

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**February 18, 2016**

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

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

None.

**II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. UPDATE ON THE REPLACEMENT OF FIRE STATION NO. 6**

Chief Schultz provides information on the preparation of site plans, cost estimates and recommendations regarding the CEQA review process to replace Fire Station No. 6 located at 12111 Chapman Avenue.

• **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 Stiles  
Dept.: City Manager  
Subject: UPDATE ON THE REPLACEMENT  
OF FIRE STATION NO. 6 LOCATED  
AT 12111 CHAPMAN AVENUE

From: Tom Schultz  
Dept.: Fire Department  
Date: February 17, 2016

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit information to the City Council regarding the preparation of conceptual site plans, construction cost estimates and recommendations regarding the CEQA environmental review process to replace Fire Station No. 6, located on the northeast corner of Chapman Avenue and Debbie Lane.

BACKGROUND

At the March 13, 2015, City Council Retreat, there was discussion regarding the continued need for a new Fire Department Headquarters, previously planned for the east side of Euclid Street (previous Black Angus Restaurant site.) At the retreat, the City Council concurred with staff's recommendation that plans for a new Fire Department Headquarters be abandoned, and that staff concentrate their efforts on relocating and reconstructing Fire Station No. 6.

In an effort to accomplish this task, a sub-committee was established, to analyze the project by exploring various development site options for the replacement station. A contract was awarded to WLC Architects, after they were selected by public bid, and the City has held three public meetings to obtain input from the public.

DISCUSSION

To date the City has solicited comments from the public during three public meetings. The first two meetings solicited response concerning the possible locations for the replacement of Station No. 6. The sites were chosen based upon the Fire Department's analysis of several factors, including developed response time standards; consideration of reasonable travel time; the size of the area to be serviced; the resources available, and the level of acceptable risk.

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The proposed relocation sites are:

- 1) \*Harbor Boulevard (west side of Harbor Blvd., north of Lampson Ave.);
- 2) A one-acre portion of Westhaven Park, located on the east side of West Street, north of Lampson (would include replacement of park land and/or improved park amenities equivalent to the value of the park space being removed);
- 3) \*12111 Chapman Avenue (northeast corner of Chapman Avenue and Debbie Lane), existing site of Station No. 6.

\*Both sites 1 & 3 require additional land acquisition.

During the first two meetings, the majority of the public comments identified the Westhaven Park site as the most desirable location for the fire station.

During the third meeting, this information was shared with the public in attendance. This meeting also displayed some site layout and frontal elevation options. This allowed the public to make comments on their preferences. The sub-committee is awaiting additional details from WLC Architects, regarding costs and CEQA requirements. This item will then be forwarded to the Planning Commission where the public will again have an opportunity for comments.

#### SUMMARY

The sub-committee continues to move this project along as fast as possible due to the Fire Departments need for the new replacement station, while allowing the public to participate in the site selection and station design options. The next steps will be to forward this to the Planning Commission where the public will again have the opportunity to provide comments.

The goal is to have this station constructed by the end of 2017, which means construction would need to start in early 2017.

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**ARTICLES**

# ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

## Garden Grove: Water park, hotel openings this week put city on track for tourist, resort dollars

By DAVID WHITING  
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*This is part of an occasional series on every city in Orange County.*

Step aside, Anaheim. Move over, Buena Park. There's another city in Orange County ramping up to compete for hotel bed taxes and tourist sales revenue.

OK, it's not exactly on the scale of Disneyland or Knott's Berry Farm. But for Garden Grove, which has struggled financially for decades, getting resort dollars marks a sea change.

On Friday, a \$250 million water park and hotel will open. But that is only the beginning.

City Manager Scott Stiles stands between two enormous vacant lots on either side of Harbor Boulevard. Just down the boulevard, the Great Wolf Lodge with its huge indoor water park prepares for opening day. Up the boulevard, and only about a mile away, lies Disneyland like a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

On one of the empty lots will rise a 700-room hotel with an undisclosed occupant. On the opposite lot, plans are being firmed up for a 200-room boutique hotel.

The astonishing thing is that between the empty lots and Disneyland, there's a collection of relatively new hotels that quietly sprung up when most of us were focused elsewhere.

With the city changing in November from at-large to by-district City Council elections, it's an understatement when the city manager remarks, "The whole future of Garden Grove is really going to be interesting."

### CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME

Like Westminster, Garden Grove lays claim to Little Saigon. Signs on the 22 freeway make it official and are intended to draw tourists.

It's a remarkable turn of events considering that less than two decades ago, many longtime county residents who lived outside the area considered it a bold and brave move to visit Little Saigon. That was silly then, just as it is silly now.

Shopping and dining in Little Saigon, regardless of the city, is a treasured treat. Check out Lee's Sandwiches on the northwest corner of Brookhurst Street and Westminster Avenue – yes, that's Garden Grove – for the sliced barbecue Chinese pork.

Still, Stiles is quick to admit crime remains a problem. The city ranks in the lower 38 percentile of the nation's cities when it comes to safety. He adds the city's police force is working to turn things around.

"Everybody's learning to come together," says Stiles. "We're developing our own identity."

That identity is a stew and includes residents who have lived in the city since before the fall of Saigon in 1975 as well as the city's more recent Korean immigrants. It also takes in some 7,000 worshipers who attend the Islamic Center of Orange County mosque.

Along with reinventing Garden Grove's Harbor Boulevard, the city is tackling dilapidated areas.

On Brookhurst just north of Garden Grove Boulevard, developers Ronnie Lam and the Kam Sang Co. are building 180 residential units that will be above restaurants and retail. In time, the seven-acre development is expected to grow to 600 units.

Just a few blocks away, there's a massive steel structure, appropriately dubbed the Rusty Skeleton, that has failed to develop anything more than rust for more than a half-decade. But now the city has given the owner a May deadline to stand up or give up.

"Garden Grove," Stiles says, "is changing fast."

### THE PLAY'S THE THING

For years, one of my favorite things about Orange County is Garden Grove's commitment to theater. This is not simply community theater – which would be fine. This is theater that can rise to national quality at half the cost, with a fraction of the commute.

Under former director Tom Bradac, Shakespeare Orange County (now just SOC) blossomed in the 1990s. It continues to grow today at the city's outdoor Festival Amphitheatre under the stewardship of artistic director John Walcutt, now entering his third year.

Walcutt, whom you might recognize from "Lost" and "Little Miss Sunshine," this summer will play King Claudius in "Hamlet."

The 158-seat Gem Theater is a short walk away. While the city owns the facility, One More Productions stages and produces. Seven years ago, at a cost of \$150,000, the company renovated what was an old vaudeville house. The new season opened Friday with "Funny Girl."

But the city's historic downtown continues to struggle. Some shops are shuttered. Others are, well, less than ideal. Black Umbrella Tattoo and Art Gallery, however, is ultra-cool and ultra-hip with well-reviewed ink artists and wall hangings.

In office less than six months after arriving from Cincinnati, Stiles hopes to reinvigorate Main Street. But there are other priorities.

Two years ago, the city faced a \$7 million deficit; last year it was \$4 million. "We've got big budget challenges," Stiles says, "and keeping up with infrastructure."

Stiles explains part of the reason to become a resort destination and recruit new hotels is to bring in more revenue for the city. "These are projects that help me build up the neighborhoods."

Many of the newer hotels such as Hyatt Regency, Marriott Suites, Wyndham and Sheraton claim Anaheim in their name. But change is afoot.

Great Wolf Lodge will open with a 105,000-square-foot water park, a 600-room hotel and an address true to its location – Garden Grove.

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**WOLF RIDER WIPEOUT** Kane Turner, an aquatics supervisor at Great Wolf Lodge, demonstrates the Wolf Rider Wipeout ride in Garden Grove. The 603-suite hotel and 105,000-square-foot water park is scheduled to open Friday.



PHOTOS: JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# SPLASHDOWN! NEW RESORT PLUNGES INTO O.C. WATERS

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Water-park hotel aims to lure Disney's vacationing families.

By **JOSEPH PIMENTEL** and **CHRIS HAIRE**  
STAFF WRITERS

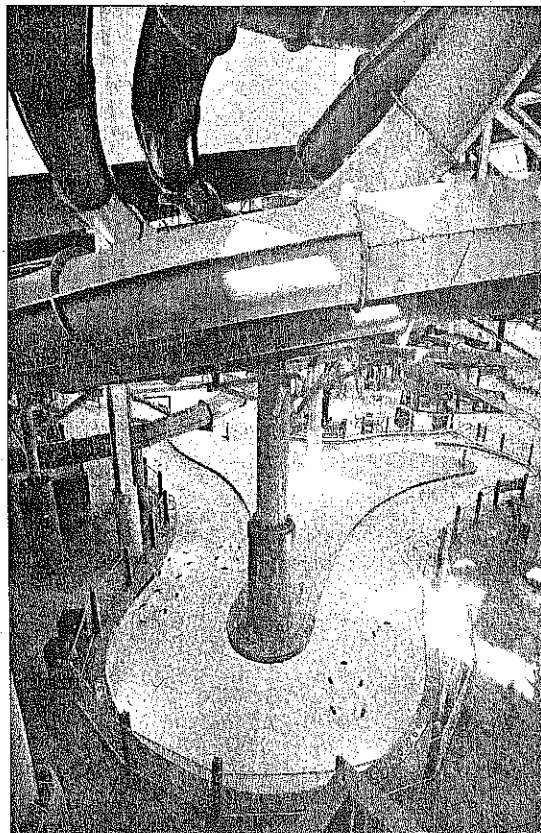
**GARDEN GROVE** • Can Wiley the Wolf survive in the land of Mickey Mouse, Harry Potter and Snoopy – not to mention Orange County's famed beaches and ritzy coastal resorts?

Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, a \$250 million indoor water park and 603-suite hotel, will begin to find out Friday, when it will welcome its first swimwear-clad visitors.

The Wisconsin-based chain, with 14 resort properties nationwide and in Canada, is betting it can penetrate Southern California and put Garden Grove – perpetually in the shadow of Anaheim – on the map for vacationers.

Its entry into a highly competitive tourism market poses unique challenges for a business that has thrived elsewhere in the U.S., experts say.

“There’s a reason why the Great Wolf does well in the Midwest and East Coast.



Crooked Creek, a lazy river ride, snakes under water ride tubes at Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove.

## CITY EXPECTS INVESTMENT IN PARK TO PAY OFF

Public funds were used to help bring Great Wolf to Garden Grove. City leaders say the investment is likely to be recouped within a decade, in large part due to the increased bed tax revenue that will flow to city coffers. **NEWS 10**



## 360-DEGREE VIEW ONLINE

See a 360-degree virtual tour of the water park and Kid-Cabin suites at [ocregister.com/go/greatwolf](http://ocregister.com/go/greatwolf)

# GREAT WOLF

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When the weather is bad, it's nice to have that indoor water park," said Robert Niles, editor of **ThemePark Insider.com**, which covers the theme park industry. "They lose a bit of that unique selling point here. ... You can go outdoors nine or 10 months out of the year."

But others predict that the Garden Grove resort, which will be the largest Great Wolf property, is immune to roadblocks other resorts might face.

"We went to other Great Wolfs and studied what it is about this water park, this resort," said Matt Fertal, a former Garden Grove city manager who worked to bring the resort to town. "We realized it didn't matter where it was. Families are drawn to it."

The first visitors to cross the resort's threshold and meet its Wiley the Wolf mascot will mark the end of a nearly decadelong effort to bring the attraction to Orange County.

Among the obstacles that Garden Grove and resort officials had to overcome: the \$250 million construction price tag, concerns about the drought and the economic sludge caused by the Great Recession.

"Since day one we have remained committed to opening here in Garden Grove," said Tim Black, chief operating officer of Great Wolf Resorts. "At long last the resort is about to open, and we know that

patience will pay off as families begin to experience our brand for the first time."

The 105,000-square-foot indoor water park is exclusively for hotel guests; they can invite outside friends and relatives, for \$40 each, up to the room's capacity.

Inside the dome, the temperature is set at 84 degrees, with water to stay steady at 82 degrees. Twisting water slides and rides jut out from the building and into a pool inside.

There's a water-basketball pool, a place to bodyboard or surf and a lazy river. In the hotel are seven eateries, an arcade, a spa for girls and women, miniature golf, and an interactive scavenger hunt for kids.

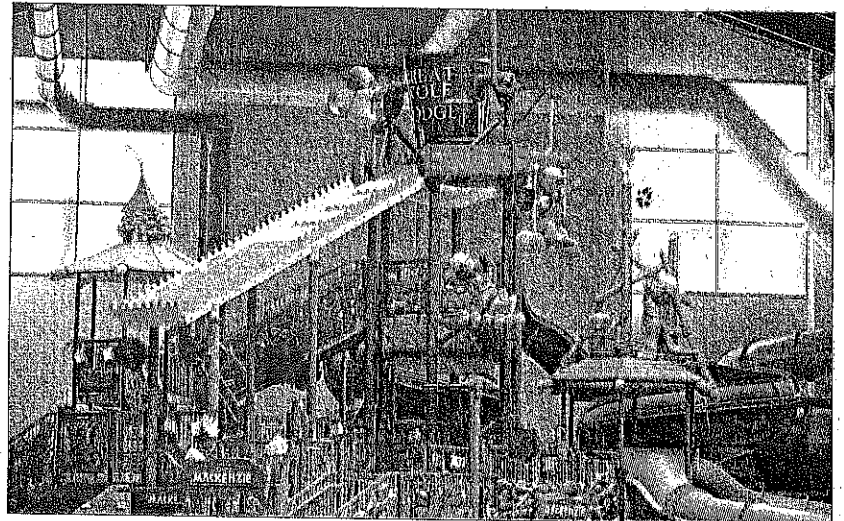
Rooms go for \$250 to \$600 a night. The average daily hotel rate in the Anaheim-Garden Grove area is \$162.

City officials envision a Great Wolf that can draw more hotels, restaurants and shops to a stretch of Harbor Boulevard once considered blighted.

Greg Blodgett, Garden Grove's economic development director, attended a developer's conference in Los Angeles a couple of weeks ago at which Great Wolf was a popular topic.

"We were all the buzz," Blodgett said. "People who saw me came up and asked about building other things on Harbor. The resort is important for growth of the entire area."

The city already has a hotel and convention center



JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fort Mackenzie play area in the water park at Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove. The 603-suite hotel and 105,000-square-foot water park is scheduled to open Friday.

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lined up across the street, where the old Joe's Italian Ice operated for years.

Gary Sherwin, CEO of Newport Beach and Co., the tourism and marketing agency for Newport Beach, sees Great Wolf as helping "solidify the Anaheim-Garden Grove area as a family-friendly destination. The Great Wolf gives people another reason to stay an extra day or two."

A record 47.3 million people visited Orange County last year, a 2.6 percent uptick from 2014. Of that, Anaheim saw 22.5 million visitors, up 3.5 percent, according to resort district promoter Visit Anaheim.

"It's something unique to the area," said Jay Burress, CEO of Visit Anaheim. "This just adds to the attraction of the area. The stronger economy and the increasing tourism is something we've seen across the country."



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Great Wolf arrives as the local theme park arms race is heating up.

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, based on author J.K. Rowling's magical literary hero, opens at Universal Studios Hollywood in April. Knott's Berry Farm, with its Snoopy-theme kids park, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this summer by turning Ghost Town into an interactive experience - letting visitors play poker with the sheriff or arrest family members. The once-bumpy GhostRider wooden roller coaster is getting new tracks and sleek cars.

And, as always, there is Disneyland, which has seen record attendance and where construction just began on a "Star Wars" land. A new ride, Luigi's Rollickin' Roadsters, and a "Frozen"-inspired musical will debut soon at Disney California Adventure.

In addition, Legoland, Magic Mountain, Raging Waters and Knott's have water parks.

Also in the mix for a family that can afford a stay at the Great Wolf are the swanky hotels that dot Orange County's coast.

"There is nothing around most of the other (Great Wolf) locations," said Susan Emery, Garden Grove's former community development director who now holds the same position in Irvine. "There is stuff here. (Staffers) did have those conversations. It went back and forth: Will it be successful? ..."

"Hopefully, it's a shot in the arm for the city," she said.

Some entertainment experts predict Great Wolf will be a success.

"You'd be surprised how popular that place is with families with children," said Dennis Spiegel, president

of International Theme Park Services, a leisure-industry consulting firm that has tracked Great Wolf since it opened the Sandusky, Ohio, location 15 years ago.

"I think this is right where they want to be - in the thick of that market," Spiegel added. "Every kid loves to swim."

But there is debate over who will splash about in Great Wolf's water park: locals seeking mini-vacations or those out-of-town visitors?

Rick West, a writer for Rethink Leisure & Entertainment, said Great Wolf is aimed at families already aware of the brand - out-of-towners or transplants from areas with their own Great Wolfs.

"What they're going after is the resort guest who is going to spend \$300 or more per night near Disneyland anyway," West said. "Why not stay just minutes away from both Knott's and Disney, where you have exclusive use of a water attraction when it's time to relax away from the controlled chaos of the theme parks for an afternoon?"

McWhinney Enterprises CEO Chad McWhinney, the developer who helped bring Great Wolf to town, sees Garden Grove's new resort as offering more than that - namely, a variety of attractions that will lure locals and visitors alike.

"There is not another resort like this in California," he said.

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# A BIG BET ON GREAT WOLF LODGE

Garden Grove's \$100 million-plus investment in the resort may take years to pay off.

**GARDEN GROVE** • The Great Wolf Lodge Southern California is opening this week with the help of a \$100 million-plus infusion of taxpayer funds, an investment that city leaders say should be recouped within a decade, in large part because of the hotel's



**CHRIS HAIRE**  
STAFF WRITER

projected generation of \$8 million in annual bed tax.

In addition, the 105,000-square-foot water park and 603-suite resort is expected to help spur growth along Harbor Boulevard and boost Garden Grove's appeal as an entertainment destination.

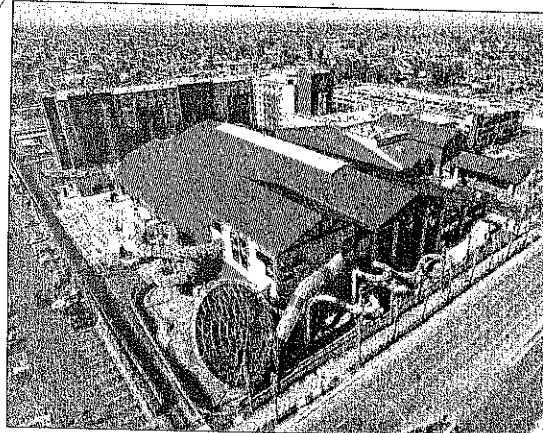
"The \$8 million is probably a conservative estimate because the market keeps getting better," said Greg Blodgett, the city's economic development director, referring to bed tax revenue. "Once we get these additional resources, it will definitely help (the budget). That's why we've been so aggressive with development."

Not everyone agrees with the strategy.

Handing over a large subsidy is unfair to taxpayers, especially when that money is going to a private company with no guarantee of a return on investment, said Carolyn Cavecche, a former Orange mayor and president of the Orange County Taxpayers Association.

"The taxpayers should not have to roll the dice," Cavecche said. "If they have to pay, they should be getting services. That's what taxpayer money is for, not to be used to invest in a business."

The resort's opening is the culmination of nearly a decade of negotiations among Garden Grove officials, developer McWhinney Enterprises and Great



JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Great Wolf Lodge on Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove. The 603-suite water park hotel is set to open Friday.**

Wolf Resorts.

In 2009, Garden Grove and McWhinney inked an agreement to bring a water park to Harbor Boulevard. The deal, amended several times, required the city to help the development financially.

Five years later, after McWhinney brought Great Wolf into the mix, Garden Grove gave the developer 13 acres on Harbor, just south of Lampson Avenue, for free.

At the time, the land was worth more than \$30 million, said Mike Hannah, a manager at the Orange County Assessor's Office, which appraised the property after McWhinney took control of it.

A few months later, when construction began, the city gave the developer \$5 million. McWhinney also required Garden Grove to invest in renovating Harbor Boulevard. In 2015, the city finished a \$5.2 million renovation of Harbor, upgrading the rundown roadway and sidewalks, adding landscaping to the medians and putting up a traffic signal at the entrance to Great Wolf.

And within 30 days of Great Wolf opening, the city must give McWhinney \$42 million. The city will raise that by issuing bonds. Over 18 years, interest will raise the cost by an estimated \$23 million.

That \$65 million or so will come from property taxes in the area that includes the Great Wolf — money that otherwise would have gone to public agencies.

Some of that \$65 million will be paid off by Great Wolf itself, from the increased property tax from the resort because of the building improvements. Based on city and county projections, the resort will start off paying \$2.8 million annually in property tax.

"If you look nationally," said Chad McWhinney, the CEO of the developer, "really complex projects almost always involve public-private partnerships. Their goal is to recoup their investment."

Public-private partnerships "have to be beneficial for both parties," he said.

Over the years, some Garden Grove residents have voiced concerns about the aesthetics of the resort — a large funnel, part of a ride, is on the exterior of the park — the anticipated increased congestion on Harbor, the wisdom of opening a water park during a yearslong drought and whether it's the best use of taxpayer funds.

If Great Wolf does as well as city and resort officials predict, the city should see the hotel bed tax top \$10.5 million annually by 2024, according to estimates in city documents. Guests pay the bed tax, also known as a transient occupancy tax, with the amount based on the room charge.

The city also could take in a total of \$8.5 million in sales tax by 2024.

Garden Grove's coffers could use some help. In recent years, the city has had to go into its savings to balance the general fund bud-

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### TAXPAYER EXPENDITURES

**\$42 million:** Lump sum Garden Grove must give to the developer within 30 days of the park opening.

**\$30 million:** Assessed value of the land Garden Grove gave to the developer.

**\$23 million:** Estimated interest the city will have to pay by 2034 on bonds needed to pay the \$42 million to McWhinney.

**\$5.2 million:** To renovate Harbor Boulevard, as required by the development agreement.

**\$5 million:** Payment Garden Grove made to McWhinney when construction began.

**\$1.9 million:** Compensation Garden Grove needed to pay to 30 families living in a trailer park on land given to the developer.

**\$107.1 million:** Total taxpayer investment

### PROJECTED CITY REVENUE

**\$84.5 million:** Total bed tax revenue by 2024

**\$8.5 million:** Total sales tax revenue for Garden Grove by 2024

**\$2.8 million:** Annual property tax from the resort

### PROJECTED REVENUE DIVIDED BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES

**\$61.5 million:** Sales tax by 2024

Source: City of Garden Grove

get; it is taking an estimated \$6 million for the current fiscal year.

"Great Wolf presented an amazing opportunity," said Matt Fertal, Garden Grove's former city manager, who retired in December 2014 after spearheading the effort to bring in the resort. "For as long as I can remember, we've had the same (financial) struggle year after year."

With Great Wolf, Fertal said, "Maybe we can get over that hump once and for all. That's what made Great Wolf, from a financial aspect, different from anything else."

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## Woman testifies she wasn't attracted to man accused of kidnapping her

Garden Grove resident says she was raped as a teenager by man she later lived with for a decade.

By SEAN EMERY  
STAFF WRITER

FULLERTON • A Garden Grove woman who authorities say was raped and kidnapped by her mother's ex-boyfriend testified on Wednesday that she never found the man attractive — despite marrying him and living together for a decade.

The 26-year-old woman testified that Isidro Garcia began courting her shortly after she arrived in Santa Ana from Mexico at the age of 14, saying Garcia forced her to have sex with him and destroyed her relationship with her mother.

The woman denied that she pursued Garcia or used him to escape her mother, as Garcia's attorney has contended. She was composed on the witness stand as she told, with the help of a Spanish-language interpreter, how she had no



Garcia

interest in Garcia, who is accused of raping and kidnapping her and forcing her to live with him.

"Did you find him attractive?" Deputy District Attorney Whitney Bokosky asked about the time the woman met Garcia.

"No," the woman replied.

"In fact, have you ever found him attractive?" the prosecutor asked.

"No," the woman said.

The Register is not naming the woman or her family to avoid identifying a potential sexual-assault victim.

The woman said that shortly after she moved into an apartment with Garcia and her mother, Garcia began favoring her with clothes and a computer.

During a trip to pick up recyclables in Irvine, the woman said Garcia touched her bottom inappropriately.

"I kept insisting on telling my mom," the woman said. "He said I couldn't, because he would call immigration."

Shortly after her 15th birthday, the woman said, Garcia forced her into her

mother's room, took off her clothes and pushed her onto a bed, ignoring her pleas to stop.

"He just told me not to yell," the woman said. "I knew that something bad was going to happen."

The woman testified that another half-dozen sexual assaults followed, and her relationship with her mother deteriorated: "I felt that what was happening with Isidro was her fault because it was her boyfriend."

Her mother and Garcia began getting into physical fights, the woman said, leaving her to find solace in a nearby park.

"Every time they would fight I would leave," the woman said. "I would just sit under a tree."

The woman is scheduled to resume her Superior Court testimony this afternoon, when she is expected to be questioned about the fight that led to her alleged abduction, as well as her decade living with Garcia, marrying him and raising a child. In 2014, she reunited with her mother and other family members.

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# No Grammy glory as Garden

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## Grove preps to show its stripes



JOSHUA SUDOCK, FILE PHOTO

Actor, author, comedian, musician and Orange County native Steve Martin picked up the banjo as a teen and later incorporated it into his his stand-up act during the 1970s. He's won two Grammys for comedy and three for music.

The 58th annual Grammy Awards took place at Staples Center in Los Angeles on Monday, and as far as Brainiac can tell, our fair cities of Garden Grove, Westminster, Stanton and Midway City got shut out this year.

Not, mind you, that we haven't seen our share of winners in years past. For instance, can any of you name the Garden Grove-bred winner of five Grammys in years past?

If you guessed the Offspring, that's not a bad try - the popular long-running punk band formed out of Pacifica High School some three decades ago - but they've never even earned a Grammy nomination, a slight that's at least partly due to the fact that their biggest hits came before the Grammys started nominating and honoring more modern-sounding acts.

The answer we're looking for here is **Steve Martin**, who grew up in Garden Grove, and won twice for best comedy album in the late '70s - for the classic records "Let's Get Small" and "Wild and Crazy Guy" - before winning three times this century for his work as a bluegrass banjo player.

Martin's our biggest winner, though you'd think the late Westminster resident **Danny Flores** would have gotten an honorary Grammy along the way for writing the greatest booze-themed bar song of all time - "Tequila," by the Champs.

Even our local hair metal hero, **Mick Mars**, guitarist for Mötley Crüe, who grew up in Stanton, was nominated three times for best hard rock performance and probably had his best shot at



**Mandy, a spayed tan-and-white Chihuahua, gazes out from her cage at the OC Animal Care in Orange. The county intends to replace the aging facility.**

win for that band's 1990 single "Doctor Feelgood."

### STRIPES 'N' ANIMALS

It wasn't a flashy meeting of the Garden Grove City Council last week - we're talking about a city council meeting here, after all - but a couple of items on the Feb. 9 agenda caught Brainiac's eye, or ear, or eyes and ears.

For instance, any idea how much the city pays to keep the streets striped, curbs painted and signs posted? We didn't either - but now we do.

The council unanimously approved a contract with Orange County Striping

Service Inc. to do all of those services for \$351,767 per year, which if renewed annually for the full five-year term of the deal adds up to \$1,758,837.

That's a lot of paint, but still the lowest of five bids submitted. Brainiac's not sure what priciest bidder Sterndahl Enterprises Inc. included in its rejected bid, but for \$804,675 a year, it probably ought to be stripping the streets with gold-leaf paint.

The council also heard a report from city staff on possible changes to animal control in Garden Grove. The city has contracted with the county for 34 years for animal control and shelter services, but the cost has been going up steadily, from \$730,000 five years ago to \$1.3 million during the current fiscal year.

Add to that the county's plans to build a new shelter on 10 acres at the old Marine Corps base in Tustin - which is needed, by all accounts - and the city's costs would go even higher.

According to the staff report, the county is asking its 18 contract cities including Garden Grove to pitch in for the \$35 million cost to build the modern shelter, with Garden Grove's share an estimated \$3.5 million to \$4 million.

Put all that together and the city's costs are looking to go up substantially, so **Mayor Bao Nguyen** and the council asked staff to check out options for partnerships with other cities, private providers and nonprofits and report back before the county needs to know whether Garden Grove is in or out.

A soft deadline is set April 1.

ED CRISOSTOMO,  
FILE PHOTO

# Stacy Lynn Margolin



She did not go gently into the night, no one loved life more. It is with broken hearts that her mother Connie; brothers, Raphael and Mike; sisters, Nancy, Eileen, Debra; and soul sister, Jennifer Gallo announce the passing of Stacy Lynn Margolin.

Stacy was a dynamic, creative, fun loving woman who brought tremendous joy and warmth to every life she touched. She loved the music of country singer Toby Keith, poker, her cats, her friends at Garden Grove City Hall, and her Miss Garden Grove Pageant partners.

Stacy was an active and dedicated volunteer in the City of Garden Grove for over 30 years. As Executive Director of the Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Organization and the Miss Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen Program, she mentored hundreds of young women.

Stacy was not your normal or average pageant director. Her pageants were major productions with themes like "Wizard of Oz" and baseball. The moment one pageant finished, Stacy was hard at work on the next one. She mentored every young woman including pageant contestants, their sisters and mothers. Stacy's coworkers were touched by her personality, wit, and dedication to her job. She was so popular that when she was in the Intensive Care Unit, her brother had to limit visitors to keep her room from becoming standing room only. She was a unique person who touched more people in her forty-nine years of life than most people will touch in a lifetime.

Among her many accomplishments, in 2013 Stacy was recognized as the Woman of the Year for the City of Garden Grove, a title she deserved in any year.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Harbor Lawn-Mt. Olive Memorial Park & Mortuary located in Costa Mesa at 1625 Gisler Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Services will be followed by a celebration of Stacy's life from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #1952 at 11551 Trask Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92843.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be gratefully accepted by Garden Grove's Acacia Adult Day Services or the Orange County Ronald McDonald House.

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Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen walks the parade route of the Tet Festival Parade.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL VACANCY NOTICE

Pursuant to Garden Grove Municipal Code Section 2.21.013, notice is hereby given that the Garden Grove Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission has an unscheduled vacancy with the term expiring December 2016. Information and a Commission application can be obtained by accessing the City's website at: [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us) or by visiting the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, or by calling (714) 741-5040.

Commissioners are non-compensated volunteers, and shall be and remain residents and qualified electors of Garden Grove. The Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meetings are regularly scheduled on second Thursday of January, April, July, and October at 6:00 p.m., and are held in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL VACANCY NOTICE

Pursuant to Garden Grove Municipal Code Section 2.21.013, notice is hereby given that the Garden Grove Planning Commission has an unscheduled vacancy with the term expiring December 2016. Information and a Commission application can be obtained by accessing the City's website at: [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us) or by visiting the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, or by calling (714) 741-5040.

Commissioners are non-compensated volunteers, and shall be and remain residents and qualified electors of Garden Grove. Planning Commission Meetings are regularly scheduled on first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m., and are held in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
City Clerk

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1187

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Furnish all Materials and Labor for the Fabrication and Installation of an LED Monument Sign for the Gem Theater in the City of Garden Grove per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at the Courtyard Center, located at 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at [sandras@garden-grove.org](mailto:sandras@garden-grove.org). Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: February 17, 2016

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
**Orange County News**  
15-51000  
**Publish Feb. 17, 24, 2016**



# Man shot by police sues Garden Grove

BY SEAN EMERY  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • A man who was shot and injured by Garden Grove police has filed a federal lawsuit against the city, alleging that he was unarmed when an officer opened fire.

Andrew Garcia acknowledged having a toy pellet gun but dropped it before the June 29 shooting, according to a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court late last month.

In the lawsuit, Garcia's attorneys say the city of Garden Grove, along with the officer who shot Garcia, should pay damages for excessive force and illegal detention and arrest.

Police officials declined to comment on the lawsuit, citing a policy not to discuss open litigation.

Police have released few details about the shooting. According to police, an officer was responding to re-

ports of a man carrying a black automatic handgun when the officer encountered a man near Chapman Avenue and Jacalene Lane.

Police said the man pointed what appeared to be a handgun at the officer, and the officer shot him. Police haven't identified Garcia as the man who was shot.

In his lawsuit, Garcia contends that he was "lawfully resting by a sidewalk when an officer approached him, gun in hand," "yelling profanities" and acting in a "violent and aggressive manner."

The lawsuit alleges that "in immediate fear for his life," Garcia ran. It also contends that the officer fired multiple gunshots into Garcia's back "in a cold, calculating manner."

The lawsuit says Garcia tossed a pellet gun before the shooting, claiming he didn't want to give the officer a reason to shoot him.

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## Garden Grove man faces trial in death of neighbor

By LOUIS CASIANO Jr.  
STAFF WRITER

A Garden Grove man accused of shooting and killing a neighbor with whom he had a long-running dispute is expected to stand trial Tuesday, the Orange County District Attorney's Office said in a statement.

Robert Joseph Price, 55, is charged with felony murder with an enhancement for the personal discharge of a firearm causing death and personal use of a firearm.

Price is accused of fatally shooting unarmed Glen Ray Berry, 53, in the face.

On June 21, 2013, Price



Price

Berry's house in the 12600 block of Poplar Street, ac-

was making noise and lighting fireworks in his backyard, which shared a fence with

according to prosecutors.

Berry walked over to Price's house and knocked on the door's security screen. Price is accused of opening the door, shooting Berry in the face and leaving. Berry died shortly after 1 a.m.

Price faces up to 50 years to life in prison if convicted.

### GARDEN GROVE

**Grand opening:** State Sen. Janet Nguyen is having a Tet celebration and grand opening for her office at 10971 Garden Grove Blvd., Suite D, from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday. Visitors will receive a legislative update, information on how Nguyen's staff can help those in her district and other news about California departments and issues. Information: 714-741-1034.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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Feb. 12, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Mosaic's home:** The bicycle that mosaic artist Robin Marcario, a city resident, created for October's open streets event has found a permanent home on a wall between Big Ron's Auto Body Shop, 12781 Nelson St., and the Pacific Electric right of way. More than 200 people helped the artist finish the mosaic during the event.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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Feb. 13, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Memories:** City officials would like residents and local business owners to share photos and stories about their time in Garden Grove to help celebrate the city's 60th anniversary. Officials have scheduled a celebration for June 18. If you have memories you want to share, send a direct message to the city's Facebook page or use the hashtag #GGturns60.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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Feb. 15, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Graduates reception:** The city is looking for those who will graduate from college in the spring or fall for its College Graduates Reception to be held during the April 26 City Council meeting. Submit information by March 31 to be entered into a drawing for \$500. Information: 714-741-5280. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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Feb. 16, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Anniversary celebration:** The H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., is celebrating its 40th anniversary from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 24 in its dining room. The city will unveil an anniversary mosaic, and there will be a cake, dancing and live music. Visit the center or call 714-741-5253 to make a reservation. Chris Haire, 714-796-6979

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Feb. 17, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Records requests:** Garden Grove has so far received 36 public records requests this month, according to the city's online OpenGov database. In January, the city received 67. The database, which also allows people to submit public records requests online, went live in April. Since then, the city has received 607 requests.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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Feb. 18, 2016



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact:  
Jesus Xavier Medina (714) 741-5360  
Community Services Department

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

Thursday, February 18, 2016

## **ATLANTIS TO BECOME "EGGS-CAVATION" SITE**

It's that time of year for Garden Grove's 8<sup>th</sup> annual "Eggs-cavation" event on Saturday, March 26, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Atlantis Play Center. Atlantis Play Center is located at 13630 Atlantis Way in Garden Grove Park. Only 300 tickets for egg hunt participants are available.

In addition to an egg hunt, activities at the event include bounce houses, carnival games, arts and crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The egg hunts begin at 11:45 a.m., and take place by the following age groups:

3 to 4 years old - 11:45 a.m. – Noon      7 to 8 years old - 12:15 p.m. - 12:30p.m.  
5 to 6 years old - 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.    9 to 10 years old - 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Candy hunts for 2-year-olds and under will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$7 for children, ages 3 to 10, participating in the egg hunt, and \$2 for spectators, ages 11 and up. Only cash or credit cards are accepted. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

Ticket sales for the Eggs-cavation begin Monday, February 29, 2016, until quantities run out. Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Counter, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway. To order by phone, or for more information, call (714) 741-5200.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Dana Saucedo (714) 741-5242  
Community Services Department

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

**SENIOR DAY TRIP TO PECHANGA RESORT AND CASINO CANCELLED**

The Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center regrets to announce the cancellation of the 'Pechanga Resort and Casino Day Trip,' scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016, due to low participation.

Other travel excursions and activities will be offered to local seniors throughout the year, including the St. Patrick's Day celebration scheduled on Thursday, March 17; Spring celebration on Wednesday, March 23, and other casino get-away trips.

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) 741-5280  
Community Services Director

Friday, February 12, 2016

## **CITY TO RECOGNIZE GARDEN GROVE CLASS OF 2016 COLLEGE GRADUATES**

For a fourth year, the City is recognizing Garden Grove college graduates for their outstanding accomplishments. The City is seeking names and information from Garden Grove residents who will receive a Spring or Fall 2016 undergraduate or post-graduate academic degree from any college or university. Graduates who submit their information by March 31, 2016 will be recognized at the Tuesday, April 26, 2016 City Council meeting, at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to the recognition, the higher education alumnae and their guests will be invited to attend a private reception, hosted by Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council, at 5:30 p.m. During the private reception, each graduate will be entered for a chance to win two \$500 opportunity drawings, sponsored by Volkswagen of Garden Grove and Credit Union of Southern California.

Businesses who would like to sponsor this event are asked to contact the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 no later than March 16, 2016.

For more details or to submit information, please call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or email [communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us). To see photos from last year's recognition, please visit the City's Facebook at Garden Grove City Hall.

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English to Vietnamese  
**THÔNG** Press Releases  
TỪ THÀNH PHỐ Garden Grove

Để phổ biến trên các phương tiện truyền thông  
Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Kim Huy (714) 741-5280  
Ban liên lạc cộng đồng

Thứ Ba, 16/2/2016

**LỄ TUYÊN DƯƠNG CÁC SINH VIÊN ĐẠI HỌC  
TẠI THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE**

Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức buổi lễ ban thưởng những sinh viên đại học cho những thành tích xuất sắc của họ. Nếu bạn là cư dân sống tại Garden Grove đang học đại học, hoặc/sẽ ra trường trong mùa học 2016 sắp tới có thể liên lạc với Thành phố để nhận được những biểu dương cùng những phần quà lưu niệm.

Các sinh viên undergraduate, post-graduate, hoặc sẽ ra trường mùa Spring/Fall 2016 và là cư dân sống trong Garden Grove có thể liên lạc với Thành phố để tham gia lễ ghi nhận thành tích học tập của mình vào ngày Thứ Ba, 26 tháng Tư, 2016, vào lúc 6:30 chiều. Ông Thị Trưởng cùng những Nghị viên Thành phố sẽ tham dự để vinh danh cho các sinh viên vào lúc 5:30 chiều. Trong buổi vinh danh, các sinh viên sẽ có cơ hội tham gia cuộc xổ số để thắng hai giải thưởng trị giá \$500, được tài trợ bởi hãng Volkswagen Garden Grove và Credit Union of Southern California.

Các sinh viên cần cung cấp tên, địa chỉ, số phone, email, trường đang học, bằng cấp học ngành nào trước ngày 31 tháng 3, 2016 tại Ban Liên lạc cộng đồng, số phone là (714) 741-5280 hoặc email [communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us), hoặc cập nhật thông tin trên Facebook của Garden Grove tại Garden Grove City Hall.

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VIỆT-BAO

## Garden Grove: Tuyên Dương Các Sinh Viên Đại Học

17/02/2016 00:00:00



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*Trong lễ tuyên dương các sinh viên Đại Học.*

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

February 18, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Zoning Administrator Meeting Agenda for February 25, 2016.
3. Letter from United Way discussing their partnership with the IRS to provide free tax preparation services to qualified low income individuals and families.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 18, 2016 – March 3, 2016

Thursday	February 18	8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Pechanga Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center <b>CANCELLED</b>
		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 <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	February 19		City Hall Closed
Friday- Sunday	February 19- 21		One More Productions presents "Funny Girl" Gem Theater
Tuesday	February 23	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	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.- 12:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Senior Center Dining Room
		2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday	February 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
Saturday	February 27	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Tuesday	March 1	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	March 2	6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Community Meeting for Public Input on Voting District Maps Buena Clinton Youth & Family Resource Center 12661 Sunswept Ave.
Thursday	March 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Study Session Courtyard Center



**GARDEN GROVE**

AGENDA

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall  
11222 Acacia Parkway

Thursday, February 25, 2016  
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

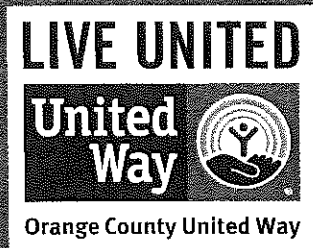
a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-059-2016

APPLICANT: Kyung Sook Lee (Ashuray, Inc. dba Yigah Restaurant)  
LOCATION: 8562 Garden Grove Boulevard

REQUEST: To operate a new 4,500 square foot restaurant, Yigah, Korean cuisine, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 2) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT



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Irvine, CA 92614  
949.660.7600  
www.unitedwayoc.org

February 12, 2016

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

Dear Mayor Nguyen,

Orange County United Way (OCUW) is pleased to once again be leading the OC Free Tax Prep Campaign. In partnership with the IRS and over 30 local organizations, OCUW orchestrates the OC Free Tax Prep Campaign. Together we engage and train over 300 volunteers who offer free tax preparation services county-wide to qualified individuals and families (household income of \$60,000 or less). The Campaign focuses on (1) building awareness and access to the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and (2) increasing awareness of and utilization of MyFreeTaxes.com, a free online service sponsored by the WalMart Foundation for those who wish to file on their own. As part of OCUW's Income initiatives under FACE 2024, the Campaign assists residents in becoming financially independent by focusing on education and services that build financial stability.

Last year we served more than 16,500 taxpayers and brought more than \$18.1M back to Orange County in refunds and EITC. This filing season (tax year 2015) there are over 250 tax events where qualified taxpayers, many who qualify for the federal EITC and new CA EITC credits, can file their taxes for free. We invite you to attend a site of your choice and see the volunteers in action.

Attached please find in PDF format our general campaign flyer (which is also available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Farsi and Korean) and the VITA Site Event Calendar (by location), which includes the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program days of service that are open to the public.

For more information, please contact me at 949.263.6169 or [maxg@unitedwayoc.org](mailto:maxg@unitedwayoc.org).

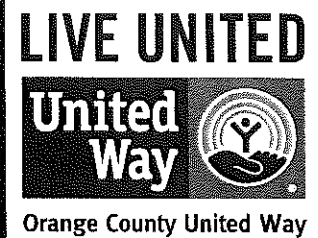
Best regards,

Max L. Gardner  
President & CEO

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# GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE



If your household income was less than \$60,000 in 2015, you may be eligible to file your taxes for free and keep more of what you earned with valuable tax credits.

It's simple and FREE!

- Schedule an appointment at a free tax preparation site by calling one of the approved locations on the back of this flyer.
- Or, file on your own taxes for free at [MyFreeTaxes.com](http://MyFreeTaxes.com).

You may even be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) of up to \$6,242 if your household income was less than \$53,267. Don't leave your money on the table. We can help!

## WHAT DO I BRING WITH ME?

- Picture Identification
- Copy of your 2014 income tax return
- Social Security Card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) Letter for each person listed on the return
- W-2s, 1099s, and all other tax-related documents for 2015
- Form 1095-A, B, or C, Health Insurance Coverage Stmt.
- All 1098 E&T forms for educational expenses
- Childcare provider name, address, phone number & Tax ID Number
- Voided check if using direct deposit for refund
- For joint returns, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms

## HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR EITC?

- Be a U.S. citizen or resident alien for all of 2015
- Have a social security number valid for employment
- Earned income during 2015
- Cannot use "Married Filing Separately" filing status
- Cannot be claimed as a qualifying child
- Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (relating to foreign earned income)



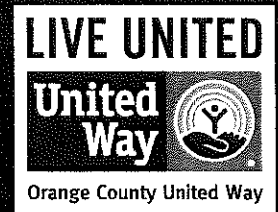
California State  
Board of Equalization



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# 2016 FREE TAX PREP LOCATIONS



**AARP TAX-Aide**  
888.227.7669  
Various

**Abrazar, Inc.**  
7101 Wyoming Street  
Westminster, CA 92683  
714.278.4679  
English/Spanish/Vietnamese

**Access California Services**  
*Facilitated Self Assistance (FSA-only)*  
631 South Brookhurst Street, Suite 107  
Anaheim, CA 92804  
714.917.0440  
English/Arabic/Urdu/Farsi

**Anaheim Independencia Family Resource Center**  
10841 Garza Avenue  
Anaheim, CA 92804  
714.826.9070  
English/Spanish

**Boys & Girls Club of Santa Ana**  
*Facilitated Self Assistance (FSA-only)*  
950 West Highland Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92703  
714.543.7212  
English/Spanish

**California State University, Fullerton**  
800 North State College Boulevard,  
Mihaylo Business Building, SGMH 2508  
Fullerton, CA 92831  
Walk-In  
English

**Coastline Community College – Garden Grove Campus**  
12901 Euclid Street  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
Walk-In  
English

**Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Orange County**  
1920 Old Tustin Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
888.434.8248  
English/Spanish

**Cypress Community Park**  
255 Visions  
Irvine, CA 92620  
888.434.8248  
English

**Downtown Anaheim Community Center**  
250 East Center Street  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
888.434.8248  
English/Spanish

**El Modena Family Resource Center**  
18672 East Center Avenue  
Orange, CA 92869  
714.532.3595  
English/Spanish

**Family Assistance Ministries**  
1030 Calle Negocio  
San Clemente, CA 92673  
949.492.8477  
English/Spanish

**Good Hands Foundation – Korean Community Service Center**  
7212 Orangethorpe Avenue, Suite 9A  
Buena Park, CA 90621  
714.449.1125 or 714.400.2089  
English/Korean

**Irvine One-Stop Center**  
*Facilitated Self Assistance (FSA-only)*  
125 Technology Drive, Suite 200  
Irvine, CA 92618  
888.434.8248  
English

**Irvine Valley College**  
5500 Irvine Center Drive  
Irvine, CA 92618  
888.434.8248  
English

**Miraloma Park Family Resource Center**  
*Facilitated Self Assistance (FSA-only)*  
2600 East Miraloma Way  
Anaheim, CA 92806  
Walk-In  
English/Spanish

**San Francisco Solano Church**  
22082 Antonio Parkway  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688  
949.589.7767  
English/Spanish

**St. Kilian Church**  
26872 Estanciero Drive  
Mission Viejo, CA 92691  
949.586.4440  
English

**Santa Ana WORK Center**  
1000 East Santa Ana Boulevard, Suite 200  
Santa Ana, CA 92701  
888.434.8248  
English/Spanish/Vietnamese



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Appointment required for on-site assistance. Free tax sites cannot prepare returns with all types of income or expenses. Please verify with the appointment representative or site greeter that your return can be prepared at the site you are visiting. An appointment is not a guarantee of service.

OC Free Tax Prep Campaign Calendar by Location Offering the VITA Program

AGENCY	DATE	Day	Hours of Operation	Appointment TIME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
Abrazar	February 6, 2016	Saturday	8:00-4:00	8:30-3:30	7101 Wyoming Street	Westminster	92683
Abrazar	February 27, 2016	Saturday	8:00-4:00	8:30-3:30	7101 Wyoming Street	Westminster	92683
Abrazar	March 12, 2016	Saturday	8:00-4:00	8:30-3:30	7101 Wyoming Street	Westminster	92683
Abrazar	March 19, 2016	Saturday	8:00-4:00	8:30-3:30	7101 Wyoming Street	Westminster	92683
Abrazar	April 2, 2016	Saturday	8:00-4:00	8:30-3:30	7101 Wyoming Street	Westminster	92683
Abrazar	April 9, 2016	Saturday	8:00-4:00	8:30-3:30	7101 Wyoming Street	Westminster	92683
Anaheim Independencia	February 5, 2016	Friday	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	February 6, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-2:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	February 19, 2016	Friday	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	February 20, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-2:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	March 5, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-2:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	March 18, 2016	Friday	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	March 19, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-2:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	April 2, 2016	Friday	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	April 8, 2016	Friday	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	April 15, 2016	Friday	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Anaheim Independencia	April 9, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-2:00	10841 Garza Ave.	Anaheim	92804
Coastline Community College	February 5, 2016	Friday	1:00-3:30	1:00-3:30	12901 Euclid St	Garden Grove	92840
Coastline Community College	February 19, 2016	Friday	1:00-3:30	1:00-3:30	12901 Euclid St	Garden Grove	92840
Coastline Community College	February 26, 2016	Friday	1:00-3:30	1:00-3:30	12901 Euclid St	Garden Grove	92840
Coastline Community College	March 4, 2016	Friday	1:00-3:30	1:00-3:30	12901 Euclid St	Garden Grove	92840
Coastline Community College	March 11, 2016	Friday	1:00-3:30	1:00-3:30	12901 Euclid St	Garden Grove	92840
Coastline Community College	March 18, 2016	Friday	1:00-3:30	1:00-3:30	12901 Euclid St	Garden Grove	92840
Coastline Community College	March 25, 2016	Friday	1:00-3:30	1:00-3:30	12901 Euclid St	Garden Grove	92840
Coastline Community College	April 8, 2016	Friday	1:00-3:30	1:00-3:30	12901 Euclid St	Garden Grove	92840
Coastline Community College	April 15, 2016	Friday	1:00-3:30	1:00-3:30	12901 Euclid St	Garden Grove	92840
Coastline Community College	TBD				14120 All American Way	Westminster	92683
Coastline Community College - Le Jao Center - MEGA Event	February 27, 2016	Saturday	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	1515 Monrovia Ave	Newport Beach	92663
Coastline Community College - Newport Beach - Veterans & Military MEGA Event	February 5, 2016	Friday	9:00-1:00	9:00-1:00	1920 Old Tustin Ave	Santa Ana	92705
Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Orange County	February 19, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:30-3:00	1920 Old Tustin Ave	Santa Ana	92705
Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Orange County	March 4, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:30-3:00	1920 Old Tustin Ave	Santa Ana	92705
Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Orange County	March 18, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:30-3:00	1920 Old Tustin Ave	Santa Ana	92705
Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Orange County	April 1, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:30-3:00	1920 Old Tustin Ave	Santa Ana	92705
Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Orange County	April 15, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:30-3:00	1920 Old Tustin Ave	Santa Ana	92705
CSUF	January 29, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	January 30, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	February 5, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	February 6, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	February 12, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	February 13, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	February 19, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	February 20, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	February 26, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	February 27, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	March 4, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	March 5, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	March 11, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	March 12, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	March 18, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	March 19, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	March 25, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	March 26, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	April 8, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	April 9, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	April 15, 2016	Friday	9:00-5:00	9:00-4:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92831
CSUF	April 16, 2016	Saturday	9:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	800 N. State College Blvd., Mihaylo Hall, SGMH 2508	Fullerton	92852



