proposals due April 1.

Individual applicants may request up to \$600,000 and joint applicants may request up to \$850,000

Information on the grant is available on the BSCC website.

Register for ILG Webinar: Improving Community Wellness through Collaboration

Join the Institute for Local Government on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. for a webinar highlighting how collaborative efforts can help stretch limited resources, develop healthier neighborhoods and improve community wellness. The Improving Community Wellness through Collaboration webinar will feature speakers from the city of Davis and Placer County, who will share experiences and best practices for collaborating with other agencies on how to tackle issues such as mental health and restorative justice.

[Register online.](#)

April 5 is Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) invites mayors from throughout the United States to participate in the third annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service.

Scheduled for April 5, this year's event will highlight the impact of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. Participating in the event is a way to spotlight the importance of citizen engagement, recognize the dedication of national service members, and inspire more residents to get involved in their communities.

[Register online](#) to participate.

CNCS has put together a comprehensive toolkit for the event that includes FAQs, key messages, sample news release, sample proclamation and more.

If you have any questions, please contact [Laurie Cannady](#) of the CNCS CA State Office at (310) 235-7421.
