

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

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE UPDATE**

Lisa Kim's memo presents an update of new business resources added to the City's Business Portal located within the Economic Development website.

**B. ADA IMPROVEMENTS AND REMODEL OF COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER**

Kim Huy's memo provides you with information on the ADA improvements and remodel of the Council Chamber at the Community Meeting Center (CMC).

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott Stiles  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE UPDATE

From: Lisa Kim  
Dept: Community/ Economic Development  
Date: August 11, 2016

**OBJECTIVE**

To convey information on updates to the Economic Development website.

**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update of new business resources added to City's Business Portal located within the Economic Development website.

**DISCUSSION**

The Business Portal feature is linked to the Economic Development website has been recently updated to add new links with business incentives and resources. Provided is the link to the Business Portal (<http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/ggbusiness>) and a brief overview of each business incentives and resources:

**1. California Competes Tax Credits (\$75 million available)**

The State of California's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) was established in 2014 to serve as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts. Through GO-Biz, there are a series of tax credit incentive programs made available to local business owners are focusing activities toward business retention and expansion. One in particular is the California Competes Tax Credit (CCTC). The State has released \$75 million of available funding for businesses who grow and expand locally. Economic Development staff attended the CCTC workshop held in Orange County and is available to assist Garden Grove businesses through the application process. The deadline for this round of CCTC funding is August 22, 2016.

**2. Work Opportunity Tax Credits**

The Work Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC) is a Federal tax credit incentive that is available to employers who hire and retain veterans and individuals from other target groups with significant barriers to employment. There is no limit on the number of individuals an employer can hire to qualify to claim the tax credit

and The State's Employment Development Department administers this program. Information to the State website has been added to the City's website. [http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs\\_and\\_Training/Work\\_Opportunity\\_Tax\\_Credit.htm](http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/Work_Opportunity_Tax_Credit.htm)

**3. Small Business Administration and Small Business Development Center**

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is funded through the Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide small businesses and entrepreneurs with expert consulting, effective training and access to resources. Staff is currently working on a Multi-Chamber collaboration with SBDC to coordinate and host local training workshops to support local small businesses in Garden Grove.

**4. Recycling Market Development Zone (Orange County)**

The Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) provides economic incentives to businesses with the zone in the form of low-interest rate loans, permit assistance, and location assistance. The goal of the RMDZ is to promote recycling through the creation and development of markets for products made in part from postconsumer waste materials diverted from the waste stream. When these diverted materials are used to produce new products, the products are referred to as recycled-content products. Here is a link to the RMDZ website.

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/RMDZ/Reports/Zones/Detail.aspx?RMDZID=47>

The Economic Development Division is conducting extensive business outreach efforts and sharing these business resources with the following: the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce; Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County; the Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce Orange County; local brokerage firms including CBRE, Voit Commercial, Lee & Associates and Newmark Grubb Knight Frank; and, other business and community stakeholders. Staff continues to research and identify additional business resources and will update the City's Business Portal as needed.



Lisa L. Kim  
Community and Economic Development Director

By: Greg Blodgett  
Senior Project Manager

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**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott C. Stiles  
Dept.: City Manager  
Subject: ADA IMPROVEMENTS AND REMODEL  
OF COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE  
COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER

From: Kimberly Huy  
Dept.: Community Services  
Date: August 10, 2016

OBJECTIVE

To provide City Council with information on the ADA improvements and remodel of the Council Chamber at the Community Meeting Center (CMC).

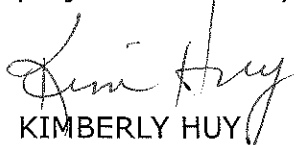
BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The renovations of the CMC Council Chamber will include ADA upgrades that would bring the CMC into ADA compliance; improvements include the adding a ramp at the dais; leveling staff seating; removing 12 seats from the audience seating area, and lowering the podium. Additional upgrades include the following:

- Audio visual upgrades that include replacing the voting display and all monitors with touchscreen panels for City Council members and City staff
- Replacing floor finishes
- Replacing window coverings with mesh shades
- Adding acoustical panels
- Painting, patching, and repair of the Council Chamber

SUMMARY

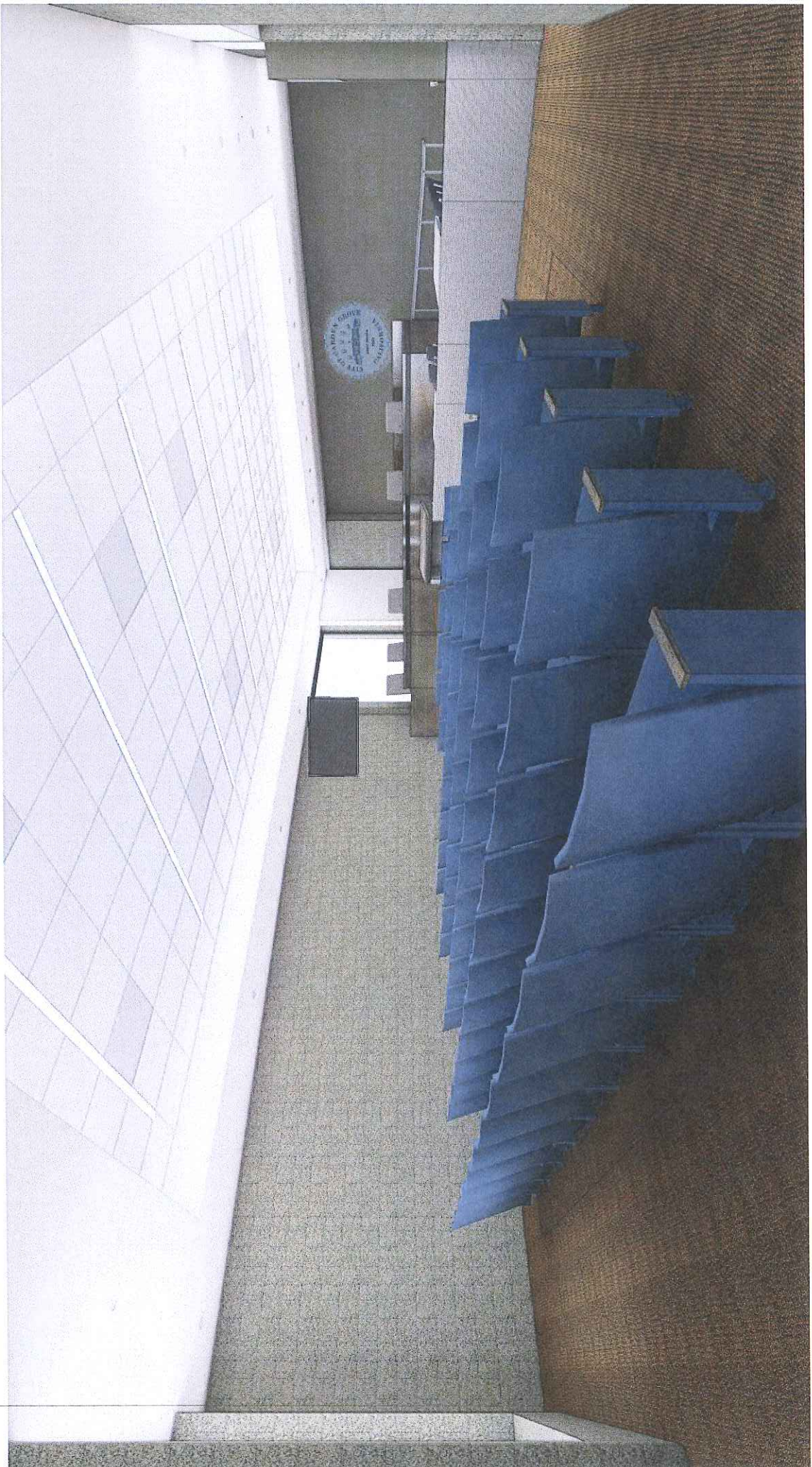
ADA improvements and additional upgrades will be part of the CMC Council Chamber remodel. Attached is a rendering of the Council Chamber that provides a visual of the projected room layout.



KIMBERLY HUY  
Community Services Director

By: Janet Pelayo  
Manager





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# **NEWS ARTICLES**

## OCTA OKs 13 bike corridor projects

By JESSICA KWONG  
STAFF WRITER

**ORANGE** • County transportation officials on Monday approved more than \$19.5 million for 13 projects selected in a competitive process under a bicycle corridor improvement program.

One more of 14 additional proposals could be funded if the applicant can complete the project with about \$488,000 in leftover program money.

The Orange County Transportation Authority received 27 applications in a call for projects in March, and an advisory panel ranked them based on connectivity to key destinations, closing bike-way corridor gaps, and increasing safety and air quality.

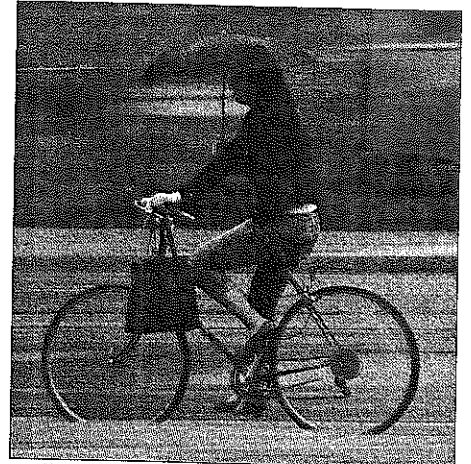
Projects from Fullerton, the County of Orange, Dana Point, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Anaheim and Tustin were awarded grants from \$20 million in state Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds.

Awards include nearly \$2.3 million for protected bike lanes on Bristol Street in Santa Ana, \$2.2 million for a bicycle boulevard on Wilshire Avenue in Fullerton, \$2 million to extend the bikeway and walkway on Coast Highway in Dana Point and \$3 million for the Hazard Avenue Bikeway Project in Westminster.

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BRUCE CHAMBERS, FILE PHOTO

County transportation officials have approved more than \$19.5 million for 13 projects selected in a competitive bicycle corridor improvement program.

## Police arrest man they say set up \$50,000 in bogus travel plans

He's accused of promising but not delivering on vacation packages.

By LAUREN WILLIAMS  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • Police arrested a man Tuesday accused of scamming people out of \$50,000 in promised travel plans.

Abdel Luis Rojas, 50, of Westminster was arrested by Garden Grove police on



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taking his victims' money but not delivering on travel plans, police said.

People reported showing up at airports ready to travel, only to find out their itineraries were useless and their packages nonrefundable, police said.

So far, investigators have

suspicion of committing fraud by setting up different travel agencies in Garden Grove and

found 21 separate incidents of alleged fraud, Lt. Bob Bogue said. One of the incidents included a family of 10, he added.

Police said Rojas operated businesses under the names AGS Travel, A&S Travel, AES Travel and Visa Travel at 8550 Garden Grove Blvd., No. 201.

Police asked that any victims contact Garden Grove investigators Scott Coleman at 714-741-5815 or Thi Huynh at 714-741-5835.

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Police get ready to help the homeless as part of an outreach program.

Courtesy photo

## Police hold outreach event for homeless

Four without homes are provided shelter and many others are helped

About 70 homeless people attended the first multi-agency Homeless Outreach Program on July 30, coordinated by the Garden Grove Police Department.

The event was held in the parking lot of 7861 Garden Grove Blvd. in Garden Grove, and involved law enforcement agencies from the cities of Westminster and Anaheim.

"It was a successful event. We

helped more from the homeless community at this event than we did in previous homeless outreach efforts," said Garden Grove Police Chief Todd Elgin.

Of the people who attended, four were immediately placed into a shelter program and one person will be re-united with family members in Arizona as a result of the outreach effort.

There were 17 different partner

organizations that participated to provide various types of assistance to the homeless such as housing, veteran assistance and substance abuse treatment.

In addition, representatives from the DMV were also on hand and assisted several people in filling out paperwork to obtain California identification cards.

For more information, visit [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us).



# Garden Grove police plan DUI checkpoint

Those who choose to imbibe on Aug. 19 are urged to plan ahead and not drive while intoxicated

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The Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint on Aug. 19 and 20 at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

DUI checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and more than 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to des-

ignate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows more than 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver.

Over the course of the past three years, officers have investigated 693 DUI collisions which have claimed nine lives and resulted in another 225 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing, delaying motorists only momentarily.

When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent).

Of the drugs, marijuana was

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most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol.

Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication – whether prescription or over-the-counter – drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment effects.

Law enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving, reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive.

The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to "Map a Spot" with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a "List of Spots" to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California.

Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through

the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb – all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Garden Grove Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



From left are former owner of Azteca Restaurant J.J. Jauregia, a replica of Elvis, new Azteca owner Jennifer Stewart and an Elvis impersonator. File photo

# Is Historic Main Street turning into a hot spot?

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**Night crowds are increasing;  
Elvis lives!**

**By Loren Berlin**

Garden Grove's little Main Street has always been quaint, but it hasn't, historically, been a destination point.

That seems to be changing this summer. If you've been down there at night, you can't help but notice crowds milling about.

There's not some new, raging bar or irresistible new restaurant to draw crowds.

It's about special events, and a dash of Elvis.

Azteca Restaurant and the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association have organized a myriad of events leading up to the "Day of Tribute to Elvis."

Throughout the month of July, there were Karaoke Festival singing competitions on Main Street that were presented by the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association and the Karaoke Scene Magazine and

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held in conjunction with the Local Harvest Farmers Market.

Now, August competitions begin with Karaoke-style Elvis singing competitions on Fridays from 4:30 to 6 p.m., in conjunction with the Friday night car shows.

But back to The King.

The "Lives On" 17th annual Elvis Festival will be held on

Main Street.

There will be a full-day tribute to the singer of some famous songs as "Blue Suede Shoes" and "You Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog" on Sunday, Aug. 28, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Three Karaoke finalists will be chosen each Friday evening through August, who will then compete during the Elvis Festival. It's "Crème de la King," said Azteca Owner Jennifer Stewart. "The contestants are singing

right here on Main Street in an event that's open to the public and free, along with free parking."

Stewart said there's live Karaoke talent on Main Street to rival TV's "America's Got Talent."

"You wouldn't believe the level of talent we're seeing in these contests," she said.

Karaoke singers may bring their own CD to perform to and a panel of judges will do the honors of selecting winners.

### Coyote sightings

Recent coyote sightings in Garden Grove have prompted the city to make local residents aware of coyotes in the area, urging them to take needed precautions to protect themselves, their pets and their property against these wild animals.

The community is encouraged to report coyote sightings by calling the city's coyote hotline number at 714-741-5286. Callers should include date, time and location of sightings. If the coyote is posing an imminent threat to life, call 9-1-1.

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## Firefighters pull two from overturned vehicle



Courtesy photo

The Garden Grove Fire Department responded to the 14000 block of Lake Street for a single vehicle traffic collision last week. Firefighters found one vehicle resting on its roof in the middle of the street with two passengers trapped. After stabilizing the vehicle, crews were able to extricate them. One of the passengers was treated by firefighter/paramedics, and transported to a local medical center with moderate injuries. The second declined treatment. The cause of the collision is under investigation by the Garden Grove Police Department.

# Bridge to be renamed after Olympic medalist

As millions around the world gather to celebrate the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, State Sen. Janet Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove and Westminster, is proud to announce that the California State Legislature has approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 102 (SCR 102) authorizing the renaming of a bridge in Long Beach after Joan Lind Van Blom, the first woman to win an Olympic medal in rowing for the United States.

To further honor her legacy, plans are also underway to host a public ceremony officially dedicating the bridge in honor of the longtime Long Beach resident.

"From the Olympic stage to the classroom, Joan Lind Van Blom was a woman who displayed great courage and a commitment to uplift her country and community," said Nguyen. "The renaming of this bridge is a small token of appreciation for her decades of contributions as an Olympian and educator. I am proud that the California State Legislature has chosen to honor her legacy."

Nguyen introduced SCR 102 at the request of The Long Beach Century Club, a non-profit organization founded in 1957 by a group of prominent Long Beach sports enthusiasts dedicated to the promotion of amateur athletics in the city. In recognition for her contributions to the sports community, Joan Lind Van Blom was inducted into the Long Beach Century Club's Hall of Fame in 1996.

"The Long Beach community greatly appreciates Senator Nguyen's efforts in renaming the bridge after a Long Beach Olympic icon," said the Gary Delong, former Long Beach councilman and member of the Long Beach Century Club.



Courtesy photo  
Sen. Janet Nguyen

To celebrate this momentous occasion, Nguyen, the City of Long Beach, Caltrans and the Long Beach Century Club are planning to host a ceremony to officially rename the bridge located on State Highway Route 1, south of Loynes Drive and north of East Second Street. Thanks to the generosity of the Long Beach Century Club and Long Beach City Council members Suzie Price, Daryl Supernaw and Dee Andrews, plans are also underway to purchase permanent signage displaying the bridge's new name.

"Joan Lind Van Blom is one of the most remarkable athletes to ever live and was even more impressive for her dedication to her Long Beach community. Having a bridge in east Long Beach named after her will serve as a daily reminder of the positive legacy she has left behind," said Councilwoman Suzie Price.

In addition to being the first woman to win an Olympic medal in rowing for the United States at the 1976 Olympic Games in

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Montreal, Joan Lind Van Blom also won a silver medal in the quadruple sculls at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. She was also a member of the 1980 Olympic team that boycotted the Moscow Games.

Following her Olympic career, Joan Lind Van Blom excelled in the field of education, motivat-

ing students to live healthy and active lives during her 35-year career with the Long Beach Unified School District as a physical education teacher and curriculum leader. She would continue to advocate for rowing and healthy lifestyles until her passing on Aug. 28, 2015 after years of battling an aggressive

form of brain cancer.

"The bridge to be renamed has a special significance as Joan rowed under it countless times during her remarkable career. It is only fitting that from now forward this bridge carries the name of a woman who touched the lives of many Long Beach residents," said Nguyen.

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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1173

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Furnish all Labor, Material, Tools and Equipment for a Roof Replacement System at the Gem Theatre in Garden Grove, CA. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., local time, on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at the Gem Theater located at 12852 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA. Please direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m., local time, on Monday, September 12, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: August 10, 2016

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# Ten O.C. cities now vote

## Democratic – double 2015

### DEMOCRATIC SURGE SHRINKS GOP LEAD

County trend could hinder  
Republicans in key November races.

By **MARTIN WISCKOL** | STAFF WRITER

A surge in Democratic voter registration has cut Republicans' advantage in Orange County to less than 6 percentage points and has doubled the number of Democratic cities over the past year.

The Republican margin has been shrinking since 1990, when the GOP edge was 22 points. But in the past six months, the pace of change has been four times as fast as the 26-year average – due in part to the GOP's controversial presidential nominee. That could hurt the local Re-

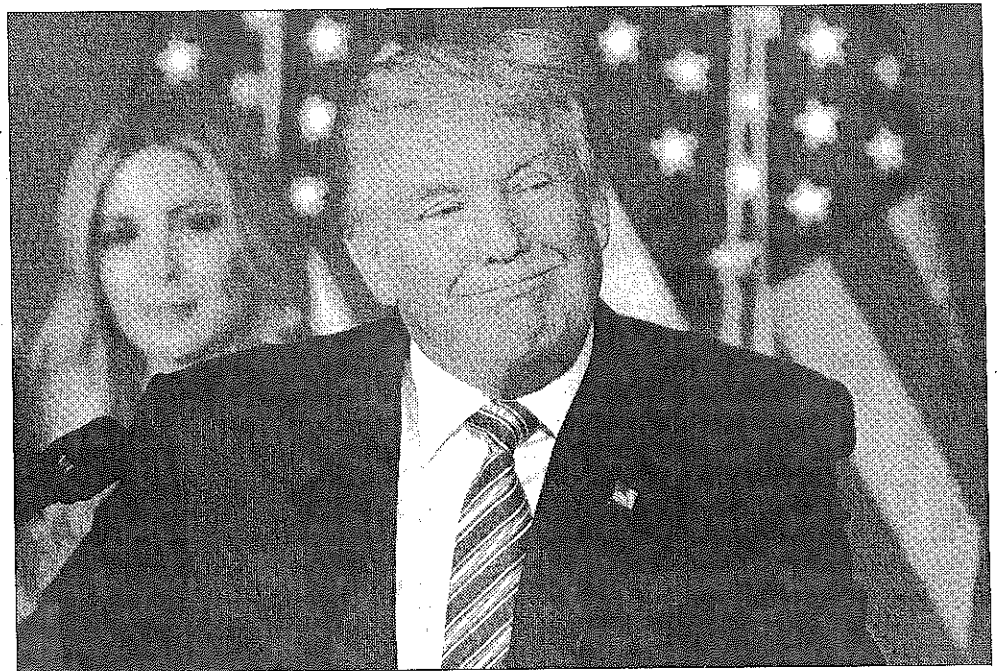
#### MORE ON TRUMP

Trump endorses Speaker Paul Ryan's re-election.

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MARY ALTAFER, AP FILE PHOTO

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is Democrats' "best marketing tool" to register voters in Orange County, according to the county party chairman.

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publicans in November's down-ticket races.

"Donald Trump has become our best marketing tool," said Henry Vandermeir, chairman of the Democratic Party of Orange County. "He's insulted pretty much every constituency in this county, which has helped drive Democratic registration and turnout to new highs."

Vandermeir's registration efforts have gotten a boost from other quarters. In addition to the county Democratic Party, at least four left-leaning groups — including MoveOn.org — have been registering voters in Orange County. County GOP Chairman Fred Whitaker said his party has gotten virtually no outside help.

Additionally, Sen. Bernie Sanders attracted young adults who might have otherwise not participated. And the competitive Democratic presidential primary in June boosted turnout, while the Republican contest was already decided.

As a result, more Democrats than Republicans cast ballots in the county. And it was the first time in 48 years that more county ballots were cast for Democratic than Republican presidential candidates.

Importantly for legislative elections in Orange County, Trump's effect on registration and primary turnout is likely to carry to November, boosting Demo-

crats' chances on down-ticket races, said Jodi Balma, a Fullerton College political scientist.

"He is the brand leader, and a lot of people don't want to be associated with the party because of that," she said. Also undercutting GOP motivation to vote in November is the absence of a Republican in the race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer.

"There's not a big driving force to get Republicans to the polls," Balma said.

But the GOP's Whitaker doesn't see a lot of top-of-the-ticket motivation for Democrats either.

"We expect to see an uptick in our (registration) numbers before November," Whitaker said. "I just don't see the excitement among their voters for Hillary."

There are two close state legislative races where turnout could play a decisive roll: The state Senate race to replace term-out Sen. Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, in the tri-county district where GOP Assemblywoman Ling Ling Chang is facing Democratic activist Josh Newman; and Democrat Sharon Quirk Silva's challenge of incumbent Assemblywoman Young Kim, R-Fullerton.

It could also help Democrat Michele Martinez's challenge of incumbent Republican county Supervisor Andrew Do. And Democrat Doug Applegate, who finished less than 7 points behind Rep. Darrell Issa, R-

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Vista, in the primary, is drawing attention from donors who see a chance for an upset of the incumbent, a Trump supporter.

Two wild card issues that could also affect turnout are whether ballot measures spur partisan turnout and whether backers of Bernie Sanders will bother voting, Balma said.

#### YOUNG VOTERS

Orange County was long touted as the nation's most Republican county. The modern-era high point was 1990, when the GOP's 56 percent share of the electorate translated to a 22-point advantage over Democrats. (In 1928, Republicans were at 73 percent.)

That edge has slowly dropped, to 17 percentage points in 2000 and to 11 points in 2010.

Republicans are now 39.7 percent of county voters, an all-time low. Democrats are at 34 percent, their highest since 1992. Voters with no party preference account for 22.6 percent, down from the all-time high of 23.6 percent last year.

That means Republicans' 8-percentage point edge in February has shrunk to 5.7 points.

The long-term trend is largely due to shifting demographics. Latinos, who favor the Democratic Party over the GOP by more than 2-1, are 18 percent of the electorate, and growing.

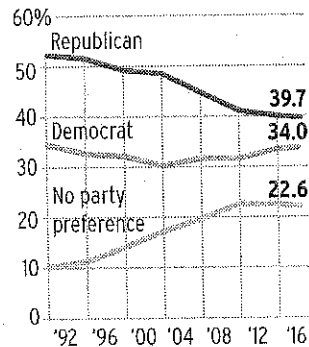
And voters ages 18-34, who heavily favored Republicans in 2002, are now more likely to register as Democrats.

Republicans still prevail among voters in 24 of the county's 34 cities, although the three biggest - Anaheim, Santa Ana and Irvine - are Democratic. In July, Tustin became the 10th city in the county to turn Democrat. That's twice the total of a year ago. Fullerton is poised to follow suit, with the shrinking Republican advantage there down to 144 voters.

The other Democratic cities are Buena Park, Garden Grove, La Habra, La Palma, Laguna Beach and Stanton.

### O.C. Democrats' surge

The closing gap between Republican and Democratic voters in Orange County has accelerated this year. The GOP edge is now less than 6 percentage points.



Note: Through Aug. 1

Source: Orange County registrar of voters

STAFF GRAPHIC

Balma anticipates the Democratic surge of the past six months will slow to closer to the 26-year average. At that rate, county Democrats would surpass Republicans in 10 years. Vandermeir also expects it to slow, but not until after the November election. He expects Democrats to be the county's dominant party in three or four years.

Balma said Republicans have their work cut out for them.

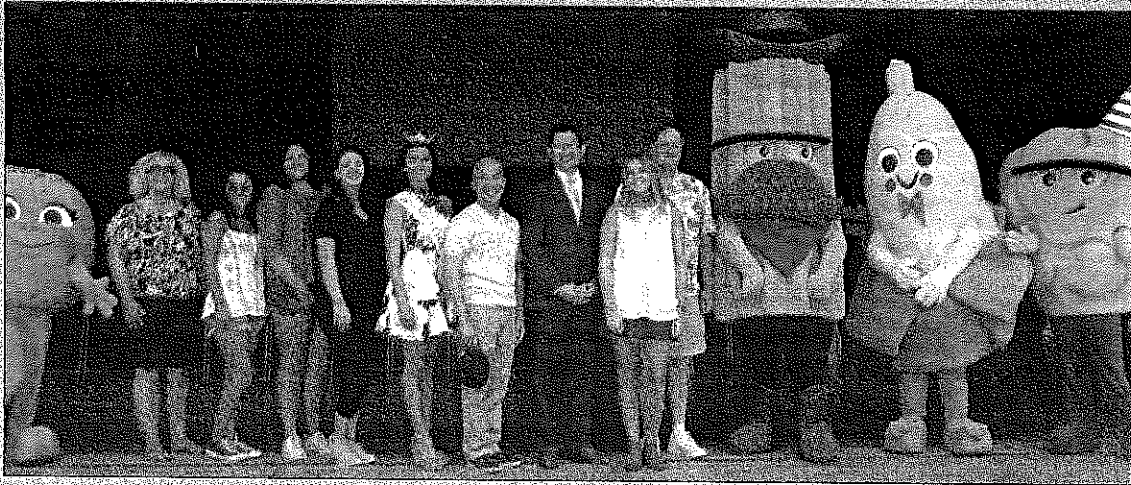
"The Republicans really need to attract young people, and they need young people to run for office," she said. "And it's incumbent on Republicans to go after the culturally conservative and not assume they're going to register Republican."

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## It's fair to say GG had its big day



Courtesy photo

Garden Grove was one of 34 cities the OC Fair invited to participate in the daily flag presentation and singing of the National Anthem recently. Garden Grove was encouraged to wear blue and blue for the day. Among those from Garden Grove who attended were Miss Garden Grove Raena Ramirez, fifth from left; Garden Grove Councilman Christopher Phan, sixth from left; and Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do, seventh from left.

## GARDEN GROVE

**Candidate forum:** The Garden Grove Neighborhood Association has scheduled a mayoral and City Council forum for Sept. 17 at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St. The forum, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., is a chance for voters to hear from candidates running for office. This is the first election in which voters will select council members by district.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**DUI checkpoint:** The Police Department will set up a checkpoint to look for those driving under the influence from 9 p.m. Aug. 19 to 3 a.m. Aug. 20 at an undisclosed location. The department periodically holds checkpoints as a deterrent to drinking and driving. The checkpoints are set up in places with high collision statistics.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**Building dedication:** The Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove recently renamed the building that hosts its administrative offices and preschool the Pat Halberstadt Family Campus, in honor of the organization's long-time director. Halberstadt has been with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove for 42 years. She retired in April.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**Library improvements:** The renovations of the Tibor Rubin Library, formerly known as the Garden Grove West Library, cost \$219,300, according to a staff report on the project's completion. The original estimate was \$199,400. The renovation included making the restroom compliant with the American with Disabilities Act.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**Campaign fine:** Next week the California Fair Political Practices Commission will consider a \$638 fine for City Councilman Phat Bui. An FPPC staff report says Bui and his controlled committee for the 2014 election did not file a semi-annual campaign statement on time and did not disclose the jobs and employer information for nine contributors.  
**Chris Haire, 714-796-6979**

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Filing deadline:** The deadline to file papers to run for City Council is 5 p.m. Friday. In November, the city will hold its first election with by-district voting, with districts 2, 3, 5 and 6 up for grabs, as well as the mayor's seat, which is voted on by the whole city. Nominations papers must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, 11222 Acacia Parkway.  
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## Motorcyclist dies after hitting concrete wall

A motorcyclist was killed in a solo crash Sunday morning in Huntington Beach when he struck a wall, police said.

The man was identified by the Orange County coroner's office as Clifford Cody, 29, of Garden Grove.

The accident was reported to Huntington Beach police at 10:53 a.m. A witness told police that the motorcycle rider lost control while traveling east on Warner Avenue at Brightwater Avenue and drove into a concrete wall, said Huntington Beach police Lt. Kent Ferrin.

Police closed east-bound Warner Avenue, which affected traffic along Pacific Coast Highway.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Community Services Department

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

**TROPICAL PARADISE FOUND AT SENIOR DINNER DANCE**

The relaxing sights and sounds of Hawaii come to the H. Louis Lake Senior Center for the Hawaiian Luau Dinner Dance, taking place on Friday, August 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center. The Center is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Wear your favorite Hawaiian attire and enjoy an evening of dining, Polynesian entertainment, and dancing to the sounds of the Serenaders Band.

Tickets for the Hawaiian Luau are \$10 per person, pre-sale only, and are available at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

For more information and reservations, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
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CalHOME Program Administrator

Matt Callahan (562) 391-6453  
Civic Center Home Loans & Realty, Inc.

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

**OPENINGS FOR FIRST-TIME GARDEN GROVE HOMEBUYER  
WORKSHOP THIS SATURDAY**

Openings are available for the first-time Garden Grove homebuyer workshop. The workshop will take place on Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The workshop will introduce potential Garden Grove homeowners to the basic steps of home buying, including how to qualify for a home mortgage, as well as information on financial assistance programs offered through the City.

The City currently offers a State of California Proposition 1C-funded CalHome loan. The loan is designed to assist qualified low- and very low-income families with covering the difference between a qualifying mortgage amount, and the actual price of a single-family mobile home. The CalHome loan is a 30-year deferred payment loan requiring no monthly payments, not exceeding \$60,000, and accruing three-percent simple annual interest for the life of the loan.

The next workshop dates are scheduled on September 24 and December 3.

- more -

Openings for First-Time Garden Grove Homebuyer Workshop this Saturday  
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To sign up for the workshop, or to obtain more information on the City's First-Time Homebuyer programs, go to [www.homeingardengrove.org](http://www.homeingardengrove.org) or call Matt Callahan at (562) 391-6453. Information is also available by calling the City of Garden Grove Community Development Department at (714) 741-5789 or visiting the Neighborhood Improvement website at <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commdev/neighborhoodimprovement>.

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Monday, August 8, 2016

## **"THE ANSWER" AT LAST FREE SUMMER CONCERT**

Garden Grove has "The Answer" to classic rock at the last free summer concert on Thursday, August 11, 2016. The band takes the stage at 7:00 p.m., at Eastgate Park, located at 12001 St. Mark Street.

Get there at 6:30 p.m. to watch the finale of *The Voice of Garden Grove*, a singing competition for local high school students. For the past four weeks, 20 students from the Garden Grove Unified School District have vied for a chance to win a \$1,000 prize, half of which goes to their school's choir program.

The five finalists representing La Quinta, Rancho Alamitos, Santiago, and Pacifica high schools will seek the title of *The Voice of Garden Grove 2016* and take home the cash prize.

At the concert, local artist, Robin Marcario, will host an Interactive Mosaic Workshop inviting the community to help complete two mosaics that will be installed in the west Garden Grove area later this year.

Various vendors will be selling food and beverages including Burger Monster, Coconut Truck, Hacks, Mustache Mike's Italian Ice, and Oh My Gaga food trucks.

No canopies, golf carts, or alcohol are permitted in the park.

Concert goers who have the Garden Grove mobile app downloaded onto their smartphone will have an exclusive opportunity to receive a free giveaway at the concert this Thursday, while supplies last.

For more information, visit [www.ggcf.com](http://www.ggcf.com) or call (714) 741-5200. For photos and videos, visit the City's Facebook and Instagram @GardenGroveCityHall.



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, August 8, 2016

## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **GARDEN GROVE FIRST OC CITY TO DEDICATE PARK AS MONARCH BUTTERFLY HABITAT**

On Tuesday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m., the City of Garden Grove will re-dedicate the Spirit of '76 Mini-Park, located at 9999 Lampson Avenue, as Orange County's first Monarch Butterfly Demonstration Garden and Habitat.

The re-dedication is part of the nationwide "Mayor's Monarch Pledge," launched by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation, aimed at raising awareness about the dramatic decline of the Monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat. Garden Grove joins the cities of St. Louis, Missouri and Austin, Texas in the pledge to provide a public space in which Monarchs may safely thrive.

The Spirit of '76 Mini-Park was recently renovated with drought-tolerant plants to not only aid the City in reducing water usage, but also to encourage the Monarch butterfly to populate. In the past 20 years, the number of North American species has decreased at an alarming rate: by 90 percent. The landscape at the mini-park now includes milkweed and native nectar plants; ideal foliage for Monarchs to lay eggs. Garden Grove has been proactively planting milkweed in City parks for the past five years.

Photos will be available to media the day following.

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## LỊCH SINH HOẠT CỘNG ĐỒNG

### CHƯƠNG TRÌNH CHIẾU PHIM MIỄN PHÍ 'MOVIE IN THE PARK'

Cộng đồng được mời đến tham dự buổi chiếu phim miễn phí ngoài trời với các hoạt động tự do vào thứ Tư, ngày 17 tháng Tám tại Village Green Park ở góc đường Main và Euclid. Bộ phim được trình chiếu là phim **Minions**, được bắt đầu lúc 8:00 giờ tối. Chương trình giải trí cho gia đình bắt đầu vào lúc 6:30 chiều, bao gồm các trò chơi bounce house, carnival games, etc.

Thành phố sẽ live streaming (phát sóng trực tuyến) sự kiện thông qua trang Facebook của Thành phố. Vì sự an toàn của mọi người, không nên mang ghế có mái che, xe golf, hoặc rượu bia tới khu vực chiếu phim. Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin gọi Ban Phục vụ Cộng đồng tại số (714) 741-5200.

**Thứ Hai, ngày 5 tháng 9, 2016** - Garden Grove City Hall sẽ đóng cửa nghỉ lễ vào ngày Thứ Hai nhân dịp lễ Lao Động (Labor Day), vì vậy phục vụ quét đường cũng sẽ tạm nghỉ vào ngày lễ này. Sau đó sẽ được tiếp tục phục vụ lại như thường lệ.

**Thứ Sáu, 28 tháng 10, 2016** - Chương trình Jack O'Lantern Jamboree dành cho các em thiếu nhi vui chơi trong dịp lễ Halloween sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Sáu, 28/10 từ 5:30 chiều đến 8:30 tối. Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc về Ban phục vụ cộng đồng tại số (714) 741-5200.

**Thứ Sáu, ngày 11 tháng 11, 2016** - Ngày lễ Cựu Chiến Binh (Veteran's Day), Thành phố đóng cửa nghỉ lễ.

**Thứ Năm & Thứ Sáu, ngày 24-25 tháng 11, 2016** - Lễ Tạ ơn, Thành phố đóng cửa.

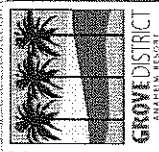
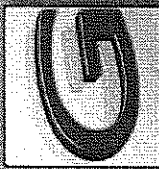
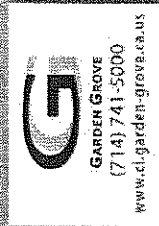
Để theo dõi những thông tin cập nhật bằng tiếng Việt, xin lên trang nhà tại địa chỉ:

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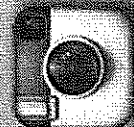
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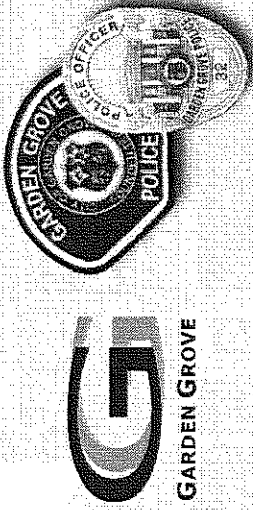


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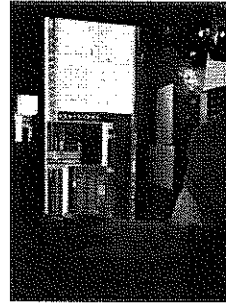


# THÔNG TIN CỘNG ĐỒNG TỪ THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE

Fall 2016

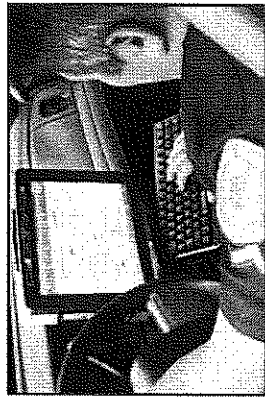


## SỞ CẢNH SÁT GARDEN GROVE LẬP DẠT HỆ THÔNG ĐIỆN TOÁN GIÚP CÔNG CHÚNG TRUY CẬP NHIỀU THÔNG TIN HƠN



Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove gần đây đã cài đặt một hệ thống phần mềm từ hãng Spillman Technologies để quản lý toàn bộ hoạt động của Cục Cảnh Sát. Các phần mềm đã được cài đặt vào tháng Chín, năm 2015 và có thể điều khiển các chức năng như công văn, quản lý hồ sơ, báo cáo bằng văn bản, bằng chứng, thông tin liên lạc di động, và phân tích tội phạm. Hệ thống này sẽ cho phép công chúng truy cập nhiều hơn đến thông tin tội phạm trong thời gian sớm nhất và hữu hiệu hơn.

Vui lòng truy cập trang web của Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove tại [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/police](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/police), để truy cập vào bảng điều khiển công cộng và bản đồ tội phạm. Cư dân nếu quan tâm đến việc chương trình "Neighborhood watch" trong cộng đồng mình có thể liên lạc cô Cindy Nagamatsu từ Ban liên lạc cộng đồng tại (714) 741-5760.





## CẢNH SÁT GARDEN GROVE THÀNH LẬP ĐỘI ĐẶC NHIỆM GIÚP ĐỠ NGƯỜI VÔ GIA CƯ

Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove giới thiệu một đội ngũ đào tạo đặc biệt gồm năm cảnh sát viên phụ trách giúp đỡ người vô gia cư (homeless community) và những người bị ảnh hưởng rối loạn sức khỏe tâm thần (mental health disorders.) Đội Tài nguyên



đặc biệt (Special Resources Team/ SRT) sẽ tập trung vào việc cung cấp nguồn lực để giúp giảm số lượng những người vô gia cư và mắc chứng bệnh tâm thần. Ngoài những cảnh sát viên đi tuần, đội SRT cũng sẽ bao gồm một bác sĩ toàn thời gian của cơ quan Y Tế Tâm Thần Quận Cam (Orange County Mental Health Agency.)

Đội Tài nguyên đặc biệt (Special Resources Team) chính thức khởi động trong vài tháng qua. Cảnh viên Hatfield và các thành viên trong đội SRT khác đã tiến hành tiếp cận cộng đồng vô gia cư trong sáu tháng qua, bao gồm hai lần nỗ

lực đi chuyên những người vô gia cư sống ở những gầm cầu nguy hiểm chuyển đưa đi nơi khác.

Sở cảnh sát cũng đã hợp tác với Garden Grove Community Foundation để nhận sự đóng góp về mặt tài chính cũng như hỗ

trợ thêm cho người vô gia cư địa phương cũng mang bệnh tâm thần. Tiền thu được sẽ được sử dụng để cung cấp

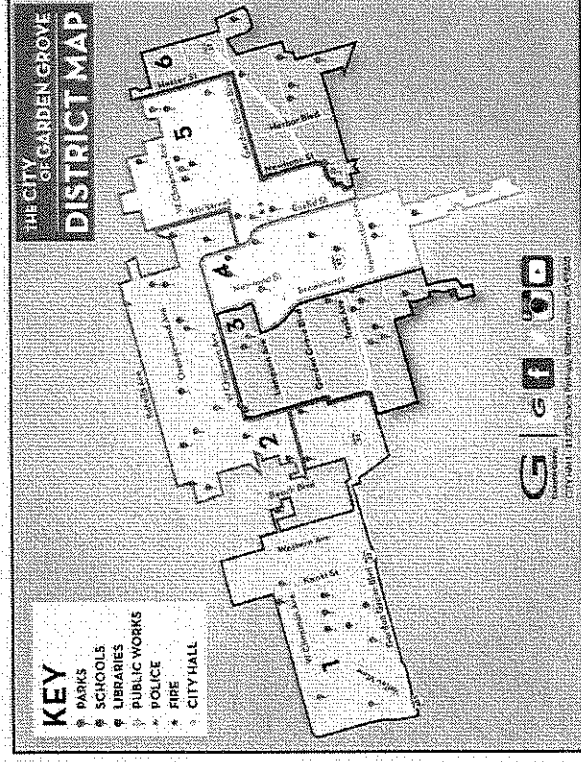


chứng từ nhà trợ, di chuyển, giấy chứng nhận thực phẩm, và các mặt hàng khác cho cá nhân hoặc gia đình có nhu cầu trước mắt. Muốn đóng góp, xin liên lạc với cô Cindy Nagamatsu, Cục Cảnh sát Garden Grove, Bộ phận quản lý, tại số (714) 741-5760.

## HỘI ĐỒNG THÀNH PHỐ ĐỒNG Ý BÀN ĐỒ BẦU CỬ THEO QUẬN CHO GARDEN GROVE

Sau một loạt các cuộc họp liên tục, Hội đồng thành phố Garden Grove thông qua Bàn đồ # 1 là bản đồ bầu cử sau huyện mới có hiệu lực trong cuộc bầu cử tháng 11 năm 2016 sắp tới. Hệ thống hiện nay của Thành phố sẽ thay đổi sang hệ thống "by district", và Thị trưởng sẽ tiếp tục được bầu cùng với sáu nghị viên cho mỗi quận hạt tương ứng của họ.

Để biết thêm thông tin chi tiết trên bản đồ 'districting' đầu tiên của Thành phố, hãy truy cập trang Open Government trên trang web của thành phố [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us).



**WEEKLY MEMO 8/11/16**

**SOCIAL MEDIA  
HIGHLIGHTS**

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Garden Grove City Hall added 10 new photos.

August 4 at 8:58am · 🌐

Good morning #GardenGrove!

We just wanted to thank everyone who came out on #NationalNightOut. It was a great event that helped strengthen the partnership between our public safety officers and the community. We hope all of you had as much fun as we did! Garden Grove Police Department



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Jeanette Daisy King of Kings Lutheran School, Garden Grove  
Like · Reply · Message · 📅 1 · August 4 at 6:12pm

Jeanette Daisy Kristen... I recognize those two cuties! 📷  
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Garden Grove City Hall added 5 new photos.

August 5 at 8:58am · 🌐

Do you remember when hamburgers were 59¢? We do.

Today's #FlashbackFriday goes out to the McDonald's at 12051 Valley View, which first opened in 1974. This Sunday, August 7, the restaurant will celebrate its grand re-opening and all of you are invited to enjoy the festivities, complimentary Chicken McNuggets and fresh baked cookies!

As you make your way to the event this Sunday, find some time to explore the west end of town - there are many hidden gems that make up our great community. By patronizing these establishments you are helping to support our local economy and for that, we thank you! Think #BjGG - Buy in #GardenGrove!



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

### Sunday, August 7, 2016

Join us for a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for McDonald's restaurant at 12051 Valley View in Garden Grove. Entertainment and prizes include: live music, police vehicle photo booth, face painting, local musicians and more! Serving complimentary Chicken McNuggets and McDonald's fresh baked cookies.




**FUN FACTS:**  
The Widdows Family cooked their first McDonald's in March 1957 on Harbor and Linden in Garden Grove. This restaurant is #2911, and there are now 36,258 restaurants in 119 countries. It originally opened on June 17, 1974 and was TOTALLY rebuilt for the grand opening August 7th. It has been owned and operated by the Widdows family since 1974. The Widdowses were the first McDonald's owners in Orange County and the 18th owners in the world. They employ over 350 people in Garden Grove, including 55 at the Valley View Location.

10 am - Flag Raising by the City Scouts  
10 am - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
10 am to 2:00 pm - Entertainment and Activities  
10 pm - Check Presentations to 4 local charities  
10 pm - Revisit McDonald's Appearance  
10 pm - Drawings for Prizes

12051 Valley View Blvd  
Garden Grove, CA 92647

30 months of free once a week Big Mac's for the first 200 Drive-In customers starting 30 am on August 7, 2016 (some restrictions apply: must be 18 years or older, first purchase required to receive card, valid for a Big Mac a week for 6 months)

For questions or more information please:  
Call: 714-856-7856  
Email: ssa18@gardeningoverchamber.com  
Web: www.gardeningoverchamber.com

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👤 Ingrid Escobé, Leoncio Torres and 4 others    1 Comment 1 Share

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Jim McNear I think the McDonald's on Harbor was .25 and cheese burgers was .30  
But I'm 62 years young now.

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Garden Grove City Hall

August 9 at 11:00am · 🌐

Check out the latest video from our very own award-winning #GardenGrove TV 3!

The Lamp Lighter Guild held a fashion show, raising funds for CHOC Hospital at the Anaheim White House Restaurant.

Garden Grove TV 3 – For the real stories of the people and events in your community, visit [www.youtube.com/gardangrovetv3](http://www.youtube.com/gardangrovetv3) and please subscribe.



Lamp Lighter Guild Helps CHOC With White House Fundraiser

The Lamp Lighter Guild held a fashion show, fundraiser at Anaheim's White House Restaurant. They are raising funds to help CHOC Hospital and children with me...

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Andrea Palladino Perez Thank you Channel 3 for filming this event and creating a piece to generate public awareness about pediatric mental health. The Lamp Lighter Guild has made a pledge to CHOC to raise funds for the medication room in the new Mental Health Unit at CHOC.

Unlike · Reply · Message · 🕒 1 · August 8 at 8:51pm



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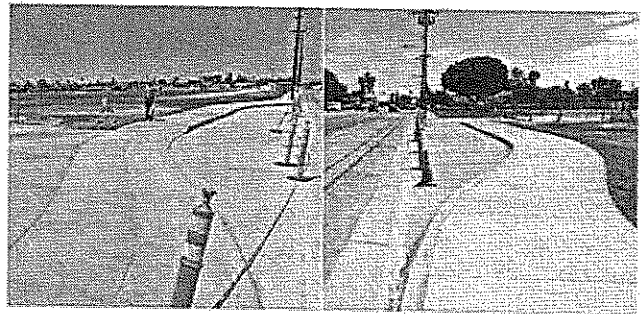
Garden Grove City Hall

18 hrs · 🌐

\*\*UPDATE on the Street Improvement Project on Knott Street:

Pacifica High School's entrance along Knott Street has been improved with a right turn pocket, providing a safer entrance for those coming and going. To add to the good news, the contractor is continuing the potholing operations on Knott Street by first locating underground utilities.

Please be advised that traffic will be down to one lane at various locations to facilitate construction work. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for being patient as we enhance the quality-of-life in #GardenGrove! — <http://bit.ly/2aMk6KQ> Garden Grove Public Works Department Pacifica High School (Garden Grove, California)



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👤 Renda Taylor, Nevil Hill and 5 others

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Jim McNear Stanley school road to and parking lot needs redone as made in the early 60's and never been changed to today's traffic with all the mom's dropping and picking up their kids... even a few doors from the school.

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Garden Grove Police Department shared a link.

August 4 at 8:12am · 🌐



### GGPD - Family Fight Results in Stabbing in Garden Grove

On August 4, 2016 at 2:21 AM, Garden Grove Police officers were sent to the 12900 block of Dale St, reference a family fight involving a knife. Officers arrived on scene and found the three male brothers with...

[HTTPS://LOCAL.NIXLE.COM/ALERT/5696993/](https://local.nixle.com/alert/5696993/)

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**Maris Guintero** This is super sad to read! May God shine His light on this family and fill their hearts with love and to bring them close to each other.

Like · Reply · August 4 at 8:18am



**Dustie Mendoza** Amen

Like · Reply · August 4 at 8:52am

Write a reply...



**Barbara Vetere** So sad to see brothers fighting, I'm sure they are sorry now!!

Like · Reply · August 4 at 1:50pm



**Thomas Guthrie** Murons...

Like · Reply · August 4 at 6:03am



**Gail Greene**



Like · Reply · August 4 at 8:06am

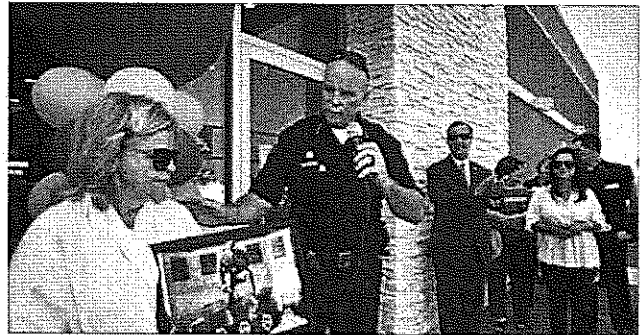
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Garden Grove Police Department

August 5 at 8:42am · 🌐

Thank you to Patti Widdicombe for the great tribute to our fallen officers. We are deeply honored. #GGPD



### Completely refurbished McDonald's in Garden Grove pays homage to ties with GGPD

A couple of weeks ago, Garden Grove Police Chief Todd Elgin paid a visit to the completely refurbished McDonald's on Valley View Street near Chapman Avenue...

[BEHINDTHEBADGGPD.COM](http://BEHINDTHEBADGGPD.COM)

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**Victor Colorado** Very nice tribute. I was a cadet at GGPD when Don and Michael were killed and worked with Howard.

Like · Reply · August 5 at 6:57pm



**Krissy Bee** You have to love that woman. She is one of the nicest people I have met. Great business woman and community partner. Thank you for your commitment to the City of Garden Grove. Peace be with you Patti.

Like · Reply · August 5 at 8:28pm



### Garden Grove Fire Department

August 6 at 2:55pm · 🌐

Take a look into Garden Grove's community emergency response team (CERT). They are citizens who are dedicated to preparing for disasters, and ready to take care of themselves and others in the City. Garden Grove Cert



### Take A Glimpse Into The Garden Grove CERT | City of Garden Grove

August 4, 2018 Take a glimpse into Garden Grove's Community Response Team (CERT). These are citizens that have committed to being disaster-ready, and will...

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### Garden Grove Fire Department

August 6 at 10:06am · 🌐

### FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT

#Firefighters extricated two passengers trapped from a single vehicle traffic collision this morning. One transported by GM1 #paramedics, and the second declined. Assistance provided by Orange County Fire Authority E78.



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Lupie G. Astudillo Rogelio Astudillo

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Nathalie J Rudy Where was this??

Like · Reply · August 6 at 1:57pm



Morgan Powell Tina Hayley Powell show dad! I told you! Elaine Bix

Like · Reply · August 6 at 5:20pm · Edited



Debra Jacobson Where was this at

Like · Reply · August 6 at 6:27pm



Garden Grove Fire Department It was on Lake Street

Like · Reply · August 7 at 8:27am



### Garden Grove Public Works Department shared Orange County Sanitation District's post.

August 6 at 5:02pm · 🌐



### Orange County Sanitation District

August 3 at 12:00pm · 🌐

Do you have any unwanted or expired medications? Bring them to our Community Open House on Saturday, August 13, where we will be having a Drug Take Back booth. The event will also have games, food, tours and much more.

For more information visit:  
<http://www.ocsd.com/Home/Components/News/News/1690/52...>

Hope to see you there!

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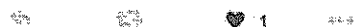
There will be an emergency water shut off on Chaparral for approximately one hour. #GardenGrove

2:03 PM - 4 Aug 2016



Scott Stiles @scstiles · Aug 9

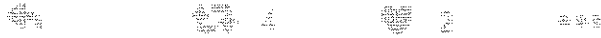
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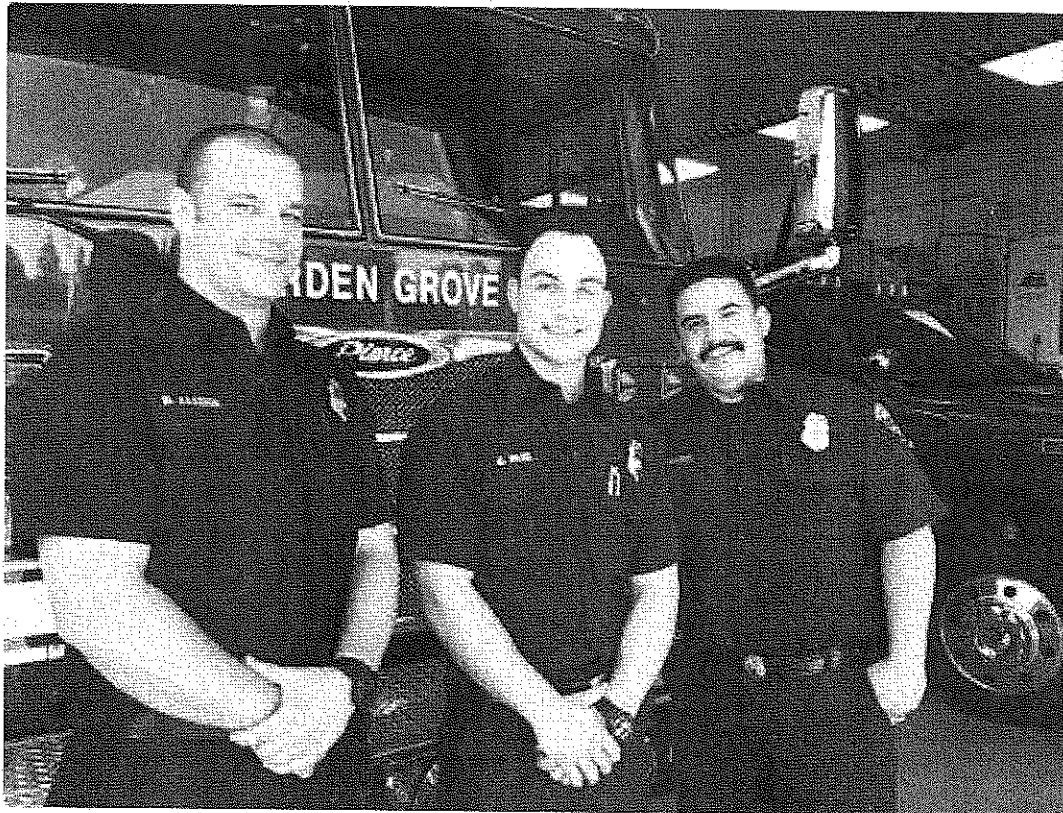
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We're recruiting 4 a part-time #fireprevention technician. Submit apps by 8/25/16, 5pm PST. [bit.ly/2aCTRSD](http://bit.ly/2aCTRSD)





**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**August 11, 2016**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation for the August 18, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated July 29, August 5, 8 and 9, 2016.



**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 11, 2016 – August 23, 2016

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	July 18- August 12		Filing period for the 2016 Election of Mayor and Council Members for District #s 2, 3, 5, & 6 Mayor and District #5 deadline extended To August 17
Thursday	August 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
		11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.	Employee Appreciation Luau Community Meeting Center, AB Room
		6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series – The Answer (Classic Rock), Eastgate Park
Saturday	August 13	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	First-Time Home Buyer Workshop H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Wednesday	August 17	10:00 a.m.- Noon	Senior Center Luau Lunch H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		6:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Movie in the Park – “Minions” Movie begins at 8:30 p.m., Village Green Park
Thursday	August 18		Casual Day – Music Group/Rock Band Theme
		8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Morango Indian Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday- Sunday	August 18-21	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents “The Pirates of Penzance”, Festival Amphitheater
Friday	August 19		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	August 23	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED (ALL)</b>



**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

**OF THE**

**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**AUGUST 18, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: August 11, 2016

JOHN O'NEILL  
CHAIR



# CA Cities Advocate



LEGISLATION AND POLICY AFFECTING CALIFORNIA CITIES

**Aug. 5, 2016**  
**Issue #63**

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**Late Breaking Sessions Added to League Annual Conference Schedule**  
*Early Bird Registration Ends Aug. 10*

Two new sessions have just been added to the lineup for the League of California Cities® Annual Conference & Expo, Oct. 5 – 7 in Long Beach: Lower Your OPEB Liability through the League Health Benefits Marketplace and Massage Establishments — Challenges and Solutions. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Now Accepting Proposals for the 2017 Planning Commissioners Academy**  
*Deadline to Submit is Aug. 9*

Do you have an idea for a new planning commissioner's session that will inspire and motivate attendees? Maybe you know of a colleague that would be an excellent speaker? The League of California Cities® is searching for speakers and session topics for the 2017 conference to be held March 1–3 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Upcoming Cities for Workforce Health Webinar on Establishing and Implementing Healthy Workplace Policies**

Join the League Partner program Cities for Workforce Health on Aug. 11 for a free one-hour webinar on workplace wellness policies. Scheduled from 10-11 a.m., the session will feature three expert panelists that will also cover specific examples of how policies support wellness programs, steps that lead to responsive and sound policy and available tools. *For more, see Page 2.*

'Annual Conference' Continued from Page 1...

### **Lower Your OPEB Liability through the League Health Benefits Marketplace**

Cities are struggling to cope with growing OPEB unfunded liabilities due to high health insurance costs for their retirees. At this session learn how you can increase choices for your employees and retirees and possibly lower your OPEB costs and liabilities through the League's new Health Benefits Marketplace.

### **Massage Establishments — Challenges and Solutions**

Hear how cities and the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) can work together to protect the public and stop the hijacking of the legitimate therapeutic profession of massage by criminal enterprises. Focus will be on best practices engaged by cities respecting both legitimate businesses without being overly burdensome and allow for quick action against illicit massage establishments. Topics include local Revocable Registrations for massage establishments and information sharing with and from CAMTC.

The full [schedule](#) and [announcement with session information](#) have additional information about the conference.

Early bird [registration](#) closes Aug. 10 with a \$50 discount.

Please contact [Dayna Casper](#) with questions.

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This two-and-a half day conference is for new and experienced planning commissioners, planning directors, staff and other interested officials including elected officials and focuses on current issues and timely topics that will assist planners in their daily roles and operations within their city.

Submit complete proposals through the online [proposal form](#) by the deadline of Aug. 9 to be considered by the committee. There is a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. It is recommended that proposals are written in a word-processing program first, and then paste the final version into the online form.

Submissions from any individual, group, business or organization on any topic are welcome. The Program Planning Advisory Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information.

Additional information is available on the [League website](#).

If you have any question about this event, please contact [Caitlin Cole](#), conference program manager at (916) 658-8248.

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Charlotte Dickson, senior policy director of the HEAL Cities Campaign will moderate. Panelists will include:

- Maria Dee, national director, Workforce Wellness National Human Resources, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.;
- Michael Parmer, management analyst, city of Rancho Cucamonga; and
- Blythe Young, nutrition scientist, Public Health Advocates.

Register for this event by contacting [Mike Egan](#).

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## **League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$25 million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Vista Sonoma Senior Living Apartments in Santa Rosa and \$6.75 million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Pacific Collegiate Foundation in Santa Cruz**

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA).

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued \$25,025,000 in tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Vista Sonoma Senior Living Apartments in Santa Rosa. It also issued \$6,750,000 in tax-exempt bonds for Pacific Collegiate Foundation in Santa Cruz.

### **About Vista Sonoma Senior Living Apartments**

Vista Sonoma Senior Living Apartments (Vista Sonoma) is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 189 senior affordable housing apartments by Vintage at Sonoma, LP. The project sponsor is Vintage Housing. Vista Sonoma will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide one and two-bedroom apartments to low-income senior residents in Santa Rosa, California.

CSCDA and Vintage Housing partnered with Citibank to provide tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Vista Sonoma. The rehabilitation will include new floors, carpets, interior and exterior paint, carbon monoxide sensors as well as repair or replacement as needed of carports, landscaping systems, balconies, doors and doorframes, exterior siding, kitchen cabinetry, window coverings, roof coverings, downspouts and gutters, sinks and HVAC system components. Additionally, appliances will be upgraded and replaced with more energy efficient models and common areas, including restrooms, social rooms, leasing/management offices and elevators will be refurbished and upgraded. The financing of Vista Sonoma will maintain the affordability of units for low-income senior tenants for 55 years.

### **About Pacific Collegiate Foundation**

Pacific Collegiate Foundation supports the Pacific Collegiate School, a public charter school in Santa Cruz, California. The school's mission is to provide exemplary, standards-based college preparatory and fine arts education for public middle and high school students of Santa Cruz County and bordering areas. The school's vision is to offer any student the same quality of education offered by the most academically distinguished schools in California. It has regularly been ranked among the top charter and public schools in the country.

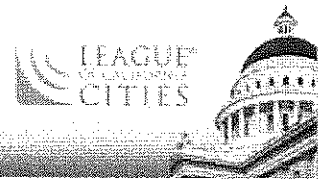
CSCDA partnered with Stifel to underwrite the tax-exempt bonds for Pacific Collegiate. The bonds will be used to refinance a loan made for the acquisition and construction of the School's new 47,000 square foot educational facilities.

### **Background**

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

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# CA Cities Advocate



LEGISLATION AND POLICY AFFECTING CALIFORNIA CITIES

**Aug. 8, 2016**  
**Issue #64**

## **Bills to Watch Aug. 8-12**

The Legislature has until Aug. 31 to complete its business this session. This week the focus in committee continues to be on appropriations with the Aug. 12 fiscal deadline looming. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **League Health Benefits Marketplace Informative Webinar Thursday Aug. 11**

Please join the League of California Cities® for an informational webinar on the League's new Health Benefits Marketplace (HBM) this Thursday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. The HBM is a consumer-driven platform that gives cities a new tool designed to help address growing OPEB liabilities and healthcare costs for their active employees and retirees. The League, Connecture and Willis Towers Watson will host a free webinar to help cities understand the HBM and how to take advantage of the solutions offered on the platform. *For more, see Page 4.*



Cities will need to remain attentive as this is the time period of final negotiations on pending bills along with other "gut and amend" proposals appearing in print with little notice. Cities are urged to watch for breaking news alerts from the League and be ready to act. See "[Legislators Return for Final Month of Session](#)" in *CA Cities Advocate* from July 29, 2016.

Below is a list of bills which will be heard in appropriations committees this week. Also listed are the bills that are eligible to be heard on the Assembly and Senate Floor. The League's recently updated [Hot and Priority Bills](#) List provides an effective way to understand the most pressing legislation lobbyists, the regional public affairs managers and cities will be focused on this month.

To access any bill on this list, the League's position letter and sample letters, please go to [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) and plug in the bill number into the search box. A full listing of Senate and Assembly hearings is available online. Hearing times are subject to change. Bill language and any available position letters on legislation can be found through the bill search function on the [League's website](#).

### Monday, Aug. 8

Senate Appropriations, 10 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **AB 26 (Jones-Sawyer) Medical Cannabis.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 650 (Low) Public Utilities Commission: regulation of taxicabs.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 655 (Quirk) Rendering inedible kitchen grease: registration fee: additional fees.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1239 (Gordon) Tire recycling: California tire regulatory fee and waste tire program.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1575 (Bonta) Medical cannabis:** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2269 (Waldron) Animal shelters: research animals: prohibitions.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2796 (Bloom) Active Transportation Program.** *League position: Oppose.*

### Assembly Floor

- **AB 2296 (Low) Digital signatures.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 441 (Wolk) California Public Records Act: exemptions.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 807 (Gaines) Unmanned aircraft systems.** *League position: Sponsor.*
- **SB 866 (Roth) Veterans housing.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 1279 (Hancock) California Transportation Commission: funding prohibition: coal shipment.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **SB 846 (Comm. on Budget and Fiscal Review) No Place Like Home Program: establishment.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 897 (Roth) Workers' compensation.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **SB 1108 (Allen) Elections: state and local reapportionment.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 974 (Comm. on Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 1298 (Hertzberg) Local government: fees and charges.** *League position: Concerns.*
- **SB 898 (Nguyen) Sales and use taxes: exemption: animal blood.** *League position: Oppose unless amended.*
- **SB 1262 (Pavley) Water supply planning.** *League position: Concerns.*
- **SB 1288 (Leno) Elections: local voting methods.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 1221 (Hertzberg) Firefighters: interaction with persons with mental disabilities.** *League position: Support.*

Senate Floor

- **AB 2556 (Nazarian) Density bonuses.** *League position: Concerns.*
- **AB 1276 (Santiago) Child witnesses: human trafficking.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 806 (Dodd) Community development: economic opportunity.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1505 (Hernández, R.) Statute of limitations: public contracts.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1854 (Bloom) Bail: attorney's fees: forfeited bail.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2406 (Thurmond) Housing: junior accessory dwelling units.** *League position: Support if amended.*
- **AB 2584 (Daly) Land use: housing development.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 2492 (Alejo) Community revitalization.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2220 (Cooper) Elections in cities: by or from district.** *League position: Sponsor.*
- **AB 1217 (Daly) Orange County Fire Authority.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT AB 2586 (Gatto) Parking.** *League position: Oppose unless amended.*
- **AB 2693 (Dababneh) Financing requirements: property improvements.** *League position: Oppose unless amended.*
- **AB 1564 (Williams) Emergency services: wireless 911 calls: routing.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1676 (Campos) Employers: wage discrimination.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 2228 (Cooley) Code enforcement officers.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 2299 (Bloom) Land use: housing: 2nd units.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 2853 (Gatto) Public records.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1592 (Bonilla) Autonomous vehicles: pilot project.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1789 (Santiago) Personal income taxes: voluntary contributions: School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2843 (Chau) Public records: employee contact information.** *League position: Seeking amendments.*
- **AB 2442 (Holden) Density bonuses.** *League position: Concerns.*
- **SB 1229 (Jackson) Home-generated pharmaceutical waste: secure drug take-back bins.** *League position: Support.*

**Wednesday, Aug. 10**

Assembly Appropriations, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **SB 1000 (Leyva) Land use: general plans: environmental justice.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **SB 1010 (Hernandez) Health care: prescription drug costs.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 1069 (Wieckowski) Land use: zoning.** *League position: Oppose.*

**Thursday, Aug. 11**

Assembly Appropriations Suspense File, upon adjournment of session, State Capitol, Room 4202

- **SB 817 (Roth) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 873 (Beall) Income taxes: insurance taxes: credits: low-income housing: sale of credit.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 879 (Beall) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2016.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 1029 (Hertzberg) California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission: accountability reports.** *League position: Concerns.*
- **SB 1046 (Hill) Driving under the influence: ignition interlock device.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 1160 (Mendoza) Workers' compensation: utilization review.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **SB 1170 (Wieckowski) Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation.** *League position: Oppose.*

- **SB 1383 (Lara) Short-lived climate pollutants.** *League position: Concerns.*
- **SB 1387 (De León) Nonvehicular air pollution: market-based incentive programs: South Coast Air Quality Management District board.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **SB 384 (Leyva) Veterans housing: multifamily units: underserved veterans.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 450 (Allen) Elections: vote by mail voting and mail ballot elections.** *League position: Support in Concept.*

Senate Appropriations Suspense File, upon adjournment of session, State Capitol, Room 4203

- **HOT AB 626 (Chiu) Public contracts: claim resolution.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1561 (Garcia, C.) Sales and use taxes: exemption: sanitary napkins: tampons: menstrual sponges and menstrual cups.** *League position: Oppose Unless Amended.*
- **AB 1643 (Gonzalez) Workers' compensation: permanent disability appointment.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1669 (Hernández, R.) Displaced employees: service contracts: collection and transportation of solid waste.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1719 (Rodriguez) Pupil instruction: cardiopulmonary resuscitation.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1869 (Melendez) Theft: firearms.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2121 (Gonzalez) Alcoholic beverage control: Responsible Beverage Service Training Program Act of 2016.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2208 (Santiago) Local planning: housing element: inventory of land for residential development.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2298 (Weber) Criminal gangs.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 2327 (Cooley) Contracting or communicating with a minor.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2441 (Thurmond) Housing: Workforce Housing Pilot Program.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2444 (Garcia, E.) California Parks, Water, Climate and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2016.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2498 (Bonta) Human trafficking.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 2817 (Chiu) Taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2821 (Chiu) Medi-Cal Housing Program.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 2835 (Cooper) Public employees: orientation and information programs: recognized employee organizations.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 2873 (Thurmond) Certified access specialists.** *League position: Oppose.*

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'Webinar' Continued from Page 1...

During this hour long webinar cities can learn how to:

- Reduce OPEB liabilities for your city;
- Choose the benefits that work best for your city's needs;
- Provide active employees and retirees more flexibility with their benefit options; and
- Reduce administrative burden for internal benefits staff.

A question and answer session will follow the overview of the Health Benefits Marketplace.

Please register [online](#).

To learn more about the League's Health Benefits Marketplace visit [www.cacitiesmarketplace.org](http://www.cacitiesmarketplace.org).

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Aug. 9, 2016  
Issue #65

## Legislation Threatens Joint Powers Authorities' Local Control

*Vote Pending on AB 1217; Call Your Senator Today to Oppose*

A bill to codify a rule already enacted by the Orange County Fire Authority to the effect that members of that specific entity cannot appoint alternates, would set a troubling precedent of state interference in the governance of joint power authorities (JPAs) in general. [AB 1217 \(Daly\)](#) represents state micromanagement of a local agency which under existing JPA law has been set up to be self-governing. It also begs the question of why a state law is necessary to implement a change that a JPA has already made on its own. *For more, see Page 2.*



## Legislation Removes Roadblock to Allow CDBG Funds to Flow for Small, Non-Entitlement Cities and Counties

New amendments to [AB 723 \(Chiu\)](#) will make helpful changes to rules governing the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to small, "non-entitlement" cities and counties, which receive federal CDBG dollars via the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) rather than directly from the federal government. The amendments, adopted in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Aug. 3, delete a requirement that a recipient jurisdiction spend at least 50 percent of previously awarded funds before receiving another reward. *For more, see Page 2.*



Local governments throughout California should be concerned about this measure, and strongly consider opposing it. Whatever the motivation for introducing this legislation, it is precedent-setting and inappropriate attempt to intervene in a local matter that is best resolved at the local government level. The measure is now eligible for a vote on the Senate Floor. Cities are urged to call their senators immediately and voice opposition to this measure.

The League has been instrumental in helping coordinate opposition to AB 1217 that has caused the Senate Republican Caucus to switch its vote recommendation from Support to None.

### **Current Law**

Under current law, local public agencies can enter into a JPA at any time to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties for a mutually agreed upon purpose. These agreements are purely voluntary. State law has never before reached down to meddle in the governance affairs of a JPA. The governance structure of a JPA is decided upon by the local agency participants at the time the JPA is formed. The very essence of such entities is local control.

If disputes arise about the governance structure or any other aspect of the voluntary agreement that created the JPA, mechanisms are provided under existing law to resolve them at the local level. State legislation is not necessary. Any of the cooperating parties can withdraw from such voluntary agreements if they disagree with the governance or any other aspect of the JPA agreement.

With current law providing a mechanism to make any necessary changes to a JPA's governance or any other aspect of its operations, it begs the question why statewide legislation is necessary — particularly when that legislation is disturbingly precedent-setting in its interference in a matter that clearly falls within the scope of local control.

### **AB 1217 Undermines Local Control**

Under AB 1217, the Orange County Fire Authority board of directors cannot include alternate members. The agency itself, using its authority under current JPA law, in fact had made that determination and there is no need for the state to codify that local JPA's action into state law.

AB 1217 attempts to undermine existing law and unilaterally interfere in a locally agreed upon governance structure that is part of the valid and voluntary formation agreement of a JPA — an entity that by definition has no relation to matters of statewide concern.

### **Next Steps**

Local governments throughout California should be concerned about this measure, and strongly consider opposing it. Whatever the motivation for introducing this legislation, it is an attempt to intervene in a local matter that is best resolved at the local government level.

The League asks all cities to call their senators immediately and voice opposition to AB 1217. The bill can be voted on in the Senate at any time.

HCD adopted a rule in 2012 prohibiting any city or county from being awarded funds when the jurisdiction has not spent at least 50 percent of an existing award. The delivery of many projects slowed, however, when the recession hit and redevelopment was eliminated. The rule has effectively stopped many new projects from going forward because funds for an existing project cannot be reallocated to a new project. HCD consequently has approximately \$100 million in unspent CDBG funds that could be allocated to projects if the rule is deleted.

AB 723 includes an urgency clause, which means the bill would go into effect the day after Gov. Jerry Brown signs it. HCD is expected to release a new Notice of Funding Availability that incorporates the AB 723 changes in the coming months. If cities have been prohibited from

receiving funds due to the 50 percent rule, they should begin to prepare for a new round of funding for which they will be eligible.

A second provision in AB 723 expands eligibility requirements for loans awarded by the California Housing and Finance Agency (CalHFA). Existing law allows CalHFA to offer loans on multi-family rental housing projects that provide at least 20 percent of units for lower income households. The law, however, was used infrequently because the units had to be restricted to very low-income households earning less than 50 percent of area median income (AMI). Developers said they couldn't use the program because the projects could not pencil-out. AB 723 would expand the eligibility to housing projects that provide units for households earning up to 80 percent of AMI. This change will make projects that are more economically feasible, and therefore more attractive to developers, eligible for the loan program.

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