

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
April 2, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Allan Roeder, City Manager
Members

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

A. LETTER OF OPPOSITION

A copy of the Mayor's letter in opposition to SB355 (Lara) Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. ALERTOC REGIONAL TEST PARTICIPATION

Chief Elgin informs you of the City's participation in a regional test exercise of the AlertOC public mass notification system on Tuesday, April 7 at 3:00 pm.

B. K.E. THALMAN & ASSOCIATES

A copy of the final report from Kristine Thalman, the facilitator at the recent Strategic Planning exercise for the City Council.

C. PASSPORT SERVICES

Kathy Bailor provides information on the discontinuation of passport services by the City Clerk's office as of July 1, 2015.

D. 2015 BLACK APRIL FLAG DISPLAY

Maria Stipe provides information on the approval to display American and South Vietnam flags on Edison light poles from April 23 to May 4, 2015 to commemorate Black April.

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

A. Certified franchise statement from the S.C. Gas Co. showing an amount due to the City of \$437,747.68 for calendar year 2014.

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- **OTHER ITEMS**

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Items of interest are included.



ALLAN L. ROEDER

City Manager



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 27, 2015

Honorable Ricardo Lara
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 94249

Bao Nguyen
Mayor

Steven R. Jones
Mayor Pro Tem

Christopher V. Phan
Council Member

Phat Bui
Council Member

Kris Beard
Council Member

RE: SB 355 (Lara) Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Lara:

The City of Garden Grove respectfully opposes SB 355 (Lara), a bill that would reduce Orange County's voting representation on the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Board.

In fact, SB 355 would cut Orange County's voting representation on the RMC board in half. This reduction would result in the drastic underrepresentation of Orange County cities, and would limit the future of regional collaboration on environmental and water quality issues. Ensuring broad representation on the RMC is an effective strategy to developing the programs and procuring the funds, through Proposition 1 or other vehicles, to achieve regional environmental objectives.

The current RMC board is an equitable representation of the Conservancy's population and coverage area. To reduce Orange County's voting share would threaten the ideal of fair representation and limit the voice of a regional partner. Maintaining this equity is important, especially as the RMC begins to disburse state funds.

The City of Garden Grove believes that the RMC is important for regional collaboration, and that Orange County should maintain proportional representation on the RMC Board. For this and the reasons described above, the City of Garden Grove respectfully opposes SB 355.

Sincerely,

Bao Nguyen
Mayor

cc: Lacy Kelly, CEO, Association of California Cities – Orange County
Senator Janet Nguyen
Assemblymember Travis Allen
Assemblymember Tom Daly
Tony Cardenas, Public Affairs Regional Manager, League of California Cities
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City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Allan Roeder	From:	Chief Todd Elgin
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Police
Subject:	ALERTOC REGIONAL TEST PARTICIPATION	Date:	April 26, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To inform City Council of the City's participation through the Police Department in a regional test exercise of the AlertOC public mass notification system.

BACKGROUND

In 2009, the City of Garden Grove opted to participate in the County of Orange's AlertOC program. This program provides participating cities access to a highly sophisticated regional mass public notification system designed to keep those who live or work in Orange County informed of important information during emergency events. The system is sponsored, led and funded by the County of Orange.

DISCUSSION

On Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., water utilities and cities within Orange County will conduct a test of the AlertOC emergency notification system. The purpose of this exercise is to test AlertOC's preparedness to deliver emergency notifications to residents during a disaster. Because cities are partnering with their respective water utilities, this will also provide an opportunity to provide a drought conservation message to all Orange County residents.

Each of the participating jurisdictions will launch their message at 3:00 p.m. on the day of the test. The message will follow the test script provided by the County (attachment 1). Residents with a landline telephone will receive a phone call with the recorded test message. Residents may also receive the test message via other technology such as cellular telephone, e-mail and SMS text message if they have registered that contact information with the AlertOC program. These messages will also follow a script provided by the County (attachment 2). The City of Garden Grove has elected to utilize the County information hotline as a means to better serve the citizens of Garden Grove during the test. The hotline gives residents a means of contacting a live person with questions or concerns during the test. Two City of Garden Grove employees will serve as hotline volunteers from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. that day.

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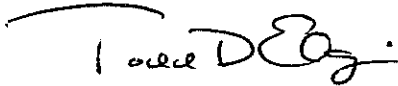
In addition to testing AlertOC's capabilities it is also hoped that the test call will generate a greater awareness of the program and will encourage self-registration via the County portal (www.alertoc.com) of cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses which will be used in conjunction with the e9-1-1 database (Data used by the 9-1-1 system to identify the address associated with a landline phone number) when making future emergency and test notifications. A fact sheet has also been provided for your convenience (attachment 2).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

None. For informational purposes only.



TODD D. ELGIN
Chief of Police



By: Rebecca Meeks
Police Communications Manager

Attachment 1: Phone, e-mail and SMS text script for the AlertOC test call
Attachment 2: Call Handling Staff Fact Sheet

Attachment 1

Phone Script:

This is *{insert city or agency name}* conducting a test of the AlertOC emergency notification system on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. During an actual emergency, important information and instructions will be sent to you through this system.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind Orange County residents that California is in a serious drought. We need everyone's help reducing their daily water use both inside and outside of the home.

For more information on how to save water and get rebates on water efficient devices, please visit www.ocwatersmart.com.

For questions about the AlertOC system or to register additional contact information, please visit www.alertoc.com or you can call a public information hotline at 714-628-7085 that will be open until 6 pm to answer any questions you may have.

This concludes this test of the AlertOC emergency notification system. Thank you..

Email Script:

Good Afternoon *{Agency Name}* resident,

This is *{insert city or agency name}* conducting a test of the AlertOC emergency notification system on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

The purpose of this email is to test AlertOC's ability to deliver emergency notifications to *{insert city or agency name}* residents and businesses during a disaster. During an actual emergency, important information and instructions will be sent to you through this system.

We encourage you to register your family's cell phones, home phone, work phones and e-mail addresses at www.alertoc.com to ensure that you and your family receive important information during a disaster no matter where you are.

The water providers throughout Orange County would like to take this opportunity to remind Orange County residents that we are in a serious drought. We need everyone's help reducing their daily water use both inside and outside the home.

For more information on how to save water and get rebates on water efficient devices, please visit www.ocwatersmart.com.

For questions or inquiries about the AlertOC System, please visit www.alertoc.com or contact the *{insert jurisdiction name}* at *{insert phone #}*. *{For more information, a public information hotline at 714-628-7085 will be open from _____ to _____ pm for answer any questions you may have.}*

This concludes this test of the AlertOC emergency notification system.

Thank you,

{Insert Name}

{Agency Name}

SMS Text Script:

This is a test of the AlertOC emergency notification system. Remember CA is in a serious drought. Get water saving tips at www.ocwatersmart.com

Attachment 2

AlertOC Facts Sheet for Jurisdiction Call Handling Staff

The following information is taken from the AlertOC website and provides answers to basic questions which the public inquire about during AlertOC Test Exercises. Please add any additional city information desired and distribute to staff.

What is AlertOC?

AlertOC is a mass notification system used by the County of Orange and participating OC cities to issue government related messages to residents and businesses. The system has the capacity to send thousands of messages within minutes via phone, e-mail and text. Only authorized officials are allowed access to the system. Currently, all OC cities except Irvine use the AlertOC System.

Do I need to sign-up to receive notifications?

AlertOC contains residential and commercial landline phone numbers of Orange County's entire population. In accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), landline numbers were acquired from AT&T and Verizon's 911 telephone database. The information contained in the 911 database is confidential, proprietary and shall not be disclosed or used except by authorized personnel for the purpose of emergency notifications.

It is also important to be able to receive notifications by cell phone, text message or email, because you may not have access to a landline when the notification occurs. Sign-up for these additional notifications online by going to the www.alertoc.com web site and selecting the city or area in which you live and/or work from the map. Sign-up through mail by downloading a registration form and mailing it to the County of Orange at the address listed on the form or to the city address.

How does the AlertOC service work?

Authorized officials record a voice, e-mail or text message that is then delivered quickly to individuals in the notification system.

What types of messages will be sent using the AlertOC service?

The system will be used only to disseminate messages pertaining to the health, safety or welfare of a community that is being affected by a perceived, imminent, or actual emergency event.

If I have provided more than one phone number, what number will be called?

If an emergency situation arises that requires a notification to be sent to multiple phone numbers, we will activate the system to place a simultaneous call to all of your numbers. For matters with less urgency, you may be notified at only one phone or by e-mail or text.

Will the AlertOC system call numbers outside of Orange County's area codes?

Yes. The area code does not impact whether or not a call is made.

Will the AlertOC system work if I have a call screening system on my phone?

There are several varieties of call screening devices which use differing protocols for screening. In general, the system has been found to work with these devices, however, some may require pre-programming to allow the County's or city's telephone number to pass through. We will be conducting periodic tests to assure that messages are being properly delivered to numbers in the notification database.

Who is the legal entity for AlertOC?

The County of Orange is the sponsor and lead entity responsible for the AlertOC program. Participating cities may also have a separate contract for non-emergency use with the AlertOC service provider, Blackboard Connect, Inc.

How do I change or delete the information I registered?

Registered information can be changed or deleted online from the AlertOC website. Once on the website, select the city in which you registered and then select the Edit/Delete Option. You must login into the System with the registered e-mail address to make changes. If you did not register an e-mail address, information can be changed or deleted by emailing alertoc@ocsd.org

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March 31, 2015

Maria Stipe
Deputy City Manager
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92842

Dear Maria,

I would like to thank you, the various city officials and council members that participated in this Strategic Planning exercise. It was a pleasure for me to work with such dedicated employees that are professional, hard-working, talented and loyal to the City of Garden Grove. It was also a distinct pleasure meeting and discussing the goals of the Mayor and City Council who are also truly interested in serving their community and making it the best it can be for all citizens and businesses.

The attached final report outlines the strategic planning process and goals outlined for the 2015 fiscal year. As you've seen, the report outlines next steps and methods to distribute and communicate the goals going forward.

Again, it was a sincere pleasure to work with you, Allan the staff and City Council. I look forward to hopefully working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,



Kristine Thalman
President
K.E. Thalman & Associates

City of Garden Grove
2015 Strategic Plan – Goal Development
FINAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Garden Grove conducted a strategic planning session with the Mayor and City Council along with key department directors to identify and address priority goals for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year. The consulting services of K.E. Thalman & Associates (Kristine Thalman) was commissioned to facilitate the session. The purpose of the planning session was to provide:

- An assessment of the City's current general condition with regard to its operations, morale, threats/risks and key issues of importance,
- A review of department goals for 2015, apart and separate from the Budget process and prioritization of said goals; and
- Development of a City Council priority list of key goals/objectives for the 2015/2016 Fiscal year.

Interviews were conducted among key staff directors as well as the City Manager's Office, Mayor and City Council. The interview responses were kept confidential and tabulated in a matrix identified by respondent number (no names). Five key questions were presented in the interviews:

1. If you had just one opportunity in the next 6 months, what policy, procedure or operation would you change/adopt to improve the City of Garden Grove?
2. What, in your opinion, are the greatest assets of the City of Garden Grove and why do you believe these are assets?
3. Do you anticipate any potential threats to the economic stability, environment or general prosperity of the City of Garden Grove?
4. STAFF: What are your specific department priorities and goals for 2015?

COUNCIL: Using "We" rather than "I" ... if you had a magic wand and could do anything at all to improve the City of Garden Grove, what could "we do, change, improve, work on????
5. What do you believe is missing in our efforts as an organization to serve, protect and promote the City and the citizens it serves?

CITY'S CURRENT GENERAL CONDITION:

The following statements were gleaned from interviews on the City's current general condition:

- Generally well-run City, live within means
- New Mayor and City Council member
- Change over in leadership staff (i.e. City Manager, Police, Fire etc.)
- City employees are dedicated, loyal and hard working

- City enjoys diversity which is a tremendous asset
- Job creation has focused on tourism
- Under staffing city wide -- starting to experience effects
- Residents as well as employees stay in Garden Grove
- Concerns about youth leaving (go to college and do not return)
- Need cohesive plan that all (Council, staff & community) can get behind

When asked about the City's positive assets (Question #2), the following common responses included:

- Unanimous – The PEOPLE!!!! City Employees. Family oriented among staff. Hard working. Help each other during hard times
- City is fair to employees
- Available economic opportunities
- Community spirit
- Youth are showing interest in civic participation
- City is flat – conducive to Open Streets and healthy lifestyle
- Large lots for homes
- Public Art
- Diversity, Diversity, Diversity!!! Culture & Faiths
- Great climate, central location and geography
- Business friendly
- Revenue from TOT tax
- Lots of volunteerism in the City-many service clubs
- Tech savvy and well-educated youth
- Great schools and proximity to excellent colleges
- Excellent home value, hometown feel
- Professional Police Dept. Accredited and Proactive

Along with the assets, respondents were asked to identify threats or risks they believe are a concern for the City. Those threats (or “noise” issues) are inhibiting staff or City Council members from moving forward. Those issues were identified as:

- An appearance of lack of transparency
- Inability to move forward – organizational culture in state of flux
- Dated technology and procedures
- Insufficient resources/staffing
- Damaged external perception of City
- Employee morale
- Over reliance on TOT and sales tax
- PERS unfunded liability – structural budget deficit
- Minimal new residential development – limited impact fee generation
- Aging infrastructure

MOVING FORWARD:

After deliberation of the “noise” issues, it was recommended that the following steps be taken to move forward in a collaborative manner:

1. Development of a **Communication Strategy** that contains the following objectives:
 - a. A proactive process that identifies specific steps to be taken in response to media inquiries, including controversial issues.
 - b. That an agenda section on the Council Meeting agenda be fixed to respond to public inquiries (using good judgement) as a standard follow-up procedure.
 - c. That an assessment of the use of social media be conducted city-wide and a management structure be implemented to oversee messaging, marketing, communications and outreach to the community.
 - d. That a differentiation between Public Relations vs. Public Information be identified including responsible parties. There was also discussion regarding the development of a Legislative Advocacy Strategy that complements the existing Legislative Platform. Council Members would take an active role in advocating with County, State and Federal legislators. (see 2015 City Council Prioritized Goals)
2. Development of a **Transparency Policy** through a task force (or the COOP committee) that includes the following components:
 - a. Public Records Act online
 - b. City Manager's Memo
 - c. Use latest technology to provide public access to records
 - d. Take into consideration Security/Safety exceptions (in some cases "need to know" basis) with regard to personnel, safety, security, procurement or legal issues.
 - e. Web site improvements
3. Retain the "family" culture internally while expressing a "team" culture externally. Concern was expressed as to how a "family" culture would be perceived by the public with regard to professionalism of a governmental entity. There was significant support to retain the "family" culture which has sustained employees through good times and bad. Using terms such as "respectful, caring, supportive, values, connected, dedicated professional" to describe the internal culture of the City.

2015 DEPARTMENTAL GOALS:

Community Development

- Reimagine Downtown – Complete Implementation Plan, present recommendations to City Council and communicate concept to public
- Jamboree Housing Development
- Civic Center property development
- On-line Building Permit System implementation

Finance

- Budget Completion & Balanced
- Update budget system technology & process
- Economic Development Projects – Conduct Study Session with City Council
 1. Waterpark Hotel
 2. Brookhurst Triangle
 3. Site C Development
 4. Site B-2 Development

- Reset goals for Economic Development now that Redevelopment tool is no longer available.

Fire

1. Relocate & reconstruction of Fire Station 6 – within the next 12 months
2. Personnel development and reclassification – Training Officer- from Captain to Battalion Chief
3. Upgrade Engine 7 to Paramedic Assessment Unit to provide advanced life support to all stations
4. Reconstruction of Fire Station 7 (after Station 6 – 3 year time frame – like Station 3)- future goal
5. Address need for gender specific fire stations (city wide) – future goal

Police

1. Restore officer staffing to at least National Average standards due to realignment and Prop 47. National Average is 1 officer/1,000 population. Would be 174 Officers, currently at 158.
2. Remodel lobby of existing Police Station.
3. Continue and expand community outreach as well as internal outreach within the City (attend more civic events, ribbon cuttings, etc.,)
4. CAD replacement and report writing system upgrade – in progress.
5. Grow the civilian Master Reserve program – May be on hold due to PERS restrictions – 960 hours.

Human Resources

1. Complete all Labor (bargaining unit) Negotiations – look at staggering in future years.
2. Develop policy dealing with Affordable Care Act – May require full-time dedicated personnel
3. Develop policy regarding new part-time employee sick leave law effective July 1, 2015
4. Staffing needed to hire personnel (per Chief Elgin) – Supplemental request for Budget

Community Services

1. Fee Analysis of Park fees (B. Murray bringing forward). BIA does county-wide fee study for municipalities.
2. Council decision on Vietnam War Museum Foundation. City funds and staffing – Study Session slated in April
3. Council decision on support for Community Meeting Center and Council Chamber renovations – Study Session slated in April
4. Park lighting – Future goal
5. New swimming pool – Future goal
6. Additional Soccer fields – Future goal

Engineering/Public Works

1. Streets – Repaving on city/residential streets – concern for loss of \$1 Mil. In gas tax
2. Tree Policy – aging trees becoming public safety hazard
3. Facility Assessment Plan – Life Safety Issues
4. Energy efficiency programs (potential savings of \$6M/yr.
5. Converting medians to drought tolerant landscaping - ongoing

6. Convert Garden Grove Park to reclaimed water – currently looking in to
7. Next Century City initiative – planning process/conduit installation
8. Open Streets – Bike path - continuing
9. New Vector truck – Sewer system
10. Flood Infrastructure upgrades

Information Technology

1. Implementation of CAD system for Police - Underway
2. 3 Year Disaster Recovery Strategic Plan
3. Revamp City Web site for more transparency and services - Underway
4. City Council access to on screen agenda system in Council Chambers.
5. GIS system upgrade
6. Citizen feedback – Survey
7. I.T. Security
8. Communications Strategy – Participate in development
9. Transparency Policy – Participate in development

City Administration

- Manage and facilitate implementation of 2015 strategic goals
- Reassess economic development strategy in light of loss of RDA- Work with Finance to facilitate new business for more jobs & business retention.
- Develop specific strategy/objectives for business retention and expansion
- Revisit role of City Manager in economic development – City Council directed.
- Comprehensive review of City Council policies and administrative regulations – Should be done every 7-10 years.
- Increase leadership role with GGUSD, other local agencies and County
- Reconnect at staff level organization wide – communicate strategic goals, organizational needs and direction

CITY COUNCIL 2015 STRATEGIC GOALS

Based on interviews with each member of the City Council and subsequent to a collaborative discussion, the City Council agreed upon the following goals for the 2015 fiscal year.

1. Hire Fire Chief, City Manager, complete labor negotiations and fill vacancies within budget constraints.
2. Implement Web/technology improvements that make doing business with the City more user friendly. Develop Transparency Policy and adopt.
3. Promote positive communication with the Community to enhance the City's image and restore trust. Develop Communications Strategy and adopt.
4. Implement Re:Imagine Downtown - Phase II (next steps)
5. Economic Development to grow revenues – Develop Economic Development Strategy
 - Complete Brookhurst Triangle and Galleria
 - Grove District hotel projects (i.e., waterpark, Site C, Site B2)

- Expand business opportunities throughout City
 - Marketing campaign with GGUSD
 - Willowwick (conduct joint meeting with Santa Ana)
6. Develop 5-Year Fiscal Plan and Organizational Message
 7. Bicycle Master Plan/Open Streets/more walkable community
 8. Neighborhood Beautification
 9. Public Safety Infrastructure
 10. Legislative Advocacy Program/Legislative Platform

In implementing the 2015 strategic goals, it is suggested that:

1. Staff format and operationally define the goals for consistency between and among departments for execution.
2. Take the operationally defined goals back to City Council for formal adoption.
3. Provide every City Council member and member of management a copy of the 2015 goals and implementation plan.
4. Consider distributing all (or highlights from) the plan to everyone in the organization. Even the newest staff member gains quick context, appreciation, and meaning from review of the strategic plan and it provides a focus for the organization.
5. Publish portions of your plan in your City's website, newsletter, bulletins, social media outlets, advertising and marketing materials (brochures, ads, etc.).
6. Train new employees on portions of the plan during orientations.
7. Include portions of the plan in policies and procedures.
8. Consider copies of the plan for major stakeholders in the community, including civic groups, vendors/suppliers, etc.,

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan Roeder
Dept: Interim City Manager
Subject: DISCONTINUING PASSPORT SERVICES

From: Kathy Bailor
Dept: City Clerk
Date: March 31, 2015

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memo is to provide information on why the City Clerk's Office will be discontinuing Passport Services as of July 1, 2015.

BACKGROUND

In 2005, the City Clerk made the decision to partner with the Department of State to offer passport services to the community. At the time the decision was made to offer the service, there were three full-time staff trained and certified as Passport Acceptance Agents. At that staffing level, it was feasible to provide the service and still accomplish the core duties within the City Clerk's Office. Initially, the Department of State's execution fee the City was able to charge was \$30.00 per individual application, and in 2009, the State Department reduced the execution fee to \$25.00. Further, staffing levels in the City Clerk's Office changed in 2012, when the Principal Office Assistant and lead for processing applications began working part time.

Passport applications are accompanied with original vital and certified documents that are required by the State Department; however, due to the personal nature of vital records, keeping these documents overnight is not recommended by the State Department. Mailing the applications on the day of processing is strongly recommended. With the recommendation from the State Department for same day processing and mailing, and City Hall outgoing mail deadline at 3:30 p.m., the City Clerk's Office is not able to accommodate the numerous requests from the public to provide the service around school and work schedules.

DISCUSSION

While providing passport services is an additional service to the community, the net revenue of \$5,653.65 for 2014 does not properly reflect the impact to the City Clerk's Office in terms of staff time and efficiency. In evaluating how eliminating this service would impact the community, the State Department's website reflects that there are 48 locations within a ten mile radius from City Hall. Of the 48 locations, the Cities of Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Orange, and Artesia offer

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passport services. The City of Anaheim City Clerk's Office has five full-time staff members certified as passport agents; the City of Huntington Beach has four full-time and four part-time who are certified; the City of Orange has five full-time staff certified; and the City of Artesia provides the service between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. daily, and is handled by a Receptionist who reports to the City Clerk. The Orange County Clerk's Office has recently expanded their passport services to include some Saturdays, and also has a satellite office in Westminster. And with the Santa Ana Library providing service in the evenings and on Saturdays, as well as the Garden Grove Post Office, the community has many options to choose from when applying for a U.S. Passport.

SUMMARY

The City Clerk's Office will be phasing out passport services, removing advertisement of the service from City publications, and only offering appointments during times that do not impact the core duties within the City Clerk's Office. With two County Clerk locations providing passport services, the Santa Ana Library offering evening and Saturday appointments, and the numerous locations within a reasonable proximity to City Hall, the residents of Garden Grove will not be at a disadvantage for processing their U.S. passport applications. The target date for ending the service is June 30, 2015, with the intent to provide the service through the spring and early summer to accommodate summer travelers.



KATHY BAILOR, CMC
City Clerk



By: Terri Pomeroy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan L. Roeder
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: 2015 BLACK APRIL FLAG DISPLAY

From: Maria Stipe
Dept.: City Manager
Date: April 2, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To provide information to the City Council regarding approval of an agreement with Envirocom to display American and South Vietnam Flags on Edison light poles, from April 23 through May 4, 2015, to commemorate Black April.

DISCUSSION

Authorization has been granted by the City Manager, through a letter agreement with Envirocom, to display American and South Vietnam flags on Edison light poles from April 23 through May 4, 2015. The flags will be posted according to official flag protocol on 59 light poles along the streets of the Little Saigon area. The specific street sections include: Magnolia Avenue, from Westminster to the 22 freeway; Brookhurst Street, from Hazard Avenue to Garden Grove Boulevard; and Euclid Street, from Westminster Avenue to the 22 freeway. (See attached map.) The City has approved similar flag postings for this occasion for over ten years.

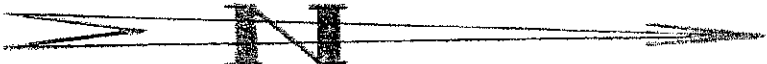
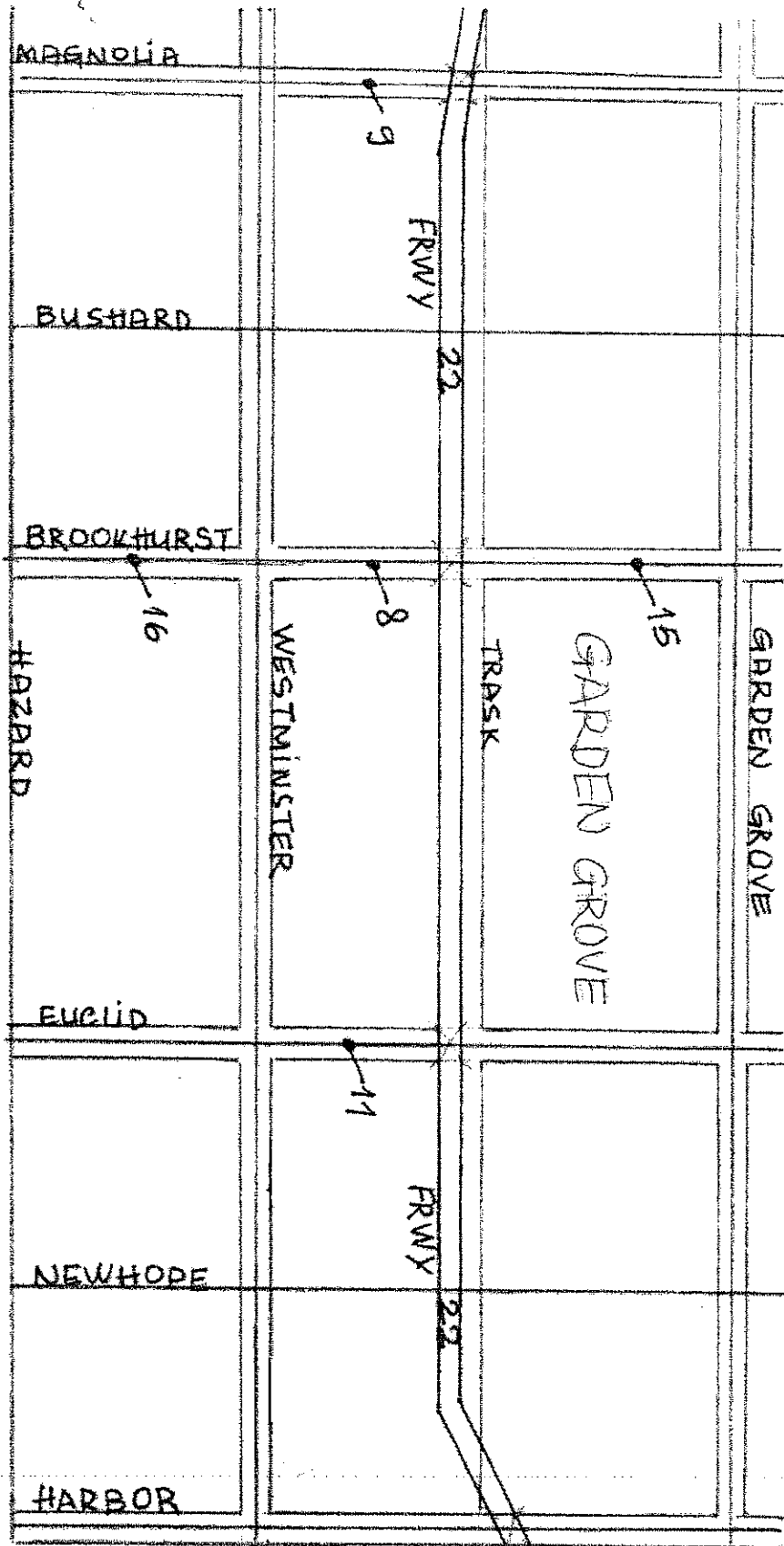
Envirocom represents a community group organized to put on the 2015 Black April events. These events are intended to commemorate the fallen American and Vietnamese soldiers during the Vietnam War, which ended on April 30, 1975. The flag display and Black April events are an opportunity for the community to give thanks to the soldiers and people who gave their lives for the cause of freedom and especially freedom in this country.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



MARIA STIPE
Deputy City Manager

Attachment: Map




GARDEN GROVE = 59

RECEIVED
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

2015 APR -2 A 10: 29



A  Sempira Energy company

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Tax Services

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dsteele@sempra.com

March 31, 2015

City Clerk
City of Garden Grove
P.O. Box 3070
Garden Grove, CA 92642

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the certified franchise statement of Southern California Gas Company showing an amount due pursuant to Ordinance No. 11 of \$239,545.22 for calendar year 2014. Also enclosed is a statement showing the municipal surcharge due of \$108,202.46 for calendar year 2014.

The total amount due of \$347,747.68 will be paid by Electronic Fund Transfer to be initiated on April 15, 2015, and will settle into the City's bank on the following business day.

The following banking information will be used to process your EFT payment:

Bank Name:	Union Bank
ABA Number:	122000496
Account No.:	2042850020

If the banking information above is incorrect or has changed, please contact Kathy Shen at kshen@sempra.com or (619) 696-2281. Any changes in banking information must be received on or before close of business Friday, April 10th, 2015.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

STATEMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 PURSUANT TO THE FRANCHISE

GRANTED BY THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE BY ORDINANCE NO. 11

SECTION A

Computation of payment equivalent to two percent (2%) of the gross receipts of the grantee for the above period arising from the use, operation or possession of the franchise computed in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of California in the cases of County of Tulare vs. City of Dinuba, et al., 188 Cal. 664 and County of Los Angeles vs. Southern Counties Gas Company, 42 Cal. 2d 129.

A. Gross receipts applicable to Distributing Agencies in Highways of which this Franchise is a part			
Total Investment in Physical Properties	\$	11,090,712,418	
Investment in Distributing Agencies in:			
Public and Private Rights of Way	\$	5,014,085,279	
Public Highways only	\$	1,014,422,069	
Percent of Distributing Agencies to Total for:			
Public and Private Rights of Way		45.20977%	
Public Highways only		9.14659%	
Total Gross Receipts from Operations for Period:			
Gross Receipts	\$	3,278,988,420	
Less: Uncollectible Bills	\$	(11,067,046)	
Total Receipts	\$	3,267,921,374	
Gross Receipts applicable to Distributing Agencies in:			
Public and Private Rights of Way (45.20977% x \$3,267,921,374)	\$	1,477,419,737	
Public Highways only (9.14659% x \$3,267,921,374)	\$	298,903,370	
B. Mileage of Main in Pipeline System			
Total Mileage in Pipeline System		53,117.0220	mi.
Mileage in Highways		<u>43,144.0487</u>	mi.
Percent of Mileage in Highways to Total Mileage		81.22452%	
Gross Receipts applicable to Mileage to Highways for:			
Public and Private Rights of Way (81.22452% x \$1,477,419,737)	\$	1,200,027,090	
Public Highways only (100% x \$298,903,370)	\$	298,903,370	
Total	\$	1,498,930,460	
Total Mileage in Highways as above		43,144.0487	mi.
Mileage in Highways of this Franchise		294.5845	mi.
Percent of Mileage of this Franchise to Total Mileage in Highways		0.68279%	
C. Gross Receipts applicable to this Franchise			
(0.68279% x \$1,498,930,460)	\$	10,234,547	
D. Amount due based on 2% of the above applicable Gross Receipts			
	\$	204,690.94	

Garden Grove

SECTION B

Computation of payment of one percent (1%) of the gross receipts of the grantee for the period derived from the sale of gas within the limits of the city.

Gross Billings	\$	23,995,573.23
Less: Uncollectible Bills	\$	(41,050.95)
Gross Receipts	\$	23,954,522.28
Amount due based on (1%) of the above Gross Receipts ..	\$	239,545.22

AMOUNT PAYABLE

The Company is required to make payment on the basis of the larger of the two amounts shown above, namely, the amount due under Section B in the sum of \$239,545.22.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC LANDS USE SURCHARGE STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

MUNICIPAL SURCHARGE DUE TO THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

SECTION A

Computation of payment equivalent to two percent (2%) of the imputed revenue of transportation customers of the grantee for the above period in accordance California Public Utilities Code § 6354(b).

A. Imputed Revenue applicable to Distributing Agencies in Highways of which this Franchise is a part			
Total Investment in Physical Properties	\$	11,090,712,418	
Investment in Distributing Agencies in:			
Public and Private Rights of Way	\$	5,014,085,279	
Public Highways only	\$	1,014,422,069	
Percent of Distributing Agencies to Total for:			
Public and Private Rights of Way		45.20977%	
Public Highways only		9.14659%	
Total Imputed Revenue from Transportation Customers for Period:			
Imputed Revenue	\$	1,706,062,262	
Imputed Revenue applicable to Distributing Agencies in:			
Public and Private Rights of Way (45.20977% x \$1,706,062,262)	\$	771,306,825	
Public Highways only (9.14659% x \$1,706,062,262)	\$	156,046,520	
B. Mileage of Main in Pipeline System			
Total Mileage in Pipeline System		53,117.0220	mi.
Mileage in Highways		43,144.0487	mi.
Percent of Mileage in Highways to Total Mileage		81.22452%	
Imputed Revenue applicable to Mileage to Highways for:			
Public and Private Rights of Way (81.22452% x \$771,306,825)	\$	626,490,266	
Public Highways only (100% x \$156,046,520)	\$	156,046,520	
Total	\$	782,536,786	
Total Mileage in Highways as above		43,144.0487	mi.
Mileage in Highways of this Franchise		294.5845	mi.
Percent of Mileage of this Franchise to Total Mileage in Highways		0.68279%	
C. Imputed Revenue applicable to this Franchise (0.68279% x \$782,536,786)			
	\$	5,343,083	
D. Amount due based on 2% of the above applicable Imputed Revenue			
	\$	106,861.66	

Garden Grove

SECTION B

Computation of payment of one percent (1%) of the imputed revenue of the grantee for the period derived from the transportation of gas within the limits of the city.

Imputed Transportation Revenue within the city	\$	2,066,252
Amount due based on (1%) of the above Imputed Revenue . .	\$	20,662.52

MUNICIPAL SURCHARGE AMOUNT PAYABLE PURSUANT TO CPUC § 6354(b)

The amount due is the larger of the two amounts shown above, namely, the amount due under Section A of	\$	106,861.66
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The total amounts calculated and collected pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 6353 were less than the total amounts calculated pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 6354(b). Your share of this difference.	\$	1,340.87
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Total amount due	\$	108,202.53
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Municipal Surcharge Bad Debts	\$	(.07)
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Net amount due	\$	108,202.46
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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, say:

I am Director, Corporate Tax for Sempra Energy and its subsidiary Southern California Gas Company. I am duly authorized to prepare and file the foregoing statement on its behalf; and I hereby verify that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 31, 2015, at San Diego, California.



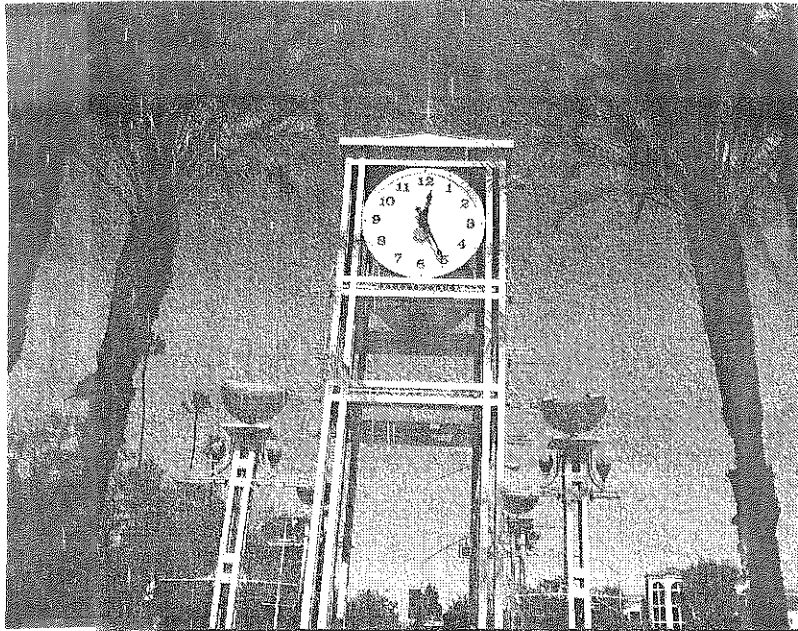
James Asay
Director, Corporate Tax

If additional information is required, please address inquiries to:

Southern California Gas Company
ATTN: State and Local Tax
101 Ash Street / HQ07
San Diego, CA 92101-3017

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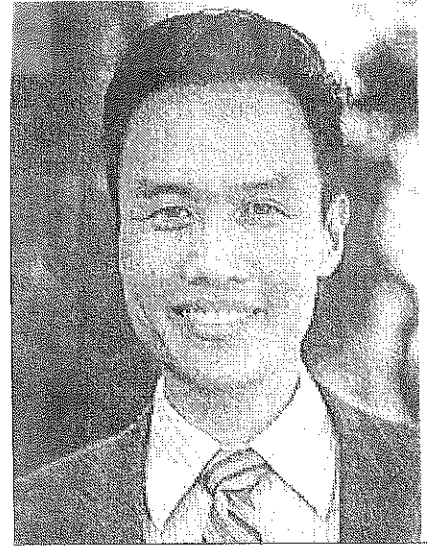
**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**



CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF

The Tower on the Green will be lit up blue tonight for autism awareness.

Garden Grove Journal / Register
April 2, 2015



COURTESY OF BAO NGUYEN

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen.

GREEN TOWER TO SHINE BLUE

Garden Grove's clock tower at Village Green Park is iconic, among other reasons, for its patina-shade of green – an eye-catching color driving down Euclid Street.

But when the sun goes down today, the tower will pop with a different color: blue.

The Tower on the Green will join more than 8,400 other landmarks from around

the globe in shining blue this evening in honor of World Autism Awareness Day.

The lighting of landmarks is part of advocacy group Autism Speaks' Light It Up Blue campaign.

For information on autism, go to autismspeaks.org.

From nay to aye

Garden Grove's legislation banning the sale of commercially bred dogs and cats is now enacted – with the unanimous support of the City Council.

Mayor Bao Nguyen switched his vote, having dissented during the first vote but siding with his four colleagues during the second.

Nguyen said he originally opposed the law, which prohibits pet stores from selling or displaying dogs and cats that they get from commercial breeders, because it only affects one Garden Grove business at the moment.

Nguyen said he was concerned the ban could cause undue hardship and that the owner argued his shop abides by state laws for commercial breeders.

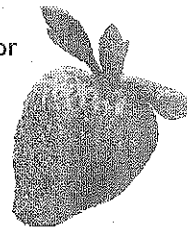
But after realizing how much support the law had before he got on the council in December, he said he decided to support the ban.

The pet shop will have a year to comply with the law.

GARDENING

The Strawberry Story:

Learn the secrets to growing mouth-watering strawberries year-round in your own backyard. Local author Julie Bauden Davis will discuss the best strawberries to grow in Orange County, planting in-ground vs. containers, care, harvesting, maintenance and more. 10 a.m. Coastkeeper Garden, 1560 E. Santiago Canyon Road. Information: coastkeeper.org/strawberry.



How much do you know about the history of Garden Grove?

Probably not as much as Jim Tortolano, who has lived in the city since 1960, is the former publisher of the Journal and has now published a book on the former farming town.



Jim Tortolano

"Garden Grove: A History of the Big Strawberry" is a 100-page chronicling of the city, from uninhabited wilderness to its urbanized, diverse present.

The book is available as an e-book online and as a paperback (for \$19.99) at bookstores, including Barnes & Noble.

Learn your history
of Garden Grove

To advance project, city evicting Joe's Italian Ice

Garden Grove Journal / Register
April 2, 2015

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove is moving to evict the owner of Joe's Italian Ice, the popular eatery on Harbor Boulevard, after nearly two years of using the property rent free.

The city, which owns the land, has a years-long redevelopment deal with Land and Design Inc. to build a luxury hotel on the site. But Garden Grove needs Joe's to close, so it can demolish and clear the property, and then transfer it by the time the development is ready to move forward.

Mike Abeyta, the owner of the business, signed a contract in 2013 with the city in which Garden Grove agreed to pay him \$240,000 to help him relocate, which he eventually did - opening a Joe's Italian Ice in

Anaheim. The city also allowed him to run his shop rent-free until March 31, 2014, and take control of two houses on nearby Twintree Lane to rent out and help recoup the costs of relocating.

But after the 2014 deadline for him to vacate the land passed, Abeyta refused to leave, according to a city staff report. Garden Grove officials allowed Abeyta continue to use the property until the developer was ready to take control of it.

"I definitely think it's not fair to have someone not pay rent and violate an agreement," Mayor Bao Nguyen said. "We're being held back here. This is a step we need to take."

Abeyta, though, says the city has not helped him with the transition

the way officials said it would.

"It sounds like a lot of money," he said during a council meeting. "But it didn't cover a lot of the relocation costs."

He said the payment covered less than a third of the costs.

"I met with (former Mayor Bruce) Broadwater and he apologized," he said, "and promised I could stay until 2016."

That was not included in the contract, however, and Abeyta has rebuffed efforts at another settlement agreement, according to the staff report.

Evicting Abeyta from the property will require Garden Grove to go to Superior Court, which normally costs less than \$3,000, the staff report said.

City Manager Allan Roeder said he will go to the developer and see if it is willing to work out a deal with Abeyta before going to Superior Court and officially beginning the process.

"We need to get the clock started" on the eviction process, Roeder said.

City staff now have the authority to begin the process anytime, following a 4-1 City Council decision last week. Council-

EVICTED

Timeline

February 2011: City begins discussions with Mike Abeyta over relocating Joe's Italian Ice.

March 26, 2013: Abeyta signs contract with Garden Grove allowing him to keep the original Joe's location open rent free as long as he is out by March 31, 2014.

May 2014: With Abeyta still not vacating the property, city sends him a new lease agreement in which he would pay \$3,000 per month for six months. Abeyta refused to sign.

July 29, 2014: City begins eviction proceedings for first time. The process stopped when Abeyta told former City Manager Matt Fertal that he would sign the six-month agreement. He did not.

March 24: City Council votes to begin eviction process again.

man Phat Bui dissented, saying he wants to find other options and do "what is good, not just what is right legally."

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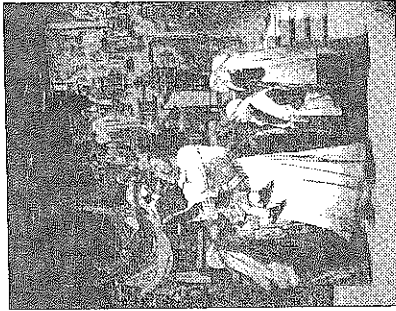


ANDERS HOWMANN, FILE PHOTO

Joe's Italian Ice is on Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

EASTER TRADITIONS AND A BIG BUNNY

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STEINHARDT,
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The city of Stanton's Easter Egg Hunt, pancake breakfast and resource fair will be held again this year on Saturday in Stanton Park.

In the small town in Kentucky where Brainiac was a lad, it was a big, big deal to go to the public Easter Egg hunt in the park, basket in hand, kids all a-twitter over the festivities at hand.

You could score some pretty eggs, sure, but somewhere out there was the Moby Dick of Easter Eggs, the Golden Egg, which bestowed upon its finder untold riches - which probably meant \$25 bucks way back when.

Thinking about Easter Sunday this weekend we got to wondering what kinds of traditions you might find in our fair town of Garden Grove, Westminster, Stanton and Midway City.

It used to be that the biggest celebration of the holiday took place at the Crystal Cathedral, where the annual Glory of Easter pageant dramatized the final week in the life of Jesus Christ, with angels dancing from wires, live animals, sound effects and all the fancy stuff you'd have to imagine were you just to read it in the Good Book.

The Crystal Cathedral, of course, went bankrupt, and with that the pageant was no more. The cathedral itself was bought by the

"The Glory of Easter" was a tradition at the Crystal Cathedral.

Catholic Archdiocese of Orange, renamed the Christ Cathedral and now hosts a whole long list of Easter services and masses, but no flying angels as far as we can tell.

Which leaves us with the secular celebrations held in different pockets of town.

In Stanton, the annual Easter egg hunt will run from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday in Stanton Park, which you'll find at 7800 Katella Ave. There's a pancake breakfast, mmm, pancakes, which will only set you back \$3.50. Easter egg hunts start at 10 a.m., see more about it on page 10.

There's also a Candy Walk, which isn't a thing we

get in as a spectator). Make a reservation at 714-741-5200 or at the recreation counter inside Garden Grove City Hall.

Alas, Westminster held its Spring Festival last weekend, so we've already missed a visit from the Easter Bunny, a pancake breakfast and a candy scramble, which probably

is more like a candy walk than it is scrambled eggs with candy mixed in, right? (See photos on page 11)

You can still get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny at the Westminster Mall through Saturday, though it'll cost you for the photo and there's always the possibility you'll traumatize your kid by making

him or her sit on the lap of a REALLY LARGE BUNNY RABBIT!

Or maybe that was just Brainiac who got traumatized thusly. You go right ahead and do what you think best, just don't blame us if the kid wakes up screaming in the night about the REALLY LARGE BUNNY RABBIT!

'To... commemorate

City renames library after Holocaust survivor,

Congressional Medal of Honor winner

our undying gratitude'



Courtesy photo.

Garden Grove resident Tibor Rubin, a Holocaust survivor who went on to win the Congressional Medal of Honor for his efforts in the Korean War, was honored last week. The city renamed the West Garden Grove Library the Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library. Also, a bust of Rubin was unveiled outside the library. At left is Mayor Bao Nguyen. Rubin, one of 13 living recipients of the military's highest honor, is at right, in a wheelchair. The library is at 11962 Bailey St.

By Loreen Berlin

The West Garden Grove Library was renamed last week in honor of Congressional Medal of Honor, recipient of two Purple Hearts and Holocaust survivor Tibor Rubin of Garden Grove.

The library will now be known as, "The Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library" and is listed in that manner on the front of the building, where a bronze bust of Rubin also stands by the front door.

The bronze bust was sculpted by Armen Balyan and cast by the Art Bronze Foundry in San Fernando.

The front of the library has been re-landscaped with plants that represent the flag's stars and stripes in color.

In attendance were wife Evonne, daughter Rosie and son Frank, and extended family and friends. Also on hand were current and former members of the Garden Grove City Council and city staff; they included Mayor Bao Nguyen, City Manager Allan Roeder and former Mayor Bruce Broadwater.

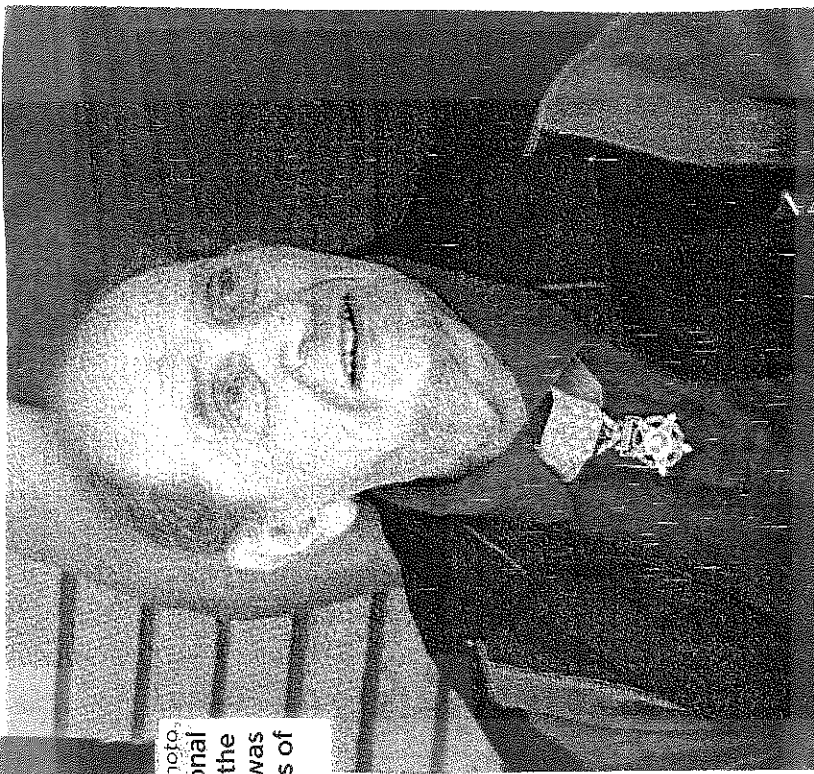


Photo by Loreen Berlin
Congressional Medal of Honor winner and Garden Grove resident Tibor Rubin enjoys the ceremony.

President George W. Bush presented Rubín the country's highest military honor, the "Congressional Medal of Honor" Sept. 23, 2005, at the White House in Washington D.C.

"Rubín is one of only nine Korean War Medal of Honor recipients who is alive today — 145 were awarded. However, two-thirds were killed in action," said Kimberly Huy, with the library.

The award was presented 55 years after Rubín's service in the Korean War. The honor was overlooked because of anti-Semitism by a superior. According to studies in the late 1990s by the U.S. Army, discrimination against Rubín and other Jewish veterans was fairly common.

In 2014, the United States Postal Service unveiled a Forever Stamp Prestige Folio with the 13 Korean War Medal of Honor recipients, which includes Rubín.

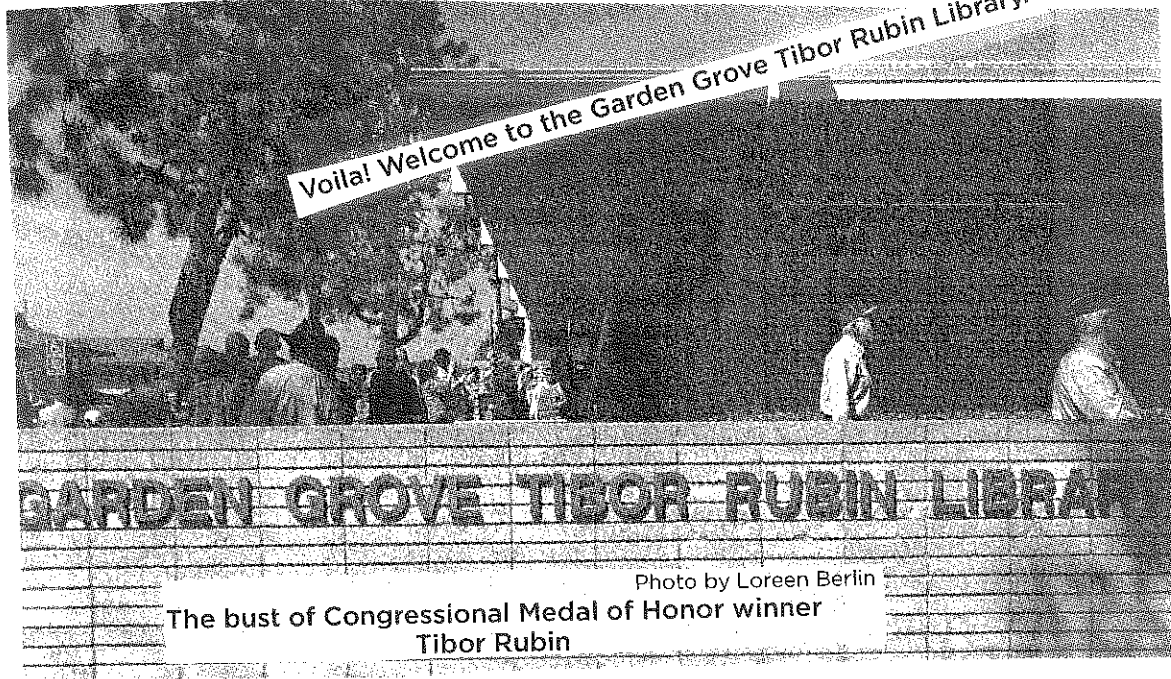
Rubín was born in Hungary. In 1942, when Rubín was 13 years old, Nazi soldiers forced his family into the Mauthausen Concentration Camp, where they all remained until 1945, when the Americans liberated him and his family from a sure death in the gas chambers.

The Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp included a group of camps built around the villages of Mauthausen and Gusen in Upper Austria, approximately 12.5 miles east of the city of Linz.

Rubín decided he would go to America to defend the country that saved his family's life and so, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to the front lines of the Korean War, where Rubín single-handedly slowed an enemy advance for 24-hours, thereby distinguishing himself with extraordinary heroism.

At one point during the war, Rubín was wounded and captured by the Chinese.

The Chinese told Rubín they would send him back to Hungary, but not to the U.S. Rubín chose to remain with his fellow soldiers in the POW camp for three years, risking death each night as he sneaked out to steal food and medical supplies, saving the lives of 40 other prisoners.



Tibor Rubin is a Hungarian-born Holocaust survivor who received the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2005, 55 years after his service as a U.S. Army rifleman during the Korean War. Of the 6.8 million Americans who served during the war...

"Although Garden Grove may not have a wartime medal to present to Tibor, we do have metal letters spelling out his name on the library wall, to forever commemorate our undying gratitude and unparalleled respect of a nation," said Huy.

In 1990, Congress designated

March 25 as National Medal of Honor Day.

The re-naming of the Garden Grove Library is a well-deserved tribute.

Simply said, "Thank you," U.S. Army Cpl., Army rifleman, POW survivor and patriot Tibor Rubin, for your immeasurable service.

GRATITUDE:

Churches, cities get ready to celebrate Easter

Orange County News
April 1, 2015

Also, my editor's no fun. Read on to find out why



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

My editor told me in no uncertain terms that there were to be no April Fool's jokes in my column this week.

Nothing about Garden Grove scrapping its annual Strawberry Festival in favor of a tangerine festival?

I asked. He didn't laugh.

Nothing about a civil war in Little Saigon between communists and anti-communists?

Not even a chuckle.

How about I report that Stanton City Councilmen David Shawver and Rigoberto Ramirez got in a fistfight in the corridors of City Hall?

Not a peep.

So... you can believe everything I report in this column.

Let's start with Easter. It's a fact that Good Friday occurs Friday and Easter — the day Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ — takes place Sunday.

Churches around the area will be holding ceremonies. And cities will be holding festivities involving Easter egg hunts and the like.

Garden Grove is planning an Eggs-cavation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 4 at Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way.

Westminster held its annual Spring Festival on March 28 (Westminster Journal readers, see Loreen Berlin's story and pictures on Page 1).

And Stanton's Easter festivities will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. April 4 at Stanton Park, 11111 Cedar St in Stanton.

The event will feature an Easter egg hunt, face painting, crafts and a cake walk.

Speaking of Stanton, former NFL quarterback Steve Beuerlein was the keynote speaker at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast last week. Beuerlein spoke for about 30 minutes about his days with the Raiders and many other topics. The theme seemed to be: when you get knocked down, get back up. Beuerlein got up enough times in his career in the 1980s and 90s, during which he played for several teams, to throw for more than 24,000 yards in his career.

But here's what stands out to me: the guy, who played at Servite High School in Anaheim in his prep days, has had more than 20 surgeries. Hobbles a bit. Can't throw anymore. At all. And he's still up and about. He says if he had to do it all over again, he wouldn't change a thing.

That's what he said. Annie was right: It's a hard knocks life.

Do you have a comment, question or news tip? You can reach Tony at tonyontown@yahoo.com.

Gang shooting

On March 24, at approximately 4:30 p.m., the Garden Grove Police Department and Fire Department responded to the 12800 block of Lucille in reference to a gunshot victim.

Officers arrived and found a 14-year-old male Hispanic on the sidewalk in front of a house with two gunshot wounds.

The victim was able to tell authorities that a gray or white Honda Accord containing three male Hispanics in their teens or 20s had fired at him from the car. The car fled the area by going north on the residential street.

A relative of the victim was close by and got into his car and chased after the suspect car. The relative lost sight of the car near the intersection of Gilbert and Stanford in the City of Garden Grove.

When the relative turned around in that intersection, the suspect vehicle was now in front of his truck. One of the suspects fired three rounds at the relative's truck, but the bullets did not strike the relative but one round did hit the relative's truck. The suspect vehicle sped away and the relative returned to the scene of the first shooting to talk with police.

The original victim was transported to UCI Medical Center where he is being treated for the gunshot wounds. He is expected to recover from his injuries. The initial investigation does appear to be gang related.

The Garden Police Department is asking for the public's help in both shootings. Call 714-741-5800 with any information.

Community Calendar

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out
The Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's
Governmental Affairs Commit-
tee meets the second Friday of
the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at
the Community Meeting Center,
11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden
Grove. For more information, call
the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group
is for mothers who have lost chil-
dren of every age.
The group meets Thursday eve-
nings at 12831 Olive St., Garden
Grove.
For more information, call 714-
892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of
Orange County hosts a support
group to provide an opportunity
to meet other caregivers and
families, share experiences and
exchange ideas. These meetings
are free and open to all caregivers
and family members of individuals
with dementia. All groups listed
are in compliance with chapter
and national standards. This
is a faith-based meeting and
may include prayer or pastoral
speaker, and will take place at 1
p.m. Saturdays at Christ Cath-
edral, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden
Grove. For more information, call
Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social

Join the staff of the Cedarbrook
Dance Center for nights of square
dancing, line dancing, round
social dancing (pre-choreographed
social dancing) and salsa. The
Dance Center is at 12812
Garden Grove Blvd. For more
information on classes, call Eileen
Silvia at 949-637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime

Family storytime all through the
summer will highlight books about
our environment and the animals
that live in rivers, oceans and icy
places. All ages are encouraged
to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday
at the Garden Grove Regional
Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in
Garden Grove. For more informa-
tion, call 714-530-0711.

Rotary Club to meet

The Rotary Club of Garden Grove
meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays
at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman
Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in
Garden Grove.

GG Kiwanis to meet

The Kiwanis Club of Garden
Grove hosts dinner meetings at
7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland,
9840 Larson Ave. Social hour be-
gins at 6 p.m. For more informa-
tion, call 714-892-7267.

School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School
District holds its regular meetings
at 7 p.m. the first and third Tues-
day of each month at the district

offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in
Garden Grove.

Ready, young Rembrandts?

Elementary and preschool stu-
dents are eager to learn and a
joy to teach. Your young artist will
learn to draw using our step-by-
step process in this class, held
on Tuesdays at the Westminster
Civic Center craft room, 8200
Westminster Blvd. in Westmin-
ster. Give your child a head start
in being handwriting-ready by
developing his/her fine motor

skills. There will be new lessons
each week at the preschool and
elementary level. Students ages
3-5 meet at 3:15 p.m. and ages
6-12 meet at 4 p.m. For more
information, visit www.westminster-ca.gov.

Cartoonist lessons offered

Artists ages 6-12 will have fun
drawing and coloring a myriad
of expressive characters while
learning how to stay on task,
follow directions, and be visually,
spatially organized. There will be
new lessons each week, even for
previous students. The next class
will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays
in the Westminster Civic Center

craft room, 8200 Westminster
Blvd. in Westminster.

Commission set to meet

The City of Westminster Planning
Commission holds its regular
meetings on the first and third
Wednesdays of the month in the
City Council Chambers, 8200
Westminster Blvd. in Westmin-
ster.

Chamber set to meet

The Westminster Chamber of
Commerce holds legislation meet-
ings at 8 a.m. the first Wednesday
of each month in its offices, at
14491 Beach Blvd. in Westmin-
ster.

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April 1, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
AVAILABILITY NOTICE
CITY OF STANTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

DATE: March 26, 2015

APPOINTMENT TO STANTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
UNSCHEDULED VACANCY TO FILL TERM EXPIRING IN NOVEMBER 2018

Division at (714) 741-5312, or inquire in person at the City Hall Planning Services Division at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

DATE: March 30, 2015
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THE CITY OF STANTON IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO FILL AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE STANTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. Applicants must be registered voters and live within the city limits. The Parks and Recreation Commission consists of seven members serving in a non-paid, voluntary capacity, who meet on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Stanton Council Chambers, 7800 Katella Ave., Stanton.

The Parks and Recreation Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City staff in matters pertaining to development/rehabilitation of parks and recreation facilities, recreation and youth services, senior citizen and human services, cultural arts services, neighborhood improvement, grants or other funding, and other matters as may be referred to the Commission by City Council from time to time.

In accordance with the Stanton Municipal Code, terms of office for each commissioner shall coincide with the term of the office of the Councilmember who made the appointment. Currently there is an unscheduled vacancy in Seat #1 (Councilmember Donahue) on the Stanton Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring in November 2018. Section 2.06 of the Stanton Municipal Code requires the submission of applications and interviews prior to appointment to any position.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO NOON ON APRIL 23, 2015

INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND APPOINTMENT MADE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 12, 2015 OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE.

FOR APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT PATRICIA A. VAZQUEZ, CITY CLERK, AT (714) 890-4245.

City of Stanton
7800 Katella Ave.
Stanton, CA 90680

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Garden Grove Unified School District of Orange County, California, will receive RFP responses up to and including 2:00 p.m. on April 23, 2015 at the District Education Center, Purchasing Department, 10331 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840, attention to Sharon Weddle.

Request for proposal documents are available on-line at http://www.ggusd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=230403&type=d&pREC_ID=580072; printed copies are available upon request by contacting Sharon Weddle at (714) 663-6360.

The district is seeking proposals for Unarmed Security Services, RFP No. 1404, in accordance with the Instructions, Conditions, and Specifications now on file in the Purchasing Department of said School District.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularity therein. The right is also reserved by the Board to select items which, in their opinion, will best serve the needs of the District.

Dated this 27th day of March 2015.

GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Connie Cross
Assistant Director, Business Services

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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING
WITH THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
PLANNING COMMISSION

THE PLANNING DIVISION FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A COMMUNITY MEETING WITH THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION, IN THE CONSTITUTION ROOM AT THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE'S COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER AT 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING REQUEST:

Religious services directory

Following are some faith-based organizations that you can call with questions about services:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| Garden Grove
Bupwahng Sa Korean Buddhist Temple
12921 Adelle St.
Garden Grove, CA 92841
714-530-2052 | Church
9822 Russell Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92844
714-537-4900 | 714-590-7915
Glory Church Korean Methodist
9851 Bixby Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92841
714-530-1313 |
| Chapman Avenue Baptist Church
10241 Chapman Ave. # 668
Garden Grove, CA 92840
714-636-9483 | First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove
11832 Euclid St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
714-534-2269 | Gospel First Korean Baptist Church
13040 Coast St.
Garden Grove, CA 92844
714-534-6833 |
| Crystal Cathedral
12141 Lewis St
Garden Grove, CA 92840
714-971-4000 | Formosan Presbyterian Church Orange County
13072 Fairview St.
Garden Grove, CA 92843
714-750-5715 | Grace Baptist Church
12751 Amethyst St.
Garden Grove, CA 92845
714-901-2360 |
| Eastern Kumran Church
9382 Russell Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92843
714-638-0091 | Fullerton Korean Baptist Church
10241 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
714-539-3800 | Grace Baptist Church of GG
5802 Santa Catalina Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92845
714-894-1333 |
| Evangelical Formosan Church of Orange County
10750 Lampson Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
714-839-2320 | Garden Grove Church of God
8362 Trask Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92844
714-894-4060 | Grace Revival Center Church
12012 Magnolia St.
Garden Grove, CA 92841
714-636-3389 |
| Evangelical Free Church of Garden Grove
13735 Yockey St.
Garden Grove, CA 92844
714-636-1624 | Garden Grove Church of The Nazarene
13411 Euclid St.
Garden Grove, CA 92843
714-534-5770 | Holy Light Mission Church
12761 Euclid St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
714-539-3787 |
| First Baptist Church of Garden Grove
12761 Euclid St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
714-534-1742 | Garden Grove Friends Church
12211 Magnolia St.
Garden Grove, CA 92841
714-539-7735 | Iglesia Bautista Metropolitana
12291 Nutwood St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
714-534-7563 |
| First Christian Church of Garden Grove
11231 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
714-534-1742 | Garden Grove Korean 7th Day Adventist Church
11711 Trask Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92843
714-590-2000 | Iglesia de Restauracion
11752 Garden Grove Blvd.
Garden Grove, CA 92843
714-590-8550 |
| Cross Country Christian | Garden Grove Samoan Assembly of God Church
13171 Century Blvd.
Garden Grove, CA 92843 | Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witness
5852 Belgrave Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92845
714-893-3835 |

Seniors put their chips on a trip to casino

H. Louis Lake Senior Center hosts the event, provides busing

Feeling lucky?

Like, maybe, the stars are aligned in your favor?

Or the symbols on a slot machine?

If so, join the Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center for a day trip to Viejas Indian Casino on Tuesday, April 21.

Tickets are \$14 per person, which includes bus transportation, continental breakfast, and \$5 cash back.

The bus departs from the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, promptly at 8 a.m., and will return by approximately 5 p.m.

Seniors are invited to sit back

and enjoy the air-conditioned deluxe motor coach while it makes its way to Viejas Indian Casino in San Diego County. Once there, the playing floor has something for every taste including over 2,500 slot machines, poker room, Blackjack, Fortune Pai Gow, EZ Baccarat, and so much more.

The trip must be paid in full at time of registration. A valid California I.D., driver's license, or military I.D. is mandatory to board the bus.

Seats are limited, so register early. For information and reservations, please contact the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at 714-741-5253.

Laid-back and leisurely, Garden Grove's car show draws classic auto buffs who line up and linger on Main Street.

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Dee Patrick of Anaheim poses for a picture with her 1930 Model A truck. The car belonged to her father and has been sitting in a garage since 1968.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CRUISING

STORY AND PHOTOS BY NICK AGRO
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An afternoon on Garden Grove's quaint historic Main Street is a still life picture of a time gone by.

But as the clock strikes 4 each Friday afternoon, vintage engines begin to rumble and the smell of exhaust wafts around glittering, curved car bodies. The scene comes to life.

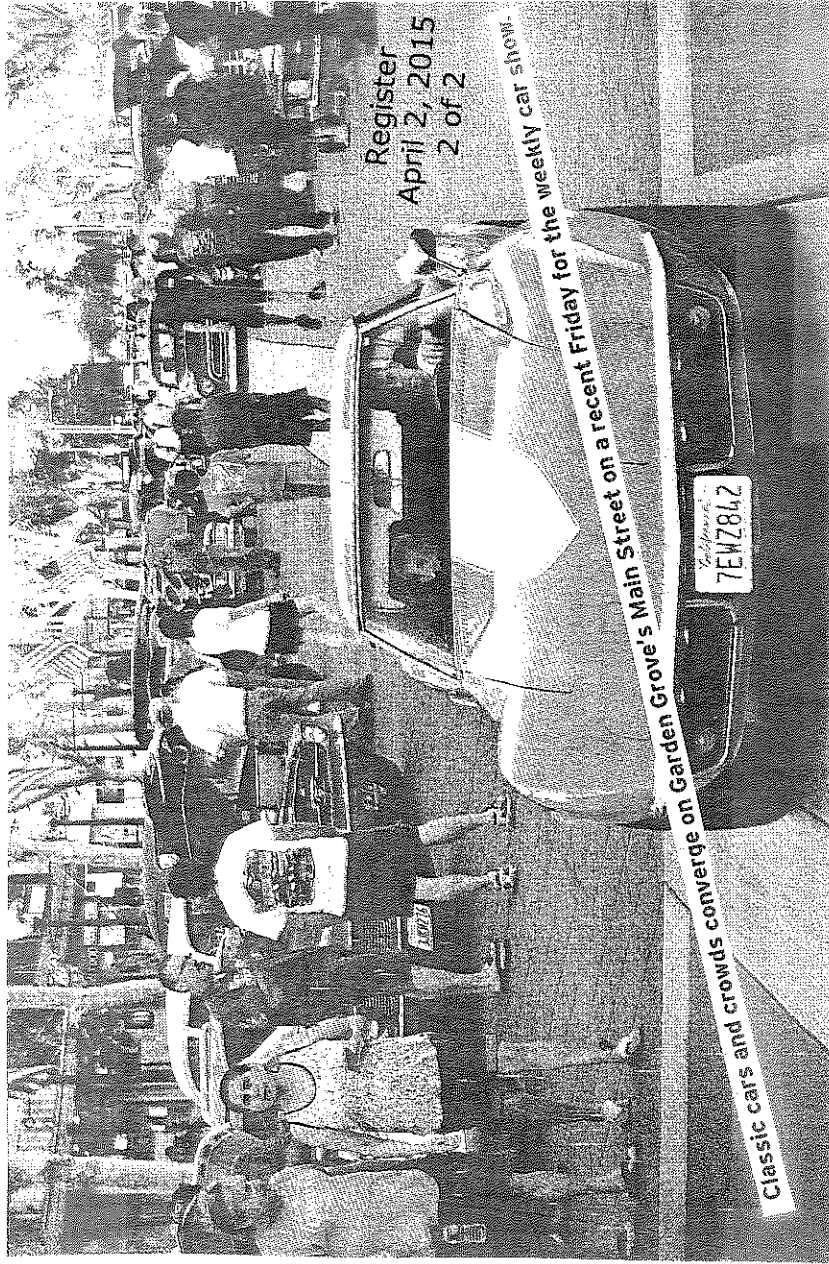
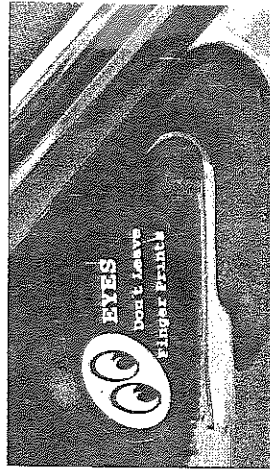
Vehicles from the 1930s to the present day line the road as couples and families stroll around to admire the craftsmanship.

The outdoor seating at Kaye's Kitchen is filled as car show enthusiasts enjoy the rib special.

"It's a real calm, peaceful show," said Dave Pinard, who brought from Covina his 1965 Cobra Shelby Mustang, a deep purple muscle car with a pair of silver stripes running from bumper to bumper.

The show has been inviting sleek and shiny cars to the street since 1994, making it the oldest car show in Orange County.

A sticker reminds car show attendees not to touch the vehicles.

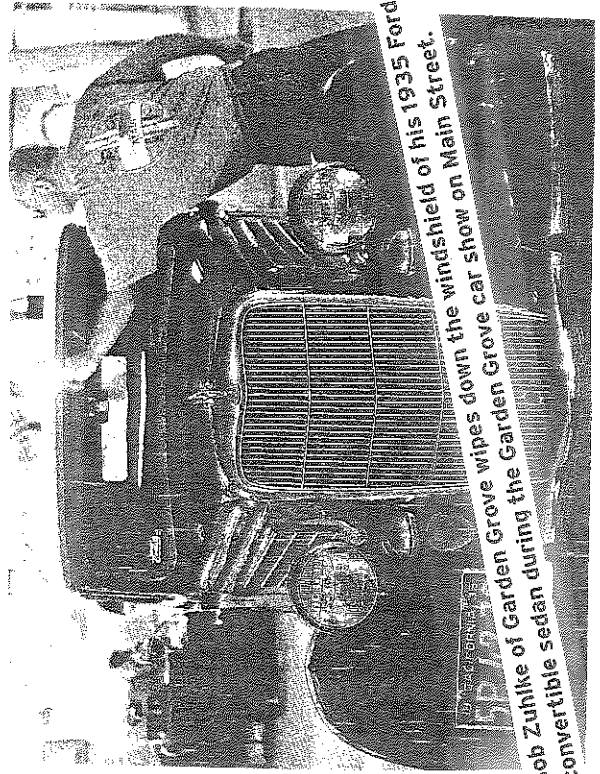


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Classic cars and crowds converge on Garden Grove's Main Street on a recent Friday for the weekly car show.



Irvin Hernandez and his son, Alessandro, 3, of Garden Grove look at cars along Main Street.



Bob Zuhike of Garden Grove wipes down the windshield of his 1935 Ford convertible sedan during the Garden Grove car show on Main Street.

Westminster acts to protect American flag

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

WESTMINSTER • The flying of the American flag in Westminster city buildings has been legitimized into law.

In passing a resolution saying “the flag of the United States of America shall always be displayed at facilities controlled by the city of Westminster,” city leaders last week were responding to a controversy at UC Irvine. Some members of the student council tried, but ultimately failed, to prohibit the display of the American flag and all other national flags in the Associated Students Lobby. The students said the ban promoted “inclusiveness.”

The Westminster law also urges other “public, semi-public and educational institutions” to adopt their own pro-flag resolutions.



KEN STEINHARDT, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Flags are displayed outside Westminster City Hall. The City Council on March 25 passed a resolution mandating that the American flag be displayed at city-controlled facilities.

“The community wanted to know what we would do to protect the flag,” said Councilman Sergio Contreras, who brought the resolution to the council. He said he received calls and emails from residents.

“They wanted to send a strong message of support for the flag.”

In a whirlwind several days in early March, the Legislative Council of UCI’s Associated Students approved the flag ban, 6-4.

Proponents of the ban said flags can symbolize “colonialism and imperialism.”

Protests roiled the campus and calls flooded the administration. The student council’s five-member executive cabinet overturned the ban within days.

State Sen. Janet Nguyen, R-Garden Grove, authored a bill prohibiting California-funded universities and college campuses from banning the American flag. It is in the legislative process.

Westminster has American flags in all its city buildings and on poles in its parks. Under the new law, no one can remove the flags from city buildings. As is custom, flags hanging outside are removed at night if there aren’t lights on them.

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES FOUNDER

IN CRITICAL CONDITION, FAMILY SAYS

REV. ROBERT SCHULLER IN CRITICAL CONDITION

The Rev. Robert Schuller, founder of the Crystal Cathedral Ministry and the "Hour of Power" TV ministry, is not expected to survive the week, his family said Tuesday. Schuller, 88, was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in 2013. He is resting comfortably in a Los Angeles-area nursing home.

Robert H. Schuller, famed televangelist and founder of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries, is in critical condition in a Los Angeles-area nursing home and is not expected to live through the week, family members said Tuesday.

According to Schuller's daughter-in-law, Donna Schuller, the reverend's condition has been deteriorating since he had an exploratory procedure in January examining his digestive tract.

Robert H. Schuller, 88, was diagnosed with esoph-

'He doesn't seem to be in pain,' daughter-in-law says of Robert H. Schuller.

BY DEEPA BHARATH
STAFF WRITER



The Rev. Robert H. Schuller is shown with his wife, Arvela, who died in February 2014.

ageal cancer in 2013. He has not been undergoing doctor-recommended chemotherapy or radiation treatments since his wife, Arvela Schuller, died in February 2014. Earlier this year, family members said they were pleasantly surprised with what they termed his "amazing" re-

covery, despite not receiving any treatment.

Donna Schuller said her father-in-law is not on life support and is breathing on his own, but is extremely weak and has not eaten for several days.

"He was talking normally a couple of months ago," she said. "But since the pro-

cedure, he was whispering. And later, he could barely mouth words."

He is asleep most of the time, but seems to be at peace, Donna Schuller said.

"He doesn't seem to be in pain," she added. "He's had a wonderful life, and he'll pass gracefully."

Donna Schuller said her husband, the reverend's son Robert A. Schuller, has a document detailing precisely how the older Schuller wants his memorial service to be held.

"He gave it to my husband 10 years ago," she said. "Perfectionist that he is, I'm sure he has planned out and specified every little detail."

Donna Schuller said passing during the holy Easter week would be a fitting exit for her father-in-law.

"He always did everything in a grand fashion," she said. "It's just like him."

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Supreme Court won't hear Schuller appeal

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Robert H. Schuller's request that the U.S. Supreme Court hear an appeal over whether his last contract with Crystal Cathedral Ministries was an employment or retirement agreement - the difference between \$615,000 and potentially \$5 million - has been denied.

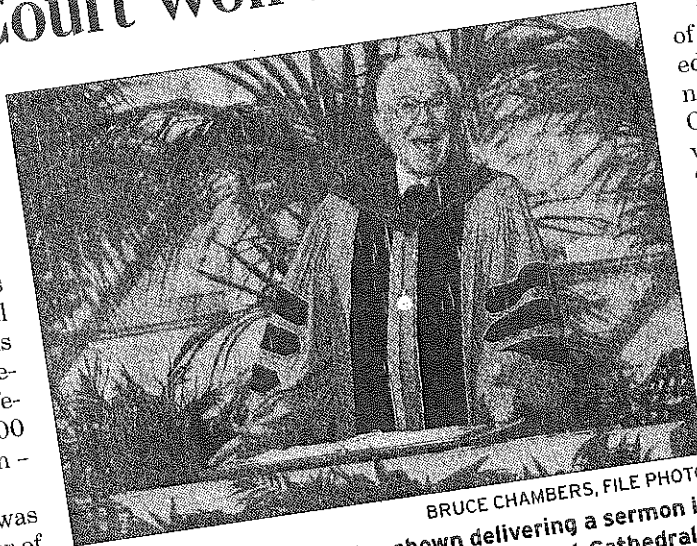
The court's decision was announced Monday; four of nine justices would have needed to agree to hear the appeal for the case to move forward.

A bankruptcy court awarded Schuller \$615,625, which would be the cap under federal law if the contract was an employment

agreement. That decision was upheld by higher courts.

Schuller sought \$5 million after the ministry's

bankruptcy in 2010 halted payments he argued were a retirement agreement meant to compensate him for life.



BRUCE CHAMBERS, FILE PHOTO

The Rev. Robert H. Schuller, shown delivering a sermon in 2006, founded Crystal Cathedral, now Christ Cathedral.

Schuller, 88, the founder of the former Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove - now the Catholic-run Christ Cathedral - became world famous through his "Hour of Power" television ministry.

His attorneys argued there is inconsistency among the bankruptcy and appellate courts over the law on how compensation caps for employees should apply to retirement packages.

This aspect of bankruptcy law has been largely untouched by the Supreme Court.

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Wrong way to save puppies

Garden Grove ban would punish 1 business.

It looks as if Garden Grove will soon become the sixth city in the county, and 18th in the state, to ban the sale of cats and dogs from commercial breeders. The proponents say it is a blow against so-called puppy mills, but it looks more like a blow to a single small business in the city.

That is why Bao Nguyen, in what is becoming a common occurrence for the young mayor, offered the lone voice of principled dissent to the ordinance that will return to the City Council for a final vote.

"I know the intentions are good and solid," Mr. Nguyen said. "But this is a small business in our city, and there's only one. And from what I've heard, it operates in a very professional and very dignified and respectful way to their animals."

The Pet Shop is the only store that will be affected by the ban on commercial breeders in Garden Grove, despite owner Donald Foster's insistence that his store follows all rules and regulations on the proper sale of pets.

"We absolutely abhor the existence of so-called 'puppy mills' and would never do business with them," he said. "Our humane and decent treatment of all our pets - before and after we place them in the homes of our customers - speaks for itself."

While it would likely be difficult to find someone who doesn't abhor actual puppy mills, there is no legal definition of what constitutes one, and the term has come to be applied to any commercial breeder regardless of the conditions at its operation.

No animal should be kept amid deplorable conditions, but lumping respectable businesses in with breeders who mistreat their animals or sell sick puppies out of the back of a van is misguided. We support efforts to expose the abuses of true "puppy mills" and alert consumers about them, but what Garden Grove is poised to approve would punish one purveyor for the sins of others.

OUR TOWNS

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Vote change: The second and final City Council vote needed to enact Garden Grove's so-called anti-puppy-mill law was unanimous after Mayor Bao Nguyen decided to support the measure Tuesday evening two weeks after being the lone dissenter. He said after receiving more information, he understood it was a beneficial law.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

Checkpoint plan: The Police Department will set up a checkpoint for those driving under the influence or without a license from 9 p.m. April 11 to 3 a.m. April 12 at an undisclosed location. Checkpoints are typically placed in areas with high collision rates and DUI arrests.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

iPad Air: Recent or soon-to-be college graduates have the opportunity to win an Apple iPad Air if they attend the city's College Graduates Reception, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. April 28 in the Community Meeting Center. The deadline to RSVP is April 8. Information: 714-741-5280.
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Mosaic: A dedication ceremony for Garden Grove's latest piece of public art – a 30-square-foot ceramic-tile mosaic with glass, pebbles and shells – is at 5:30 p.m. today at 13075 Euclid St., at the end of the Dalat Supermarket. About 200 people helped build the mosaic, the effort for which began during the Open Streets Event in October.
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CERT classes: The city has openings for the next Community Emergency Response Team classes, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday from April 11 to May 2. The CERT program prepares residents for emergencies. Classes are at the North Net Fire Training Center, 2400 E. Orangewood Ave. Information: 714-741-5239.
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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Kim Huy, Director (714) 741-5200
Community Services Department

Thursday, April 2, 2015

GARDEN GROVE STAKES ITS PLACE FOR EARTH DAY

In recognition of Earth Day on April 22, 2015, the City of Garden Grove is presenting a temporary public art installation project and asking for community participation. Called "High Stakes for Earth," the project will be placed in the Downtown's Civic Center park and center around a heritage London Plane tree.

The community is asked to submit a well-wish for Mother Earth or Garden Grove, which will then be seen on either a thought banner hanging from the tree, or on one of 52, brightly-colored wooden tree stakes placed in concentric circles. The messages can be no more than 32 characters, and need to be received by April 16, via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCityHall> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/CityGardenGrove>, or email communityrelations@garden-grove.org. Submissions can also be made in-person at Garden Grove City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway.

The tree stakes will be painted in four, bright colors representing the seasons in nature. Symbolically, the stakes support the tree, which in turn supports the Earth. The placement of the circles represents the continuous cycles of life. The vertical stakes will lead observers' eyes upward to the branches, which will contain 12 thoughts, or well wishes, on fabric banners, which will serve as a contrast to the grounded solidity of the stakes.

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The artist creating the project, James Dinh, further explains, "Though Earth Day is celebrated only once a year, this artwork will encourage everyone to carry these 'thoughts' beyond one day, to each week, and season. We all have a high stake in the Earth's future, which is ours as well."

Dinh is an environmental artist who engages in projects of diverse scales and content, including site-specific civic art installations and community art projects. He holds a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and is a board member of the Vietnamese American Arts & Letters Association.

The temporary public art installation is being presented by "Re:Imagine Garden Grove," a campaign launched in August 2013, to encourage residents and visitors alike to re-discover the city's Downtown area. The project will remain in place for one month and all components will be recycled.

For more information, please contact the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

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Contact:
Allan Roeder (714) 741-5100
Interim City Manager

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Following a distinguished 30-year legal career, City Attorney Thomas Nixon has announced plans to retire, effective July 31, 2015, after nine years of service to the City of Garden Grove. The announcement was made to Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and members of the Garden Grove City Council following the March 24, 2015 regular City Council meeting.

"After celebrating my 60th birthday recently, my wife and I began talking about travel and other plans, and we decided that after 30 years, it was time to start a new chapter in our lives," said Nixon.

Nixon, who practices municipal law with the firm of Woodruff, Spradlin, and Smart, was appointed Garden Grove City Attorney in 2006. As City Attorney, Nixon has been responsible for providing representation and defense for the City, legal representation for various boards and commissions, as well as serve as legal advisor to police officers and City employees.

Speaking on behalf of the Garden Grove City Council, Mayor Nguyen said, "We want to thank Tom (Nixon) for his dedication and service to the City and its residents. We all wish him a very long and enjoyable retirement."

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Contact:
Captain Keith Velotta (714) 741-5634
Fire Department

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Friday, March 27, 2015

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

The City's C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) begins a new, four-Saturday training academy, starting April 11, and ending with graduation on May 2, 2015. C.E.R.T. is a volunteer organization with the Garden Grove Fire Department that provides free community training on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster, as well as lend emergency support to first responders. Classes are 8:00 am – 4:00 pm and take place at North Net Fire Training Center, 2400 E. Orangewood Avenue, Anaheim 92806.

C.E.R.T. training topics include disaster preparedness, medical operations, I.C.S. (Incident Command System), fire safety, light search and rescue, medical operations, terrorism, and disaster psychology. C.E.R.T. participants must be at least 18 years old and live and/or work in Garden Grove.

For more information on the C.E.R.T. program, contact C.E.R.T. Recruitment at 714-741-5239, or download an application at cert.gardengrovefire.org.

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

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SENIOR DAY TRIP TO VIEJAS INDIAN CASINO

If you're feeling lucky, join the Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center for a day trip to Viejas Indian Casino on Tuesday, April 21. Tickets are \$14 per person, which includes bus transportation, continental breakfast, and \$5 cash back.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

April 2, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the March 26 Zoning Administrator meeting along with the Notice of Cancellation for the April 9, 2015 meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation for the April 8, 2016 Oversight Board meeting.
4. Copy of the email from Elizabeth Oreck from Best Friends Animal Society thanking the Council for their vote on the retail pet sales ordinance at the March 24, 2015 Council meeting.
5. Cities Advocates dated March 26, 27, 30 and April 1, 2015.

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840
Third Floor Training Room

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-031-2015

Applicant: Monica & Sergio Perez
Location: 9876 Garden Grove Boulevard
Date: March 26, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to establish a second hand store located in a multi-tenant shopping center. The site is in the GGMU3 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 3) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speakers: Sergio Perez, Monica Perez, Yong Lee

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1711-15.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary




GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: April 2, 2015


SUSAN EMERY
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**APRIL 8, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Oversight Board of the City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development, scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: April 2, 2015

William J. Dalton
Chair

Please forward to the City Council

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From : Elizabeth Oreck <elizabetho@bestfriends.org>

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Subject : Please forward to the City Council

To : CityClerk@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

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Dear Mayor Nyugen and Council Members,

On behalf of Best Friends Animal Society and our members, I just wanted to thank you for your unanimous vote on the retail pet sales ordinance last night. I particularly want to thank Councilmember Beard for bringing it before the Council. As a Southern California native and resident, it makes me so proud when one of our communities takes an important step toward a day when the cruelty of puppy and kitten mills will be behind us.

I thought it was so interesting that your staff mentioned a truck with Missouri plates pulling up to the back of the pet store, as Missouri is known as "the puppy mill capitol" because they are far and away the state with the most mills (they produce 40% of the puppies sold in pet stores throughout the nation). It's very telling, because if a pet store were selling humanely, responsibly bred puppies, they certainly wouldn't need to go to the expense or risk of importing them from the midwest (many don't survive the journey), when there are humane, responsible breeders right here in CA. But as I mentioned last night, those breeders all have codes of ethics that say "never sell a puppy to a pet store."

Anyway, it was a pleasure to join your meeting last night, and I thank you again for your support of this important reform.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Oreck

National Manager, Puppy Mill Initiatives

Best Friends Animal Society

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Together, we can Save Them All®.

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**Three Counties, One City Honored with Outstanding
Local Streets and Roads Project Awards**
Los Angeles County Receives Top Honors

The County Engineers Association of California and the League of California Cities Public Works Officers' Institute today announced the winners of the 2015 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards at their annual spring meeting in Newport Beach. The four winners, three counties and one city, were recognized for making extraordinary efforts to preserve and improve the overall quality of the local streets and roads system. The county of Los Angeles is the overall winner with the counties of Alameda and Santa Barbara, and the city of Coronado also winning in different categories. Full descriptions of the winning projects and finalists can be found at www.cacities.org/2015LSRAwards. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Governor's Budget Proposal Contains League-Supported Funding for First
Responders to Hazardous Materials-Related Accidents**

The League of California Cities has been carefully monitoring the transport of oil and other hazardous materials by rail since summer 2014. This issue is of importance because many cities are often first on the scene at an accident in what may require a coordinated effort between local, regional and state emergency responders in a major event. *For more, see Page 3.*



Deadline Approaching for 2015 Helen Putnam Call for Entries
Submit entries by April 9

The deadline to submit an innovative project or creative city solution for the League of California Cities 2015 Helen Putnam Awards for Excellence is just two weeks away. The League Partner-sponsored awards honor member cities for their outstanding programs and activities in 12 different categories. *For more, see Page 3.*

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Sponsored by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and County Engineers Association of California, (CEAC) the Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program recognizes projects that serve as best practices and can be replicated by other jurisdictions. The award is also an acknowledgement of the cities and counties that promote sustainability in the local transportation system.

Los Angeles County won the overall award for the Willowbrook Community Road Improvement Project, which re-used material from deteriorating roadways and old tires to repave the streets.

The results are impressive:

- 68 percent reduction in energy consumption;
- 57 percent reduction in GHG emissions;
- Reduced landfill deposits by 32,000 cubic yards;
- Diverted 18,300 scrap tires from landfills; and
- Cost savings of \$2,200,000.

"This year's award winners show how local governments can design and deliver innovative, cost effective projects while still being good environmental stewards and meeting the transportation needs of our communities," said Mike Penrose, president of CEAC and Sacramento County director of transportation. Penrose says recognizing innovation is especially important given the projected shortfall in funding for local roads and bridges in California. "The total funding need over the next 10 years is \$108 billion, but the current funding mechanisms from state and federal sources still leave a shortfall of \$78.3 billion in that time frame."

Bonnie Teaford, public works director for the city of Burbank and president of the League of California Cities' Public Works Department, commended the extraordinary work exemplified by these projects. "The award winning projects and finalists showcase what can be accomplished with best practices. These counties and cities have implemented a wide range of innovations in our local transportation system that serve as the backbone for strong communities and a strong statewide economy. We celebrate them." She also cautioned that California's local road system is in dire need of investment. "California's local streets and roads however are on the brink. The current funding supporting the roadways that make up 80 percent of the state's transportation system is insufficient. Without new funding, the roads will literally crumble beneath our feet and wheels, putting our people, visitors and the economy at risk."

Forward-thinking cities and counties have made extraordinary efforts to protect and improve the existing local transportation system through a variety of projects and programs. Through these exemplary efforts, cities and counties are reducing drive times and congestion; improving driver, bicycle, and pedestrian safety; and ultimately reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Green technologies are less resource intensive, emit fewer harmful air pollutants, and produce less water pollution. Ultimately, a safe, well-maintained, and environmentally friendly local transportation system significantly saves cities and counties, and taxpayers, money in the long-term.

Projects and programs included:

- Progressive preservation programs;
- Employment of emerging technologies and materials;
- Critical safety projects;
- Accommodating all users through complete streets and active transportation projects;
- Partnerships with agencies, organizations, and/or the media to achieve a desired outcome; and
- Innovation in project delivery.

For more information visit www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org.

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This week the League issued a letter supporting the establishment of a hazardous materials fee in Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget to fund regional emergency hazardous materials response teams throughout California. A budget trailer bill has been drafted to establish this crucial funding stream that is consistent with the state's larger goal of developing a more robust emergency response capability.

The proposed fee would fund a variety of expenses related to the response to incidents involving hazardous materials, including:

- Local agencies' acquisition of specialized materials and equipment;
- Enhanced training and exercises; and
- Covering costs associated with backfilling staff that is engaged in training.

This funding source is necessary in light of the dramatic increase in the transport of crude oil-by-rail into California in the past two years, in addition to the considerable routine transport by rail of other hazardous materials such as ethanol. The July 2014 report of the Interagency Rail Safety Working Group highlighted the fact that there are currently significant deficiencies in local emergency preparedness and response capabilities in the context of rail accidents. Establishing a hazardous materials fee for regional response teams will be an important step in addressing those deficiencies.

In the same letter, the League also announced its support for a separate one-time \$10 million allocation to cover similar first responder expenditures.

'Helen Putnam Deadline' Continued from Page 1...

The successes of California cities are recognized as demonstrated by beneficial innovations, resourceful efficiencies, improved public service, and overall enhanced public trust and support. It is also an opportunity to thank employees and collaborators, gain the appreciation of residents and have a community celebration of the good work contributing to the quality of life in your city.

Does your city have an outstanding program that delivers efficiency, quality service and innovation? Enter your program at www.helenputnam.org.

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.

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, which are determined each year by the board of directors.

Your city must be a League member to apply. Submit your entry online by April 9.

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

ILG Launches Survey on Local Government Collaboration

Deadline to Respond is April 15

City officials have a unique and important role in the development, resilience and success of their communities. Through collaboration and partnerships, local elected officials and staff can focus on comprehensive approaches that work across jurisdictional boundaries to increase community health, safety and well-being.

This Institute for Local Government's (ILG) short survey focuses on healthy eating/active living, safety and violence prevention and to what degree local agencies approach these issues through collaborations or partnerships. Survey responses will help ILG better understand perceptions, needs and motivations for resolving key community health issues. The survey will be open until April 15. [Take the survey now!](#)

This survey is produced through the sponsorship of Kaiser Permanente and is part of a larger effort to produce webinars and resources on best practices for local officials.

High-Level Officials to Gather April 9 in Sacramento for Special Drought Briefing

As California continues to draw international attention for its fourth year of devastating drought, high-level state, local and federal officials will gather in Sacramento April 9 for a special 2015 drought briefing organized by the Association of California Water Agencies in partnership with other organizations.

The briefing is titled "2015 Drought — Four Years and Counting: Impacts and Actions." The half-day event will feature California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird, State Water Resources Control Board Chair Felicia Marcus, Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Chuck Bonham and others. Officials will discuss drought response actions, impacts and steps underway to stretch California's depleted water reserves.

The drought briefing is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crest Theatre, 1013 K St., Sacramento. The briefing is free and also will be webcast, but pre-registration is required.

Registration and Additional Information

Please [register online](#).

Preliminary Agenda

Among the topics to be covered:

- Overview of California's Extended Drought Conditions
- State and Federal Response Efforts
- Impacts on Farms and Fish
- Managing on the Ground: Local Response Efforts
- Save Our Water – 2015

Background

The briefing is presented by ACWA in partnership with the California Department of Water Resources, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the League of California Cities, the California Farm Water Coalition, the California Farm Bureau Federation, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the California Office of Emergency Services and Cal Fire.

For more information contact Paula Currie at (916) 441 4545.

National Travel & Tourism Week Offers Economic Development Opportunities and Inspiration

With California's tourism industry on the cusp of unprecedented growth this year, there's no better time to celebrate National Travel & Tourism Week, which this year is May 2-10. The event provides an opportunity to educate and inspire local businesses to take local destination tourism development and marketing to the next level.

The week's marquee event is Travel Rally Day, slated for May 5, which will raise awareness about the benefits of travel and provide a platform to amplify how traveler spending supports communities and local businesses. Use U.S. Travel resources – including a helpful Tool Kit – to develop opportunities and invite media to attend local rallies.

Visit California, the nation's first public-private partnership established to promote state tourism, is leading the effort to promote the Golden State as a premier travel destination and will host several events throughout the state during National Travel & Tourism Week, which will feature new tourism data and more information on partnership opportunities.

More information about the local impact of tourism in California is available online.

Watch for a feature article about tourism and economic development in the May 2015 issue of Western City magazine.

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**Senate Budget Subcommittee to Review DOF
Redevelopment Dissolution Budget Proposal on April 9**
Key Provisions Would Be Extremely Harmful to Local Agencies

The Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration will next take up a comprehensive set of changes to redevelopment dissolution laws proposed by the Department of Finance (DOF) when it meets on April 9. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Supports Bill to Improve State Oversight of Community Care Facilities

The League this week supported AB 74 (Calderon) to improve the accountability and management of these operations, which benefits both the quality of services delivered to consumers and the communities where they are placed. *For more, see Page 2.*



Upcoming Legislative Hearings of Interest April 7-22

Group of Election Bills Moves on to Various Committees, League Prepares for Next Hearing on Redevelopment Proposal

The Legislature will be on Spring Break next week. Legislative hearings and policy committee meetings will resume when legislators return on April 6. The League is preparing for the April 9 hearing of the Senate Budget Subcommittee #4 when the Department of Finance's redevelopment dissolution budget proposal is taken up. The League has taken an opposed unless amended position on this proposal. *For more, see Page 3.*

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City officials from throughout California will once again be present along with the League to testify in opposition to numerous harmful provisions that seek to reverse recent appellate court decisions favoring local agencies retroactively reverse incentives and conditions affecting loan repayment, undercut opportunities for local agencies to protect their legal rights, and limit the transparency of the DOF decision-making process.

While the League recognizes that several provisions, in isolation, could be helpful to local agencies, the major elements of the proposal are so harmful the League is asking the committee to reject the entire proposal if they are not removed. This reflects the position taken by the League's board of directors at its February meeting.

A copy of the League's most recent letter opposing the matter and a detailed analysis of the problematic provisions were delivered this week.

The harmful approach of this proposal stands at odds with recent legislative efforts to try to help, not hurt, local agencies with the dissolution process. Last year five helpful bills were advanced, of which two were signed; this year more than 10 bills have been introduced oriented toward assisting local agencies.

This proposal was last heard on March 3 in the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration. At that hearing, several legislators and dozens of city officials joined the League to testify about the adverse impacts the proposal would have on their cities. The committee took no action following testimony.

Next Steps

City officials are encouraged to join the League in Sacramento on April 9 to testify before the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4. It is important for committee members to hear firsthand from cities about how the proposal would affect their communities and dissolution process. For more information on how to participate in the hearing, please contact your League regional public affairs manager.

All cities should remain united in opposition until the harmful provisions are removed. Let's not forget the state severely harmed all cities by dissolving redevelopment and with prior financial raids — that harm will linger for many years. If a final proposal cannot be developed that cause no further harm to cities, then it should be rejected.

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Community care facilities provide an important service to their residents, but when they are mismanaged it can lower the quality of care provided and cause disruption within the neighborhoods where they are located. Recent state budget cuts reduced the frequency of unannounced visits by the Department of Social Services to licensed facilities.

AB 74

Assembly Member Ian Calderon (D-Whittier)'s AB 74 increases unannounced visits by the Department of Social Services for community care facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, family day care homes and child care centers over a three-year period.

Under existing law, at least 20 percent of these facilities, in addition to those not already inspected more frequently for performance, licensing or other reasons, to be subject to annual unannounced inspections. This bill would:

- Require 30 percent of such facilities, based upon random sampling, to be subject to unannounced visits by July 1, 2016, and in no case less than once every three years;

- Require an additional 20 percent, based upon random sampling, to be subject to unannounced visits by July 1, 2017, and in no case less than once every two years.
- Require the department to conduct annual unannounced visits on all of these facilities after July 1, 2018.

The League's [AB 74 support letter](#) is available online.

'Hearings of Interest' Continued from Page 1...

Many newly introduced bills are starting to be assigned and reviewed by the Legislature's policy committees. On Wednesday, the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee heard a group of bills of interest to cities regarding elections including [AB 254 \(Hernández\)](#) on election dates and [AB 278 \(Hernández\)](#) on district-based municipal elections.

AB 254 was passed as amended and was sent to the Appropriations Committee. AB 278 was also passed as amended and will next be heard by the Assembly Local Government Committee.

The League's lobbying team is identifying bills that may be of significant interest to cities. As the Legislature assigns legislation to policy committees, it continues to hold a number of oversight and informational hearings on policy areas of interest to cities. In the coming weeks, the League will issue its first Priority Bills list.

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest:

April 7

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration**, State Capitol, Room 447, 1:30 p.m.
 - Hearing will cover Department of Housing and Community Development and Commission on State Mandates

April 8

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 126, 9:30 a.m.
 - Information hearing will cover Climate Change

April 9

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, Room 2040, 9:30 a.m.
 - Hearing will cover items related to Local Government and Economic Development, including Redevelopment Agencies Dissolution Status and Issues, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the Commission on State Mandates and Local Government Financing
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary**, State Capitol, Room 113, 9:30 a.m.
 - Hearing will cover Public Employees' Retirement System

April 14

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration**, State Capitol, Room 447, 1:30 p.m.
 - Hearing will cover the State Controller's Office and Secretary of State

April 15

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 447, 9 a.m.
 - Hearing will cover items related to the Air Resources Board, California Coastal Commission and the Office of Planning and Research
- **Senate Environmental Quality Committee**, State Capitol, Room 3191, 9:30 a.m.

- Hearing will cover Overview of the California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings

April 16

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 112, 9:30 a.m.
 - Hearing will cover the LAO's Overview of the Transportation Budget, including the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation, as well as oversight on the implementation of AB 60
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, Room 2040, 9:30 a.m.
 - Hearing will cover a number of items related to the State Controller and a Financial Information System for California

April 22

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No.3 on Resources and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 447, 9 a.m.
 - Hearing will cover the Department of Transportation and High-Speed Rail Authority
- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No.5 on Public Safety**, State Capitol, Room 437, 1:30 p.m.
 - Hearing will cover the Prop. 47 workload

California City Solutions: Hayward Turns Commuter Corridor into Safe and Sustainable Street Vision

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). Hayward's Route 238 Corridor project was submitted in 2014 for the Public Works, Infrastructure and Transportation award category.

For more than 40 years, Route 238 in Hayward was a highly congested regional commuter corridor. Traffic accidents on Route 238, I-580 or I-880 near Hayward reroute commuters through the Mission-Foothill-Jackson corridor, frustrating local residents and businesses that regularly rely on that roadway. In 2003, the city of Hayward started a corridor improvement project to relieve congestion. Lasting more than 10 years from concept to completion, the Route 238 Corridor Improvement project is the city's largest capital improvement project in history.

The Route 238 Corridor Improvement project extends more than five miles within the city limits from north Foothill Boulevard at I-580 south to Mission Boulevard at Industrial Parkway. Deteriorating buildings lined long portions of the roadway and more than two miles of overhead utility lines obstructed access and sight lines. Median islands were mostly concrete and most street trees were stunted, dying or long gone.

The city formed a working group, comprising public and private stakeholders to develop a plan, which was first met with opposition from the community. Several extensive public meetings, stakeholder meetings, and council presentations were held to give the community a chance to share feedback on number of major project revisions, including traffic calming measures to the adjacent local schools and retirement community.

Caltrans relinquished control of Route 238 to the city in June 2010. Construction began in August 2010. The working group coordinated with Caltrans for the right-of-way relinquishment and with Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC) Transit for the revision of bus routes. Community members and downtown merchants were invited to give feedback throughout the construction process during monthly project status meetings. The Hayward Planning Commission, Alameda County

Transportation Commission (CTC), Central County Transportation Forum, and Hayward Chamber of Commerce were also informed of the project's status.

City staff partnered with a transportation engineering company to manage construction to create a critical path method based schedule that mitigated issues beyond the team's control by re-sequencing and modifying phasing and staging. This included weekly meetings to review progress and plan the upcoming weeks with the contractor and utility company to coordinate utility undergrounding and relocation efforts.

A number of improvements were designed to relieve traffic congestion and improve traffic flow in the corridor. The "Hayward Loop" is one major component. It starts at the Five Flags intersection at Jackson, Mission and Foothill Boulevards. The multi-lane one-way loop goes north on Foothill Boulevard, left onto A Street, then left onto Mission Boulevard, and returning to the Five Flags intersection. This mini-loop solution resulted in astonishing cost savings, a reduction in right-of-way needs, and minimized disruptions to businesses downtown.

The city's primary objective focused on solving existing and future traffic demands and reducing congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. A coordinated adaptive traffic signal control system allowed the city to adjust cycle lengths, splits and offsets on a cycle-by-cycle basis depending on the changing traffic demands along the corridor. A state-of-the-art fiber optic signal interconnect system connects each traffic signal with a closed-circuit television camera and video detection system, centralizing traffic operations which are located within City Hall. The fiber optic interconnect system has additional bandwidth to accommodate future expansion needs along Mission Boulevard and Jackson Street corridors. The city can monitor the traffic conditions at each intersection, making adjustments to keep traffic moving efficiently.

The city created customized traffic signal bridge structures at several of the major intersections that eliminated the need for multiple traffic signal poles and signal equipment. Improvements helped to enhance and promote pedestrian, bicycle and roadway use include new wider sidewalks, curb and gutters, median islands and bay-friendly landscaping. New traffic signals and controllers at 28 signalized intersections feature audible pedestrian pushbuttons, pavement reconstruction, and new signing and striping. Warm mix asphalt construction methods (used for the first time in the city of Hayward) created lower asphalt mix temperatures, resulting in decreased use of construction equipment, producing less greenhouse gas emissions.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Foothill Boulevard in downtown Hayward have pedestrian-friendly 14-foot sidewalks and a dedicated bike lane. Older sidewalks and intersections were reconstructed throughout the corridor and new sidewalks were constructed where needed to follow current ADA requirements and provide safer accessibility for residents. Community artists painted murals on building and retaining walls. Anti-graffiti programs promoted by the city are painting traffic signal enclosures with colorful themes that enhance the walking experience.

Several features help lower energy and maintenance costs long-term, including 1,000 new dimmable LED street lights and 680 new trees that offer shade, significantly reducing heat from pavement surfaces and building exteriors. The project's LED streetlight conversion efforts were the start of a city-wide LED streetlight conversion program that recently won an award from the Silicon Valley Leadership Group for "Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet." Additionally, the project was recognized by the American Council of Engineering Companies 2013 Engineering Excellence Award, The American City & County 2013 Crown Communities Award, and APWA Northern California Chapter Transportation project of the Year Award.

Nineteen buildings on or near the Hayward fault line were demolished to accommodate roadway widening, which were used by the Hayward Fire Department for training prior to demolitions.

The completed Route 238 project was fully operational to live traffic in June 2013. Hayward's recent studies of traffic between Mission Boulevard/Industrial Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard/Mattox Road

indicate that travel times are less by 30 percent during the morning commute and 20 percent during the evening commute than travel times measured in 2003. Compared to 2009 prior to construction, fewer accidents have occurred within the corridor.

The Route 238 Corridor Improvement Project was paid primarily with Alameda County Measure B funds, the half-cent transportation sales tax passed by voters. The project came in under budget at \$105 million compared to the \$111 million that was authorized. The project transformed a barren looking road into a beautifully landscaped facility that now provides for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, trucks, and cars.

ILG to Host Cap and Trade Symposium and Local Government Track at the Green California Summit

The Institute for Local Government (ILG) will again play a significant role in the Green California Summit. On April 6, ILG will host a pre-summit session titled Cap-and-Trade Symposium: Advancing Climate Action, Sustainability and Community Well-Being.

The symposium will begin with a Leadership Dialogue where attendees will hear from a select group of state and local leaders discussing how they can partner to achieve Gov. Jerry Brown's goals in communities throughout California. Following the Leadership Dialogue, attendees will break into three roundtable discussions:

- Sustainable Communities and Clean Transportation;
- Clean Energy and Waste Diversion; and
- Natural Resources and Working Lands.

This event will be followed by a networking reception. On April 7, ILG will run a Local Government Track that includes the following sessions:

- Green Paths to Economic Growth;
- Creating Safer Streets and Healthier Communities; and
- Local Action to Save Water, Energy and Money.

The Green Technology Summit and Exposition provides a forum for stakeholders from the public and private sectors to share innovations in policy, practice and technology that can help the Golden State attain its environmental and economic goals.

Use promo code: EXHIB to receive a 20 percent discount on registration.

Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service is Less Than Two Weeks Away

Mayors from across the United States are invited to participate in the third annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, scheduled for April 7. The event is led by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the National League of Cities, and Cities of Service.

This year's event will highlight the impact of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. Participating in the event is a way for mayors to hold public events and use traditional and social media to highlight the value and impact of national service to the nation's cities. Last year, 1,760 mayors representing more than 110 million citizens participated in the second-annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service.

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.

For questions, please contact Greg Ericksen of the CNCS California State Office at (310) 235-7711.

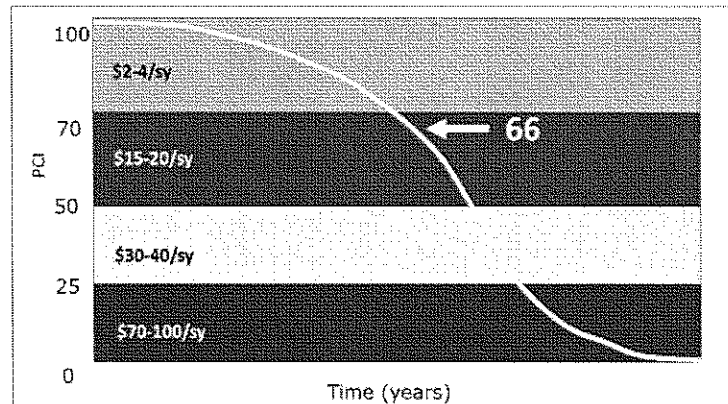
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California's Precarious Pavement Condition Trending Downwards *Local Streets and Roads Projected to Deteriorate Faster in Next Five Years without More Funding*

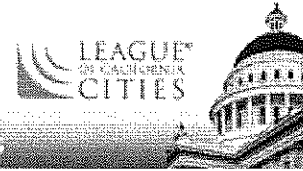
In recent months, the League engaged in numerous discussions with state and federal lawmakers about the condition of California's local streets and roads. These discussions are based on the most recent biennial Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which was released last October. This survey uses a four-tiered scale Pavement Condition Index (PCI) scale from zero to 100 to assess the conditions of local roads within California's 58 counties. At first glance, the fact that the on-average rating for California's local system is 66, just four points under what the study deems as good condition, does not appear to be alarming. The reality is that the local roads are on a precipice.

Why are local transportation experts so worried about an average pavement condition of 66? This number is significant because the cost of repairing roads that slip any farther grows exponentially. The local system in 2008 ranked 68 and in the six years following the first assessment conditions slowly dropped two points. Transportation experts warn, however, that pavement condition deteriorates much more rapidly after this point in the life cycle of pavement condition.



This illustration shows very plainly the costs to maintain roads (per square yard) over the course of this life cycle. When conditions dip much farther under current conditions, the cost to repair and maintain these roads dramatically increases. For example, roads with a PCI ranking between 70 and 50 cost \$15-\$20 per square yard to maintain, but the amount doubles to \$30-\$40 for road conditions with PCIs in a range of 50-25.

The 2014 Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment found that currently local agencies receive just half the revenue needed to maintain the local system. Investments must be made to the system that comprises more than 80 percent of California's roadways because time is running out for the roads beneath our feet and wheels.



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2015 National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation Launches Today

Governor Issues California's First Mandatory Water Restrictions

Gov. Jerry Brown is not only calling on Californians to save water, he took action today to require the State Water Resources Control Board to implement restrictions that mandate a 25 percent reduction statewide based on 2013 consumption. The new restrictions will take into consideration the relative per-capita water usage in each community. According to the Governor's news release, this equals approximately 1.5 million acre-feet of water over the next nine months. California has the lowest snowpack on record and is in its fourth year of drought.

For more, see Page 2.



Key to Solving Homelessness is Housing, Not Special Exemptions for Homeless *League Opposes SB 608 While Encouraging Support for the Assembly's Housing Funding Package*

The League this week announced its opposition to SB 608 (Liu), the Right to Rest Act. While the League shares Sen. Carol Liu's (D-La Canada Flintridge) interest in addressing homelessness in our communities, this bill undermines local enforcement authority and offers no solutions to help the homeless get back on their feet. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Supports Key Elements of Assembly Speaker's Affordable Housing Funding Package *Cities Encouraged to Support AB 35 and AB 1335*

The League has joined a coalition in support of an effort led by Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) to dramatically expand state resources for affordable housing. Other coalition members include the California Building Industry Association, the California Housing Consortium and the Western Center on Law and Poverty. *For more, see Page 2.*

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The Executive Order also contains a number of provisions to meet the reduction. The Governor wants 50 million square feet of lawn replaced with drought tolerant landscaping in partnership with local governments. Local governments are prohibited from using potable water to irrigate street medians. It also requires managers of large landscapes, such as golf courses and cemeteries, to reduce water usage and establishes a prohibition for new homes and development to irrigate with potable water unless done through a water-efficient drip system. The order increases enforcement and asks water agencies to implement conservation pricing.

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SB 608 would create a special set of exemptions, privileges and rights for the homeless to occupy public and private property without complying with laws that apply to all others in society. Such an approach would result in social disorder and undermine the ability of all others to access clean and non-threatening public spaces, while jeopardizing property rights and the economic viability of local businesses.

The League believes the state's efforts to help the homeless should be led by offering the funding to build affordable housing and augment services to treat related underlying issues. Instead of offering resources, SB 608 focuses on limiting local enforcement authority on public and private property.

Among its provisions, SB 608 would exempt a homeless person from being guilty of a misdemeanor if they lodge in any building, structure, vehicle or space without permission from the owner or the person responsible for that place. The bill also expands the definition of public space in such a way that a homeless person would be allowed to assert that they can live in a public building, on a beach, on the sidewalk in front of a business, in a shopping mall or on a bus for any length of time.

More solution-oriented measures that would actually help construct affordable housing, including housing for homeless individuals, are pending in the Assembly as part of a package of legislation led by the efforts of Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins (D-San Diego). The Assembly's proposal includes AB 35 (Chiu and Atkins), which would increase affordable housing tax credits by \$300 million and AB 1335 (Atkins), which would provide a permanent source for affordable housing. Other pending measures promote "housing first" approaches to the homeless issue.

Take Action

The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee will be hearing SB 608 on Tuesday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. Additional information on SB 608, as well as the League's oppose letter, can be found on the League's website. City officials can also use the League's Take Action Center to send in an oppose letter on SB 608. The League encourages cities to send the committee a letter communicating opposition to this bill.

Cities are also encouraged to send support letters on AB 35 and AB 1335 to the authors. AB 35 is set for hearing in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on April 15 at 9 a.m. AB 1335 has also been referred to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee, and is planned to be heard on April 29. Additional information on AB 35, along with the League's support letter and a sample support letter are available online. Additional information on AB 1335, along with the League's support letter and a sample support letter are available online.

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With the loss of redevelopment and the exhaustion of past state affordable housing bond funds, California has virtually no resources to construct affordable housing. AB 35 and AB 1335 propose to fill that void with up to \$1 billion per year in affordable housing funds. AB 35 (Chiu and Atkins) would increase available affordable housing tax credits by \$300 million and AB 1335 (Atkins)

would provide a permanent source of funding for affordable housing generating up to \$700 million per year.

AB 35 (Chiu/Atkins), proposes to increase the state's Low Income Housing Tax Credit from \$70 to \$370 million annually, providing a \$300 million boost to this popular program that is always heavily oversubscribed.

AB 1335 (Atkins), the Building Homes and Jobs Act, would establish a permanent source of funding for affordable housing by placing a \$75 fee on real estate transaction documents, excluding home sales. This proposal is similar to SB 391 (DeSaulnier) of the 2013-14 Legislative Session, which the League also supported, and is projected to generate up to \$700 million annually while leveraging billions more in federal, local, and bank investments.

The Building Homes and Jobs Act makes legislative findings about the need for permanent, ongoing funding for affordable housing. Total fees on any transaction are capped at \$225. Revenues from this fee, less county administrative costs, would be sent quarterly to the Department of Housing and Community Development for deposit in the new Building Homes and Jobs Fund and spent for affordable housing, home ownership opportunities, and other housing-related programs. The bill imposes additional auditing and reporting requirements.

The fact sheets below provide additional details on the bills.

- [AB 35 Fact Sheet](#)
- [AB 1335 Fact Sheet](#)

Next Steps

AB 35 is set to be heard in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on April 15 at 9 a.m.

AB 1335 has also been referred to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee and is set to be heard on April 29.

Cities are encouraged to send the authors support letters on AB 35 and AB 1335.

Additional information on AB 35, along with the League's support letter and a sample support letter are available [online](#).

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The League's 2015 Legislative Action Day is Wednesday, April 29 *Register Today for the Condensed One-Day Program*

If your city has not registered for the League's Annual Legislative Action Day, be sure to sign up today because this important event is fast approaching. Scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, the one-day event is free for League members and League Partners.

The day will start at 10 a.m. with a general briefing on current budget issues and a legislative and policy update on a wide range of topics including:

- Efforts to improve and expand economic development tools;
- Transportation and other infrastructure funding;
- Water bond implementation;
- Medical marijuana regulation and other public safety issues;
- Land use issues such as CEQA reform, affordable housing, vacation rental, ADA lawsuit abuse and massage);
- Pension reform implementation;
- Other legislation of critical importance; and
- Updates from legislators.

Following the briefing, which ends at 11:30 a.m., city officials will have time to meet with the legislators in the Capitol. The League's Latino Caucus is co-sponsoring a legislative panel on local economic development and infrastructure funding options from 3:30– 4:30 p.m.

For city officials who are able to extend their day, the League will be hosting a legislative reception from 5:30–6:30 p.m. The [full brochure](#) has additional information.

Registration

March 27 is the deadline to register for Legislative Action Day. Register online at www.cacities.org/events.

Please direct questions to [Megan Dunn](#), the League's registrar.

BOE Releases Guide to Local Sales Tax Measures

A local add-on sales tax is legally a "transactions and use tax" (TrUT) and must be adopted in conformance with state law. The state Board of Equalization (BOE) is responsible for administering these taxes, which the BOE also calls "district taxes." The BOE offers an invaluable publication, [Tax Information for City and County Officials: Local Sales and Use Tax, Transactions \(Sales\) and Use Tax. \(Publication 28\)](#).

The booklet is an invaluable resource for local agencies considering putting a TrUT increase on the ballot, as well as for cities wanting to understand and ensure proper allocation of all sales tax revenues. The publication covers the unique differences between sales and use taxes and TrUT and provides essential resources and contacts to ensure your taxes are adopted legally.

HCD Requests Comments from Small Cities on Five Year Consolidated Plan Outlining New Federal Funding

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is opening a public review period and requesting comments on its [Draft State of California 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan](#). The consolidated plan comprises a housing needs assessment, market analysis, strategic plan and annual action plan. Additionally, the plan allows the HCD to administer approximately \$75 million in new federal funds for FY 2015-16 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS and Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program.

Cities with populations under 50,000 and counties with populations under 200,000 in unincorporated areas that do not participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development CDBG entitlement program are eligible to compete for funding under the consolidated plan.

The public review period for this consolidated plan is open for 30 days from April 1-30. Comments must be submitted to HCD no later than 5 p.m. on April 30.

Written comments can be emailed to caper@hcd.ca.gov, faxed to (916) 263-3394, or mailed to the following address:

Attention: Christina DiFrancesco
Department of Housing and Community Development,
Division of Financial Assistance
P.O. Box 952054
Sacramento, California 94252-2054

Trial Court Revenue Distribution Trainings Offered in May

For the third consecutive year, the Judicial Council and State Controller's Office (SCO) will partner to provide in-person training on trial court revenue distribution.

The Judicial Council's Court-Ordered Debt Task Force established this ongoing training in 2013 for court, county, city, and parking entities that perform revenue collection and distribution activities.

In 2015, there will be two in-person trainings:

- Friday, May 8, in San Diego
- Tuesday, May 12, in Sacramento

Specific training and registration information will be provided in April.

Judicial Council and SCO staff are currently developing the curriculum for the May training and are interested in collections and revenue distribution related suggestions you may have regarding topics, issues, or specific subject areas that should be covered.

Past training sessions have addressed:

- Overview of Appendix C Changes;
- Review of the Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedule;
- Revenue Distribution FAQ Updates;
- Audit and Distribution Issues;
- Court-Ordered Debt Task Force Pilot Program; and
- Revenue Distribution Worksheets.

Expect to see updates regarding these topics as part of 2015 training. Conference planners are interested in suggestions for other topics.

Please submit suggested training topics and all other questions to RevenueDistribution@jud.ca.gov.

Additional resources are online.

- [Judicial Council](#)
- [Revenue Distribution](#)
- [Collections](#)
- [State Controller's Office](#)
- [Revenue Distribution](#)

2015 National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation Launches Today

Water shortages may be one of the most dramatic headlines in the news, but cities everywhere are facing mounting challenges to the tune of nearly \$1 trillion to address aging water systems, eliminate water waste, and secure a legacy of sustainable water use for our communities.

The National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation gives local governments a consumer-friendly way to rev up residential interest in addressing those issues, from promoting water and energy efficiency to waste reduction and ecosystem health. Held annually from April 1-30, the nonprofit challenge encourages cities nationwide to see who can be the most "water-wise."

M Mayors are urging residents to participate by pledging to conserve more water and other natural resources at mywaterpledge.com. Cities with the highest participation not only discover ways they can reduce the strain on water systems, they qualify to win over \$100,000 in prizes, including efficient irrigation products, water-saving appliances, and even a Grand Prize Toyota Prius Plug-in. The campaign gets national promotion all month long in USA Today, and winning

cities are recognized in a special segment on the Weather Channel with Al Roker. There's even a classroom edition for schools.

The National League of Cities is one of the campaign's supporters along with the U.S. EPA and Toro Company. The program is presented by the Wyland Foundation and Toyota.

During the most recent campaign, mayors, city leaders and local water utilities led an effort among residents across 3,600 cities in all 50 states to take 277,742 specific actions over the following year to change the way they use water in their homes, yards and communities.

Translated, those online pledges meant potential reductions in water waste by 1.4 billion gallons. As residents conserve, it also means less money spent on transporting and generating the electricity that brings water to homes, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and less impact on the nation's already overburdened water infrastructure.

Cities can participate in the 2015 National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation by signing an online letter of support, which includes complete details about the program, or by calling (949) 643-7070 to request participation information.
