

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
April 13, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager
Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. CITY COUNCIL RETREAT REPORT

Summary report of the City Council Retreat is attached. The workshop provided an opportunity for Councilmembers to review and discuss governance principles, create consensus on priorities for the coming year and strengthen teamwork.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

A memo is attached to inform the City Council about the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center event "Spring into Fun".

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

A memo is attached to update the City Council about the 2022-2023 Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC).

D. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

List of Records Requests for March 2023

• OTHER ITEMS

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager



**City of Garden Grove
City Council Retreat
Held March 17, 2023**

March 2023

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Retreat Report

The City of Garden Grove held a City Council retreat on Friday, March 17, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Christ Cathedral. The workshop provided an opportunity for Councilmembers to review and discuss their governance principles, create consensus on priorities for the coming year, and strengthen teamwork. This report contains a summary of the results of the workshop. Jan Perkins and Don White facilitated the retreat.

Mayor and Council

**Mayor
Steve Jones**



**Mayor Pro Tem
George Brietigam III**



**Councilmember
John O'Neill**



**Councilmember
Cindy Ngoc Tran**



**Councilmember
Joe DoVinh**



**Councilmember
Stephanie
Klopfenstein**



**Councilmember
Kim Nguyen**



City Staff

- Lisa Kim, City Manager
- Maria Stipe, Assistant City Manager
- Teresa Pomeroy, City Clerk
- Omar Sandoval, City Attorney
- Amir El-Farra, Chief of Police
- John Montanchez, Director of Community Services
- Patricia Song, Director of Finance
- Laura Stover, Director of Human Resources
- Bill Murray, Director of Public Works
- Anand Rao, Director of Information Technology
- Craig Beck, Interim Director of Community and Economic Development
- Shawn Park, Sr. Management Analyst

Workshop Preparation

In preparation for the retreat, Jan and Don interviewed each member of the Council to learn about their priorities for the coming year and hear feedback about some of the City’s recent accomplishments and current challenges. The facilitators prepared an agenda and PowerPoint presentation, along with handout materials to guide discussions during the session.

Retreat Overview

Objectives

- Confirm and update governance principles and protocols
- Establish Council priorities for FY 2023-24
- Strengthen Council and staff teamwork

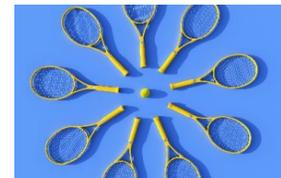
Agenda

- Welcome and call to order by the Mayor
- Public comments
- Comments from the City Manager
- Icebreaker exercise
- Discuss governance principles and related topics
- Discuss and establish City Council priorities for FY 2023-24
- Discuss how to keep priorities on course
- Wrap-up and next steps

Workshop Ground Rules

Jan suggested several ground rules to help the group have a successful workshop.

- Listen to understand each other’s points of view
- Seek consensus
- Assume good intent
- Stay focused



Highlights of Retreat Results

As a result of the Council's discussion, two governance principles were modified, and priorities were established for FY 2023-24.

Updated Governance Principles:

1. We maintain a citywide perspective/vision but pursue a balance between citywide and district efforts. *(modified)*
2. We seek to be informed of interests and issues within each district, highlight district activities, and have a good flow of information between Council about district activities.
3. We maintain professionalism, which includes decorum and respect in all interactions, quality through continuous improvement, service delivery based on needs, data-based decisions, and customer focus. *(modified)*
4. We utilize long-range plans to provide big picture context that is realistic and achievable.
5. We educate and engage the public about city services and needs and are continually transparent with information.
6. We honor the roles of the council-manager form of government.

Priorities:

The Council established four Tier 1 and two Tier 2 priorities. The Tier 1 items are those that will receive focused attention. Tier 2 items will be addressed as resources permit.

Tier 1:

- Homelessness
- Public safety
- Economic development and support of local businesses
- Infrastructure

Tier 2:

- Code enforcement
- Celebrate Garden Grove's cultural diversity

Welcome and Opening Comments

The workshop began with a welcome and call to order from Mayor Steve Jones. City Manager Lisa Kim then offered opening comments about the importance of the day for staff.



Governance Principles

Following the icebreaker exercise, the group discussed what makes a Council work well. The following slide was presented.

What Makes a Council Work Well?

Effective Councils	
Unity of Purpose	Clear Roles and Responsibilities
Positive Governance Culture	Norms, Protocols & Policies

Institute for Local Government
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The Council also discussed the key attributes of exceptional Councils, which are identified in the Institute for Local Government (ILG) article, *Attributes of Exceptional Councils*. The six attributes are listed below.

Exceptional City Councils

1. Have a **sense of team**; a partnership with the city manager to govern and manage the city
2. Have **clear roles** and responsibilities that are understood and adhered to
3. Honor the **relationship with staff and each other**
4. Routinely conduct **effective meetings**
5. Hold themselves and the city **accountable**
6. Have members who practice **continuous improvement**

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Jan asked Council what resonated with them from the article. Each of the six attributes were cited as relevant and important. A summary of discussion points is provided below.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous improvement is a top-down commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are the ambassadors to the community |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good teamwork; we work together and get things done | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff members are professional |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear roles and clarity about what the Council represents are important | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to be prepared for our Council meetings |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We don't operate as "Council versus city hall and staff" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We operate with no surprises |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council understands the community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Council meetings run well and are productive |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We maintain a sense of positivity in our roles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can be proud of how we produce results |

The Council then discussed **four issues related to its governance principles** that were raised during the individual interviews. A summary of discussion comments is provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Governance Principles Discussion

Question	Discussion Summary
<p>How will the City maintain a citywide perspective <i>and</i> have district-specific communications?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts were originally forced on us, but there have been some benefits such as broadening representation beyond the city core. • Some concerns going into districts about polarization and horse trading haven't materialized yet. • It is important to maintain a citywide focus. • We need more staff help for each Councilmember and more emphasis on district-specific communications. • We should pursue a balance between the citywide and district-specific perspectives.
<p>Should the City add "quality through continuous improvement" to principle 3?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Councilmembers agreed to add it.
<p>Professionalism is important in how we operate – with decorum and respect for each other and staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain professionalism even when we lose. • Professionalism exists between Council and staff. The public needs to also be professional. • Council decorum sets the tone. • Safety is an important aspect of professionalism. • We should highlight the policy of decorum and respect for and from the public. • Council agreed to add "decorum and respect" to principle 3.
<p>The City should clarify its intent of honoring the Council-manager form of government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmembers agree that the council/manager form of government is working well. • Employee discipline is the purview of the City Manager not Council.

Modification of Governance Principles

As noted earlier in this report under "Highlights of Retreat Results" the Council agreed to modify Principles 1 and 3. The new language is shown in that report section.

Communications and Assistance from the City Manager's Office

City Manager Lisa Kim expressed an interest in hearing Councilmembers' perspectives about communications and services received from the City Manager's Office. The facilitators asked the Council to share their opinions about what is working well now and what improvements would be helpful. A summary of this discussion is below.

What's working well now?

- Current communications from the City Manager are frequent and informative.
- Specific emails about what is happening from the City Manager.
- Accessibility and responsiveness of the City Manager.
- Notifications on urgent issues (e.g., emergency situations).

- Use of existing city protocols and systems to respond to constituents and to inform and educate constituents about how to get their concerns handled.

What would be helpful?

- Quarterly updates on claims settlements.
- Annual litigation update
- Include district-specific communications.
- Periodic district drive-throughs with City Manager and appropriate department heads.
- More frequent distribution of existing information to inform the public.
- More use of social media, including promoting the availability of the Garden Grove mobile app and education about City resources.
- More staff resources for Council (e.g., assistance with emails, attention to details regarding community events that Council attends, help with annual reporting, letter writing, travel arrangements and scheduling).
- Sensitivity to demands on Councilmembers' time in scheduling.



Community Survey

Following a brief stretch break, the department heads joined for the rest of the day. Assistant City Manager Maria Stipe briefly presented highlights and results of a community survey recently conducted by Zencity. She noted that 74% of residents are satisfied with their life in Garden Grove. Word clouds created from the survey showing what residents love and want changed are shown below.

Accomplishments Highlighted by Councilmembers

Financial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Putting Measure O money to good use Achieving fiscal sustainability 	Public safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making public safety and crime a priority Canine support team
Economic development and business vibrancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Sprouts Market Main Street Improvements Open Streets event 	Infrastructure and Public Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development project approvals Implementation of PFAS filtration system; engineering collaboration with OC Water District New solid waste contract that lowered rates
Parks and Beautification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for the Strawberry Zest sculpture Park and playground improvements Beautification awards 	Homeless Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigation Center Permanent Supportive Housing Project
Engagement and Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launching "Foods of Garden Grove" Partnership with Be Well OC 	Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated move of fertilizer company off military base Successfully dealt with new state laws and requirements

Other accomplishments mentioned by City staff include:

- Garden Brook Senior Village
- West Grove Center Revitalization
- Parks Grants (totaling \$7 million)
- City Hall Security Remodel
- Interim Public Safety Building (Purcell)
- PDHQ/Civic Center Project Initial Funding
- Street Sign Replacement (60% completed)
- Council Districts Renewed
- ERP Phase II Complete (Payroll and HR)

Challenges

Councilmembers also noted a number of important challenges for the City as shown on the slide below.

Challenges Highlighted by Councilmembers

Cost of housing	Crime	Building permit and inspection process	Code enforcement	Hotel development
Homelessness	Willowick property development	Infrastructure to meet growth	Short-term rentals and ADUs	Infrastructure for electric vehicles
	Staying fiscally sound	Street repairs	Understaffing	

Sound Financial Management

Finance Director Patricia Song reviewed the City’s financial management principles, including maximizing return on spending and City assets, using resources efficiently, focusing on long-term strategies, identifying new funding sources, and mobilizing private investment. Patricia also provided an update on budget performance in the current year.

Council Priorities

The Council discussed a series of priorities which were identified during the individual Councilmember interviews conducted by the facilitators. Following the discussion, the Council went through a dot voting exercise to establish its priorities for FY 2023-24.

Dot Voting on Priorities for FY 2023-24

Councilmembers used dot voting to select Tier 1 and Tier 2 priorities. Each Councilmember was given 4 dot stickers and asked to place the dots on their top priorities. The results of the dot voting exercise are shown below.

X Homelessness	••••
X Public safety	••••
X Economic development and Support of local businesses	••••
X Infrastructure	••••••
X Code enforcement	•••
Future vision for Garden Grove	•
X Celebrate Garden Grove’s cultural diversity	•••
Communications	
Staffing	•

Commissions and associations	
Building process improvements	•
Covid policy	
Expand first-time homebuyer program	
Smart City	•
Stronger focus on childcare	

The Council reflected on the voting results.

The Tier 1 and Tier 2 priorities that emerged are shown in Table 2 below. Councilmembers suggested that the priorities be highlighted on the City’s website.

Table 2. Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priorities

Priorities
Tier 1: Highest Priority Items for Focused Attention
▪ Infrastructure
▪ Economic development and support of local businesses
▪ Public Safety
▪ Homelessness
Tier 2: Issues for Attention as Resources Permit
▪ Code enforcement
▪ Celebrate Garden Grove’s cultural diversity

Discussion of Issues of Importance

Councilmembers discussed the reason that the issues shown below in Table 3 are important. A summary of the discussion is provided below.

Table 3. Issues Highlighted by Two or More Councilmembers in Interviews

Issue	Summary of Discussion
Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is good synergy for what we are doing now. • Public awareness of our programs and efforts is needed. • The public is now invested, which translates into support. • Highlight what the city is doing already on homeless front.
Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future facility needs are being addressed. • Homelessness and public safety are not mutually inclusive.
Economic Development and Support of Local Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needed to protect and build revenue base. • Consider expanding “Buy in Garden Grove” to add “Build in Garden Grove.” • There is a sentiment in the industry that Garden Grove is open for business. • We have a good reputation throughout the county. • Energy policy at other governmental levels stifles development • Take proactive measures to promote tourism
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council is aware of the age of its infrastructure and needs to prioritize upgrades. • Need to educate the public about city responsibility vs. property owner responsibility.
Code enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are not at our full potential in this function – possibly need more staff • Residents and businesses complain about code enforcement issues. • Re-engage an outreach and education approach for businesses and residents. • Potential of providing incentives for property maintenance. • Potential to utilize an administrative appeals body.
Future vision for Garden Grove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City is changing and needs to adapt and embrace the change. • Identify where we are going and how we can bring people along. • Rebrand and “re-imagine.”

Issue	Summary of Discussion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Re-imagine” was meant to be citywide but got focused downtown. • Consider “internationalizing” Garden Grove.
Celebrate Garden Grove’s cultural diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are a city of many celebrations which emerge organically. • City’s focus should be on supporting community-initiated celebrations. • Hispanics and Koreans have fewer celebrations. • Could support citizenship fairs. • Potential of a sister city in Mexico. • Proximity to Santa Ana may be an obstacle to Hispanic events. • Staff could provide information on what would be involved in supporting more events. • Interest in investing in multi-culturalism.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City doing a lot now; could do more. • Expand use of social media tools (e.g., short video highlights). • Greater utilization of Garden Grove TV.
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to get back to full staffing in all departments.

Other Items

In addition to the nine issues listed above, two others were briefly discussed, as summarized below.

- **Commissions and associations**
 - We could do more to help them understand their role as ambassadors for the City
 - Involve them more in City events
 - Interest in the future (not immediate) in creating a Public Arts Commission
 - Interest in supporting a local arts makers studio; encourage more community art; highlight local artists
 - Consider providing a small stipend for the Planning Commission
 - Encourage youth involvement in commissions (not set up a separate commission)
 - Use social media to attract commission applicants
- **Smart City**
 - Some interest in electric vehicles and more charging stations
 - Hydrogen electric may have fewer downsides

Other Major Issues Identified by Staff

An update on the following three additional issues currently being addressed by staff was also provided:

- City Flood Control Rehabilitation
- Pension Liability
- Cyber Security

Notes pertaining to these issues are included in the attached Retreat Handout (Priorities Worksheet) and related funding will be addressed through the budget development process.

Staying on Course with Priorities

After the priorities were established, there was a discussion about what would help the Council and staff team stay on track, given the limited staff and financial resources. Staff will continue to provide quarterly reports to the Council and will provide more detail about the progress that is being made on each priority. Councilmembers noted that the Council currently exercises discipline in not bringing up new items on a regular basis.



Wrap-up and Next Steps

Follow-up Steps

Jan explained that Baker Tilly would prepare this report. She also noted that the City Manager and her staff would prepare a work plan and budget to operationalize the Council’s priorities.

Bike Rack

The following items were added to the bike rack for future discussion.

- Discuss safety protocols at council meetings.
- Potential discussion of Airbnb and food truck regulations

Closing Reflections from Council and Staff

To conclude the workshop, the Mayor and Councilmembers, City Manager, Assistant City Manager and City Attorney shared comments about what was useful to them as a result of spending time together during the retreat. A summary is provided below.

- We have a lot of work ahead of us.
- I really appreciate the different style and focus of this retreat.
- It was great to hear from my colleagues.
- This retreat was productive and valuable.

- Electrons move together and we are moving together. I don't want to be the stray electron.
- We need to be sure to act on issues raised where we reached consensus.
- I am very pleased with the free flow format of this retreat.
- This retreat reaffirmed our mutual passion and dedication to Garden Grove.
- We were able to provide clear direction to staff.
- I appreciate all the hard work the Council put into this retreat; it is very helpful to staff.
- It is good to hear and understand what the Council's priorities are.
- This was a great retreat.
- Now that priorities are clear, we need to stick to them and remember that we have a great staff that is already overwhelmed. Let's not deviate from the direction we have set at this retreat.

Attachment: Retreat Handout

City of Garden Grove

Priorities Worksheet for Discussion During March 17, 2023 City Council Retreat

Background. In January 2023, facilitators Jan Perkins and Don White met with each City Councilmember to gather input to prepare for the Council retreat scheduled for March 17, 2023. This document contains a summary of Councilmember priorities for discussion during the retreat. Information about many of the items that are continuing into the next fiscal year can be found in the 2021-2022 Performance Report at this link. <https://ggcity.org/docs/Performance-Report>

Existing Council priorities: Page 2 of the City’s budget document indicates the City Council’s overall priorities (see table below). In their interviews, Councilmembers noted that these remain important. Some councilmembers said they did not think it was important to continue having “Covid-19” as part of the budget/fiscal priority and could be deleted.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Infrastructure▪ Public safety▪ Quality of life▪ Business revitalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Covid-19 recovery and a balanced budget▪ Communication▪ Continued current economic development initiatives
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Discussion of Council Priorities for FY 2023-24

Two tables containing priorities noted by members of Council are provided in this document.

- **Table 4.** that begins on page 16, lists *nine priorities* that were mentioned by two or more members of Council. A summary list is shown below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Homelessness▪ Public safety▪ Economic development and Support of local businesses▪ Infrastructure▪ Code enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Future vision for Garden Grove▪ Celebrate Garden Grove’s cultural diversity▪ Communications▪ Staffing
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- **Table 5**, on pages 19-20, describes the following *six issues* mentioned by one member of Council for discussion.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissions and associations ▪ Building process improvements ▪ Covid policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expand first-time homebuyer program ▪ Smart City ▪ Stronger focus on childcare
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- Information from staff is provided on all items for Council’s reference.

Additionally, **Table 6**, on page 21 of this document, contains three major issues identified by staff for the Council’s information.

After the Council’s discussion on March 17, a consensus decision on the top priorities will be sought for FY 2023-24, so staff can build those into the budget and work plans.

Table 4. Priorities Noted by Two or Members of Council for Each Topic

Note: Where a bullet point in the tables below is shown in italics, it indicates that the comment was made by one member of Council.

Priorities Noted by Two or More Members of Council (Specific Comments Shown in Bullet Points)	City Manager Notes and Plans for FY 2023-24
<p>1. Homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Move forward with Navigation Center ▪ Increase the public’s awareness of the homeless ▪ Anti-camping Ordinance and other applicable codes ▪ Continue partnership with Be Well OC ▪ Pursue permanent supportive housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information about the City’s initiatives to address homeless are highlighted at this link: https://ggcity.org/endhomelessness ▪ Key action items are in process to achieve a year-end opening of the Central Cities Navigation Center (i.e., request for proposals for service provider, construction management, and construction, Feb – March). ▪ Extensive homeless outreach campaign is underway, including comprehensive website, social media, press, GGTV and educational webinars. ▪ Availability of shelter beds will facilitate potential for implementation of anti-camping and other related codes. ▪ Be Well OC pilot was successfully implemented; continued funding will be evaluated during biennial budget development. ▪ Completed 8-unit American Family Housing PSH project on Stuart Drive; pursuing funding opportunities and exploring project-based vouchers to incentivize future potential PSH projects. ▪ Deploy Street Medicine Pilot Program in partnership with CalOptima by April. Garden Grove is one of the first cities in Orange County to implement this program, aimed at improving health and housing outcomes for homeless individuals.

<p style="text-align: center;">Priorities Noted by Two or More Members of Council (Specific Comments Shown in Bullet Points)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">City Manager Notes and Plans for FY 2023-24</p>
<p>2. Public safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Build the new police station ▪ Address crimes related to homelessness, violent crimes ▪ Enhance connection between police and community and schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreement with PFAL approved to advance Design, Build, Finance option. Implement Phase 2 to develop a Request for Qualifications, and Phase 3 will develop request for proposals for preferred developer selection and related agreements (10/23) ▪ Develop and expand community/stakeholder engagement with Placeworks; environmental process to proceed concurrently. ▪ Maintain Measure O Public Safety staffing plan. ▪ Continue successful partnership with Be Well OC. ▪ Maintain internal review committee to review and respond to crime statistics ▪ Provide periodic public safety updates to Council. ▪ Continue/enhance SRO and SMART team collaboration. The SRO’s canine support team was recently expanded to three dogs. ▪ GGPD is conducting a teen citizen academy annually to have greater outreach with the youth of our community. There is also a current effort to increase participation in the Explorer program.
<p>3. Economic Development and Support of Local Businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enhance our “buy in Garden Grove” campaign ▪ Enhance funding opportunities through the Small Business Administration (SBA) ▪ Continue partnerships with the Chamber, family-owned businesses ▪ Continue downtown rejuvenation ▪ Complete processing approvals for new hotels ▪ Streamline development project approvals and implementation ▪ Continue emphasis on tourism ▪ Continue efforts in taking advantage of proximity to Anaheim Convention Center ▪ Determine next steps for Willowick Golf property ▪ Enhanced focus on employment and entrepreneurial opportunities to help small businesses be successful ▪ <i>Consider additional digital billboards facing the highway</i> ▪ <i>Attract a mall to Garden Grove</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The existing “Buy in Garden Grove” (BIGG) program is highlighted at this link: https://ggcity.org/bigg ▪ The 2021 Economic Development Strategic Plan identifies key program initiatives, which are shown at the following links: https://ggcity.org/econdev/strategic-plan and https://ggcity.org/econdev <p><u>Plans for FY 2023-24 include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update and enhance outreach/media campaigns to promote BIGG, Foods of Garden Grove, Vehicle Rebate Program, SBA and other local business support programs. ▪ Maintain strong partnership and support for multi-chamber programs and events including Garden Grove Chamber, KACCOC, VACCOC and Hispanic Chambers. ▪ Facilitate/promote successful opening of Cottage Industries. ▪ Conduct civic center engagement initiatives. ▪ Launch a new Innovate Garden Grove (iG²) Program to cultivate a local accelerator program. ▪ Re-engage monthly visits to new Garden Grove businesses and legacy businesses.
<p>4. Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strong focus on overall street maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement pavement maintenance acceleration program. (\$17M) ▪ Continue implementation of capital asset renewal and replacement reserve policy.

<p style="text-align: center;">Priorities Noted by Two or More Members of Council (Specific Comments Shown in Bullet Points)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">City Manager Notes and Plans for FY 2023-24</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expand installation of PFAS filters ▪ Increase capacity (sewer, water, parking) to meet population growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initiate construction of 3rd PFAS filtration system at Lampson Reservoir. ▪ Continue to implement sewer and water master plans to increase capacity. ▪ Implement SCAG parking study, carry out parking enhancement projects (e.g., West Main Street parking lot improvement, civic center parking structure). ▪ Continue to implement the Garden Grove Infrastructure Funding Policy adopted by Council in June 2021 (ten actions were called for under this policy). ▪ City has significant infrastructure and deferred maintenance needs.
<p>5. Code Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greater emphasis on enforcing property maintenance codes ▪ Mitigate impact of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) ▪ <i>Consider permit program for short term rentals</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide ongoing property maintenance education and substandard housing information. ▪ Re-engage Code Enforcement outreach and explore alternative media options. ▪ Maintain Code Enforcement staffing 7-days a week, enforcement, case resolution. ▪ Expand building inspection staffing support to assist with active substandard housing cases.
<p>6. Future vision for Garden Grove</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-energizing our “re-imagine Garden Grove” vision so we can create a path to the future ▪ Create a shared vision for what we want Garden Grove to be in 10-15 years ▪ What universal themes can we identify to unify our diverse communities 	<p><i>Vision: The vision of Garden Grove is to be a safe, attractive, and economically vibrant city with an informed and involved public. We are a diverse community that promotes our unique attributes and preserves our residential character. (Established 2005)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-Imagine Downtown (2013): Re-Imagine Downtown City of Garden Grove (ggcity.org) ▪ Cottage Industries Project to open in Spring/Summer-23; art installations completed in 2022 (Red Car, utility box murals, Stuart Drive mural). ▪ Re-imagine vision to be included with Civic Center engagement. ▪ Universal themes include: safety, compassion, respect, equity, acceptance, celebration of cultural diversity through City programs and events.
<p>7. Celebrate Garden Grove’s Cultural Diversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accommodate all cultural groups; diversity makes us strong ▪ <i>Sponsor a citywide Dia de Los Muertos celebration</i> ▪ <i>Create more of an uptown Latino Hub (bright colors, murals, themed restaurants)</i> ▪ <i>Provide training for City employees in multi-cultural sensitivity and compassion</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to incorporate and enhance celebrations of cultural diversity in Community Services programs/projects (e.g., summer concerts, movies, murals, etc.). ▪ Continue Unconscious Bias in the Workplace training for all new City employees, commissioners and councilmembers. ▪ Working with Main Street merchant, Gente, to bring a Dia de Los Muertos cultural event to Main Street/Village Green Park.
<p>8. Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bolster communications (e.g., using social media such as greater use of TikTok, other forms, greater utilization of Garden Grove TV) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active multi-lingual communications campaigns are underway for key city initiatives, including organics waste recycling, civic center engagement, homelessness/navigation.center, BIGG, summer concerts, movies in the park, and the current community survey.

Priorities Noted by Two or More Members of Council (Specific Comments Shown in Bullet Points)	City Manager Notes and Plans for FY 2023-24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Consider townhalls in Districts</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff will continue to identify strategies for additional community outreach and engagement (e.g., Zencity engage platform). ▪ Staff will develop and share periodic fiscal reports to promote financial transparency.
<p>9. Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address understaffing in City departments 	<p>Plans for FY 2023-24 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fill vacant positions and supplement with contract services where needed. ▪ Address staffing priorities through budget development process. ▪ Continue to leverage technology.

Priorities Noted by One Member of Council for Each Topic

Other Priorities	City Manager Notes and Plans for FY 2023-24
<p>A. Commissions and Associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Discuss ways to expand role of commissions</i> ▪ <i>Establish a Public Art Commission</i> ▪ <i>Establish District associations/boards</i> 	<p>The current commissions, boards and committees are listed at this link: https://ggcity.org/commissions</p>
<p>B. Building Process Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Streamline building permit and inspection turnaround times to improve customer service</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Process improvements underway to improve turnaround times (e.g., Viva Civic software). More changes include filling staff positions and contractual support.
<p>C. Develop a city COVID policy to address the evolving situation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The City’s policies and practices follow the State of California and the County of Orange guidance. ▪ City coordinates closely with a variety of public and private partners in all matters related to the pandemic, and continues to monitor and will change as conditions call for it.
<p>D. Expand first-time homebuyer program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plans are underway for program modification that will expand participation.

Other Priorities	City Manager Notes and Plans for FY 2023-24
<p>E. Smart City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Obtain Federal dollars to fund this initiative ▪ Increase electrical vehicle charging stations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A new electric recycling truck will be added to the refuse collection fleet in 2023 as part of the new extended waste services contract. Two electric vehicle charging stations have also been installed at the public works yard along with the introduction of two electric administration vehicles. Significant infrastructure improvements will be needed for further transition to electric vehicles; a related infrastructure evaluation report is planned for FY2023-24. ▪ Additional automation has been implemented in various areas where resources are available (e.g., HVAC energy retrofit, water wells, traffic management); many opportunities to automate also exist (e.g., public safety technology, park maintenance sprinkler systems). The City has implemented an environmental control system in all facilities through Siemens. ▪ The Police Department, in the next 24 months, plans to implement an innovative cloud-based dispatch and records management system. Once completed, it has the potential to integrate a variety of data sources include drone video, car and body cam footage. The possibilities for predictive analytics and automatically dispatching officers to events will be viable as well. ▪ We discussed Smart Cities Water Management with a vendor. They offer sensors and a technology solution that can monitor pressure, vibration, temperature, flow, water quality, moisture and other metrics related to water delivery. However, the City would first need to replace 30,000+ water meters to updated ones that can integrate with these sensors.
<p>F. Stronger focus on childcare availability in the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City offers Day Camp programs for children 5 to 12 years, from June to August. ▪ Majority of childcare is offered privately and through before and after school programs through the School District and the Boys and Girls Club . ▪ The City’s Kare Bears and Tiny Tots programs are no longer provided for children 3-4 years. Enrollment was down pre-Covid because GGUSD was offering a free program in its place. After Covid, enrollment dropped below cost sustainability levels. The program was closed in 2022. ▪ Develop and implement a new Childcare Program aimed at supporting Family Child Care Homes and workforce development efforts. (June 2023)

Table 5. Other Major Issues Identified by Staff

Other Major Issues	City Manager Notes
1. City Flood Control Channel Rehabilitation	Recently completed engineering reports have documented the need for substantial channel repairs in FY 2023-24, at an estimated cost of \$1 to \$3 million.
2. Pension Liability	Continue to work towards reducing pension liability , including re-evaluating the issuance of pension obligation bonds (POBs).
3. Cybersecurity	Continue to implement Cyber Security best practices and updated technologies as recommended by a Department of Homeland Security cyber resilience audit in 2017.

City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: Blue Ribbon Month Event

From: John Montanchez
Dept.: Community Services
Date: April 13, 2023

OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Council about the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center event "Spring into Fun" on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

April is child abuse prevention month. On Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Magnolia Park Family Resource Center (MPFRC) will host a family event "Spring into Fun" to commemorate Blue Ribbon Month. The Blue Ribbon represents child abuse prevention and awareness. Throughout the month of April, MPFRC provides activities that promote family strengthening and resiliency. This event will bring families together to an afternoon of fun while participating in enjoyable activities and learning more about Magnolia Park FRC services and community resources. Activities will include a resource fair, children's crafts, games/activities, giveaways/door prizes and a free dinner. Dinner will be provided by Bracken's Kitchen. The event is open to the general public, however, priority will be given to those families that have previously participated in MPFRC services.

SUMMARY

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center will host a family event to commemorate Blue Ribbon Month on Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ
Community Services Director

Gabriela O'Cadiz Hernandez

By: Gabriela O'Cadiz-Hernandez
Human Services Supervisor

Attachment: Spring into Fun Flyer

Spring into Fun



THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

 **FREE FAMILY DINNER**

 **GAMES**

 **DOOR PRIZES**

 **CRAFTS**

 **RESOURCE FAIR**



MAGNOLIA PARK FRC
11402 MAGNOLIA STREET
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92841

For additional information or to register please call
(714) 530-7413. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Join us for an afternoon of fun!



City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) Update

From: John Montanez
Dept.: Community Services
Date: April 13, 2023

OBJECTIVE

To update the City Council about the 2022-2023 Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC).

BACKGROUND

The Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) was formed in 2021 in response to a City Council directive to better engage local teens with volunteer opportunities and offer a citywide youth leadership program. The mission of the GGTAC is to seek input from the participants as to what volunteer opportunities they want to participate in, and from what career fields guest speakers they want to hear from.

The inaugural year of GGTAC (2021-2022) had an average of 7-9 teens (ages 13-17) attending monthly meetings held during the school year, September through May. The teens heard from guest speakers on a quarterly basis, and volunteered at City events.

DISCUSSION

With the goal being to significantly increase teen participation for the 2022-2023 year of the GGTAC, a part-time coordinator job responsibilities were reassigned to; (1) expand marketing efforts at middle and high schools within the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD), (2) improve partnerships with local and County-based service clubs and non-profit groups to offer more volunteer opportunities to the teen participants, and (3) secure monthly guest speakers with more varied career paths.

This effort resulted in a boosted average monthly attendance of 20-25 teens, more diverse career presentations from guest speakers like AltaMed, Santa Ana College, the City's Engineering division and Police Department, and further increased volunteer opportunities for GGTAC members at local non-profits.

SUMMARY

Community Services is pleased with the more than doubling of participants in the GGTAC program, as well as the additional partnerships established with non-profit organizations. As of this memo's date, over 450 volunteer hours have been logged by the GGTAC participants! The teens learned to prepare and package meals for those in need at Bracken's

Kitchen, assisted staff at City large-scale community events, and added support to community collaborations like the Jingle Jam Celebration.

GGTAC members also further explored their community by volunteering at, and attending gatherings like the Love Shouldn't Hurt event, the Be a Friend Conference, and the Flower Festival on Main Street.

Community Services Department's goal is to continue to expand the GGTAC program and collaborate with additional Garden Grove based organizations to build a larger youth leadership network for the city's teens to experience and grow.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ
Community Services Director

Mark Freeman

By: Mark Freeman
Community Services Supervisor

Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
8367	03/01/23	For an Environmental Site Assessment on property located at: 13292 Brookhurst Street & 10071 Imperial Ave (Parcel ID 099-031-11 & 099-031-10): 1. Are there records of current building code violations or open building permits for the subject prop...	Community And Economic Development	03/13/23	03/07/23
8368	03/01/23	Please email me the record of case # 190106 for the violation of municipal code. Thank you.	Community And Economic Development	03/13/23	03/06/23
8369	03/01/23	Please email me the record of case # 190106 for the violation of municipal code. Thank you.		03/12/23	03/02/23
8371	03/02/23	Any and all records pertaining to building permits, underground storage tanks, Fire Department (CUPA) records, etc. for the following address: 5253 Lampson Ave Units F and G, Garden Grove 92845	Public Works City Manager	03/13/23	03/13/23
8373	03/06/23	Requesting current contract with Netfile for FPPC forms.		03/16/23	03/06/23
8374	03/06/23	all exsiting plans for property located at 11245 vicilia st.		03/16/23	03/06/23
8376	03/06/23	To whom it may concern, I am writing to request your assistance in obtaining a list of businesses in Garden Grove that possess current or pending entertainment permits, which allow them to host live music events. While I understand that the...	Finance Community And Economic Development	03/16/23	03/13/23
8377	03/06/23	Civic Center Bridge and Landscape Renovation IFB No. S-1302-A, Bid Due 3/6/23 at 11 AM Please provide the bid results for the above subject project.		03/08/23	03/06/23

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8378	03/06/23	Hello, we are doing a Phase I ESA report for 13772, 13792 and 13802 Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove and would like to request any hazardous materials records you have for this facility, or any permit records that may be available. Thank you!	City Manager	03/31/23	03/31/23
8379	03/07/23	can i get the listing for new businesses for the previous month of February, thankyou.		03/17/23	03/07/23
8380	03/07/23	Hi, May I request a copy of the low bidder's bid proposal for the Civic center bridge and landscape renovation project.	Community Services	03/17/23	03/09/23
8381	03/07/23	Pursuant to the provisions under the California Public Records Act, we would like to request for copies of the submitted bid documents of the 2 lowest bidders for the Civic Center Bridge & Landscape Renovation Project (S-1302-A) namely: -RG Gen...	Community Services	03/17/23	03/09/23
8382	03/07/23	Hello, Please provide the available records for code enforcement case numbers 186513 and 189853. Thank you!	Community And Economic Development	03/17/23	03/15/23
8383	03/07/23	I would like to request the bid package for the first lowest bidder regarding IFB No. S-1302-A Civic Center Bridge and Landscape Renovation project. Thank you!	Community Services	03/17/23	03/09/23
8385	03/08/23	Looking for any and all permits and plans for commercial property located at: 12833 Monarch Street Property also goes by the address 7221 Acacia Avenue I understand that I can only view the plans at the counter. Thank you Greg 714-...	Community And Economic Development	03/20/23	03/09/23

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8386	03/08/23	03-08-2023 Request documents finance and public works for the total budgeted planting trees with tree root barriers and 3 inch pipe with skirt outside pipe and labor cost budgeted to new trees water for three years under theCity's 40-year Urban F...	Community And Economic Development Public Works	04/03/23	04/03/23
8387	03/08/23	I am requesting a PDF copy of all Professional Service Agreements or similar contracts for Planning and/or CEQA consulting services approved by the City between January 21, 2021 to present.	Community And Economic Development	03/20/23	03/20/23
8388	03/08/23	I am requesting all available records related to the building address of 12541 Brookhurst Street Garden Grove 92841. This would include: - Business owner's name and contact phone number - Current status of building - For sale or not? - Busine...	Finance Community And Economic Development	04/03/23	04/03/23
8389	03/08/23	03-08-2023 Request information from City of Garden Grove various offices with employees terminated with city and newly hired in the public works with their email address the tile. Then the traffic engineering with their email address the tile. Th...	Human Resources Public Works	03/19/23	03/20/23
8390	03/08/23	home addition		03/20/23	03/09/23
8391	03/09/23	HELLO IM LOOKING FOR THE CURRENT STREET SWEEPING CONTRACT IN PLACE	City Manager	03/20/23	03/20/23
8392	03/09/23	Request Code: 12395844 Date: 03/01/23 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct an...	Community And Economic Development	04/03/23	03/21/23
8393	03/10/23	To whom it may concern, GovInvest, Inc. has been retained by Burbank, CA to conduct a compensation study for certain position classifications, of which they named your organization as a comparator. We greatly appreciate your help in gather...	Human Resources	03/23/23	03/20/23

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8394	03/13/23	Hello, my name is Collin and I work with Accutrend Data and I would like to request a listing of new businesses that filed in your city/county/town/village, for the time period of 02/01/2023 – 02/28/2023. The Information should include: BUSINESS ...	Finance	03/23/23	03/21/23
8395	03/13/23	Any correspondence related to the California Voting Rights Act that has been received from, or sent to, either Kevin Shenkman or Scott Rafferty. Both are private attorneys. Shenkman often uses the email address kshenkman@shenkmanhughes.com; Raffer...	Information Technology	03/20/23	03/13/23
8396	03/13/23	Documents of any changes, acquisitions or mergers of business: AIRFLEX5D LLC Located at 12282 Knott St. Garden Grove CA 92841	Finance	03/23/23	03/13/23
8397	03/14/23	Dear Sir or Madam, Pursuant to the state statutes regarding public information, I am inquiring to whether you can provide the following information: 1. A copy of any existing records showing information regarding depositor names, amounts ...	Finance	03/27/23	03/27/23
8399	03/15/23	Case#23014565 Can I get a copy of this report, I need a copy for my car insurance		03/26/23	03/16/23
8400	03/15/23	Copy of Building Permit completed/passed. 5302 Stanford Avenue, GG.	Community And Economic Development	03/26/23	03/22/23
8401	03/15/23	Hello, I am requesting a digital copy of all documents pertaining to the current elevator maintenance contract for all City of Garden Grove buildings. This includes all contracts, amendments, exhibits, addendums, etc.	Public Works City Manager	03/26/23	03/27/23
8403	03/16/23	I'm Allison Shephard and I'm requesting the completed report of the dog attack to my dog that happened on my property at 9261 Shannon Ave GG 92841 Case # 23012925. Thank you!		03/26/23	03/16/23
8404	03/16/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current open/active zoning and building code violations on file. Please provide a copy of the most recent inspection reports and Notice(s) of Violation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates of Occupancy (COs) or Temporary Certificate(s) of Occupancy (if under co... 	Community And Economic Development	03/27/23	03/22/23

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8405	03/18/23	For the purpose of sewer and water inspection, we are requesting substructure maps (water, sewer) to locate sewer cleanout and other pipes. Address: 12611 Casper St, Garden Grove, CA 92845		03/30/23	03/20/23
8406	03/20/23	I am requesting a digital copy of the plan and permit for a wall sign at: 10522 Mcfadden Ave, Garden Grove, CA, 92843 Permit #:22-2311	Community And Economic Development	03/30/23	03/22/23
8408	03/21/23	March 21, 2023 7:03 AM From: "PCN3 Estimating" Building and Site Improvements- Central Cities Navigation Center Good morning, we were the second lower bidder for above project, would you please send me copy of the bid package for the fir...	Community And Economic Development	03/31/23	03/22/23
8409	03/21/23	Bicycle Corridor Improvement 03/09/2023 Do you have a bid tabulation available? If not, do you have the low bidders or apparent low bidder information ready to be released? You can send that via email, or fax to 800-768-5594. If no low bid inf..		03/31/23	03/21/23
8410	03/21/23	I purchased my residence in the city of Garden Grove in the year 2022 and wanted to obtain all constructions drawings for my residence 5882 Belgrave Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92845.		03/31/23	03/21/23
8411	03/21/23	I'm looking for the name of the general / prime contractor that was awarded the contract for the Central Cities Navigation Center. I believe this is a City of Garden Grove project. Any documents about the accepted bid would be helpful, but really ...	Community And Economic Development	03/31/23	03/28/23
8412	03/22/23	03-22-2023 Request documents to code enforcement reports at 12851 Nelson St property chain link fence facing south side entrance of the Metal of Honor Bike Pedestrian Trail Park . Request all documents emails related to the fence that Greg Blodg...	Community And Economic Development Information Technology	04/17/23	

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8413	03/22/23	Hello. I need verify sewer line for room addition : - (E) 3 Bed, 1 bath. - (N) 1 Bed, 2 bath. Address: 8831 Imperial Ave., GG, CA 92844 Sincerely Steven La		04/03/23	03/23/23
8414	03/23/23	Hello, Please provide the winning bid contractor and amount of winning bid for the Central Cities Navigation Center. Thank you	Community And Economic Development	04/03/23	03/28/23
8415	03/23/23	Requesting all available records related to the building address of 13666 Harbor Blvd. from May 1, 2022 to present. This would include: - Business owner's name and contact phone number - Current status of building - - Business intentions for ...	Finance Community And Economic Development	04/20/23	
8416	03/24/23	I am looking for the pdf version of the newly adopted city council districts. I saw the interactive shapefile and the downloadable shapefile but I am looking for a pdf. Thank you!	Information Technology	04/06/23	04/05/23
8417	03/24/23	Hello, Could i please receive all existing building permits on the address: 12093 Stonegate Ln. Garden Grove, 92845		04/06/23	03/28/23
8418	03/24/23	Hello, Can we have a copy of building permit for 12121 9th st. Garden Grove please, Thank You		04/06/23	03/28/23
8419	03/27/23	Bid Results Request regarding: Civic Center Bridge & Landscape Renovation Bid Date 3-6-2023 (S-1302-A) If the Bid Results are available, please forward them to me at your earliest convenience.		04/06/23	03/29/23
8420	03/27/23	Please provide copies of the bid results for the Civic Center Bridge and Landscape Project bid No S-1302-A		04/06/23	03/29/23

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8421	03/27/23	Requesting the current contract between city and vendor for automated traffic enforcement cameras(Speeding, red light, and school zone enforcement) Also please include scoring sheet during RFP and RFP responses by vendors	Public Works	04/24/23	
8422	03/28/23	Hi, I would like to request open code violations on residential properties dating back as far as 6 months.		04/08/23	03/29/23
8423	03/28/23	2023 Residential Streets Reconstruction REBID ♦ ♦03/21/2023♦ Do you have a bid tabulation available? If not, do you have the low bidders or apparent low bidder information ready to be released? You can send that via email, or fax to 800-768-559...	Public Works	04/10/23	03/30/23
8425	03/29/23	I am requesting access to records in possession or control of City of Garden Grove for the purposes of inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act, California Government Code § 6250 et seq. ("CPRA"), and Article I, § 3(b) ...	Human Resources	04/10/23	04/10/23
8426	03/29/23	Good Morning. I need the true name of the Dentist and the business doing business at a place called Garden Family Dental, at 9800 Garden Grove Bl. I met a DR. Haung at the front desk of the business and she said she introduced herself as the new o...	Finance	04/10/23	04/10/23
8427	03/29/23	13431Cypress st, Garden Grove ca 92843		04/08/23	03/30/23
8428	03/29/23	13431Cypress st, Garden Grove ca 92843		04/08/23	03/30/23
8429	03/30/23	Trileaf is conducting a Phase I Environmental assessment at Calvary Chapel Westgrove 12832 Knott St, Garden Grove, CA 92841. We would like to submit a FOIA request for the following information: If any environmental health hazard incidents or s...	City Manager Public Works	04/10/23	04/10/23
8430	03/30/23	Request all city documents for Community Services Capital Improvement budget planed usages and is funded by Park Fee funds budgeted with financial reserve per year.	Community Services	04/10/23	04/10/23

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8431	03/30/23	<p>Request city documents for resolution planting trees arbor day.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/07/governor-newsom-issues-proclamation-declaring-arbor-day/</p> <p>https://www.cityofpasadena.net/mayor/from-the-mayors-desk/april-11-2022-pro</p> <p>http...</p>	Public Works	04/24/23	
8432	03/30/23	<p>Request all city documents for city council special meeting summit planing budget seeking each council members memos, white papers.</p> <p>Request all city documents for city council special meeting summit planing budget seeking from each administ...</p>	Finance City Manager	04/24/23	
8433	03/30/23	<p>Request all City document related to Edison street light poles city contracts to maintain, cost per resident for services, contact phone numbers from staff who over the contract as well as the name and phone number of Edison representative. Request...</p>	Public Works	04/24/23	

WEEKLY MEMO 4-13-2023

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

March 30, 2023 - April 5, 2023

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

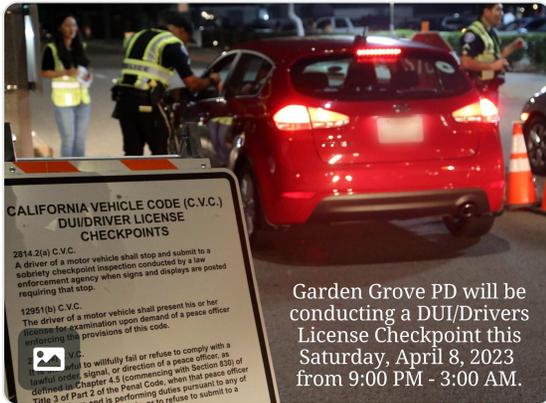
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Wed 4/5/2023 4:48 pm PDT

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification The Garden Grove Police Department will be conducting a...



Garden Grove PD will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint this Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 9:00 PM - 3:00 AM.

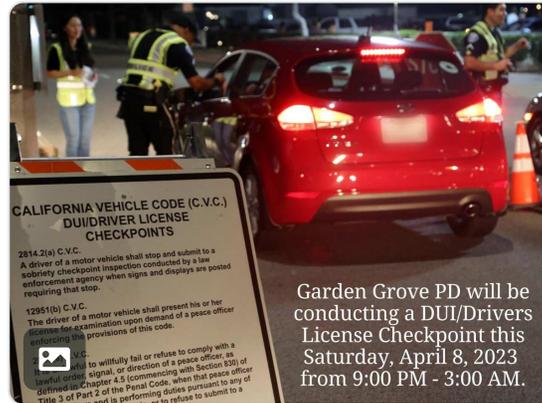
Impressions	1,150
Reach	1,090
Engagements	52
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%



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Wed 4/5/2023 4:47 pm PDT

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification @GardenGrovePD will be conducting a #DUICheckpoint this...



Garden Grove PD will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint this Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 9:00 PM - 3:00 AM.

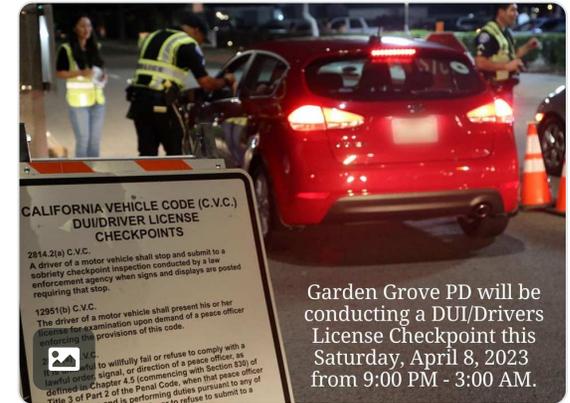
Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,652
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



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Wed 4/5/2023 4:46 pm PDT

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification The Garden Grove Police Department will be conducting a...



Garden Grove PD will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint this Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 9:00 PM - 3:00 AM.

Impressions	5,319
Reach	5,319
Engagements	433
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.1%



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Wed 4/5/2023 3:12 pm PDT

On this **#WaterWiseWednesday**, we're encouraging the community to pledge to conserve water on behalf of th...



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,652
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



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Wed 4/5/2023 3:12 pm PDT

On this **#WaterWiseWednesday**, we're encouraging the community to pledge to conserve water on behalf of the City as...



Impressions	490
Reach	459
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%



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Wed 4/5/2023 3:12 pm PDT

On this **#WaterWiseWednesday**, we're encouraging the community to pledge to conserve water on behalf of the City as...



Impressions	101
Reach	101
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4%



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Wed 4/5/2023 8:18 am PDT

☀️ Who's ready to have some fun in the sun at Garden Grove's summer Day Camp! Help your kiddos, ages 5 to 12, get the...



Impressions	139
Potential Reach	4,653
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5%



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Wed 4/5/2023 8:13 am PDT

Who's ready to have some fun in the sun at Garden Grove's summer Day Camp!☀️ We're ready for warmer weather and we...



Impressions	1,237
Reach	1,220
Engagements	53
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 4/5/2023 8:09 am PDT

Who's ready to have some fun in the sun at Garden Grove's summer Day Camp!☀️ We're ready for warmer weather and we...



Impressions	3,120
Reach	3,054
Engagements	489
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.7%



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Tue 4/4/2023 5:30 pm PDT

On 4/4, **@CalOptima**, in partnership with the City of Garden Grove and Healthcare in Action, held a press conference to discu...



Impressions	346
Potential Reach	4,654
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%



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Tue 4/4/2023 5:30 pm PDT

The mobile doctor's office will canvas the Garden Grove community to reach unhoused members and will provide...



Impressions	151
Potential Reach	4,654
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.6%



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Tue 4/4/2023 5:30 pm PDT

On Tuesday morning, @caloptima, in partnership with the City of Garden Grove and @healthcare.in.action, held a press...



Impressions	2,586
Reach	1,982
Engagements	185
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 4/4/2023 5:30 pm PDT

On Tuesday morning, CalOptima Health, in partnership with the City of Garden Grove and Healthcare in Action, held a press...



Impressions	898
Reach	800
Engagements	145
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	16.1%



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Mon 4/3/2023 12:54 pm PDT

Multi-family residents can now properly dispose of bulky items, such as appliances, E-waste, furniture, and similar large ite...



Impressions	2,648
Reach	2,398
Engagements	125
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 4/3/2023 12:44 pm PDT

Free bulk item pickup available to all single-family multi-family residents

- ✓ Each household receives up to three bulk items per calendar year and limited to up to 100 lbs per pickup at no cost.
- ✓ Multi-family residents should work with property management to determine the best location for pickup.

Please call **714.238.3300** to schedule a pickup.

Spanish Vietnamese

REPUBLIC SERVICES

Sustainability in Action

Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 4/3/2023 12:44 pm PDT

Multi-family residents can now properly dispose of bulky items, such as appliances, E-waste, furniture, and similar large ite...

BULK ITEM PICKUP NOW AVAILABLE

Free bulk item pickup is available to all single- and multi-family residents!

- ✓ Each household receives up to three bulky item pickup per calendar year and limited to up to 10 items per pickup at no cost.
- ✓ Multi-family residents should work with property management to determine the best location for pickup.

Please call **714.238.3300** to schedule a pickup.

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REPUBLIC SERVICES
Sustainability in Action

Impressions	3,980
Reach	3,900
Engagements	377
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 4/3/2023 9:16 am PDT

On Tuesday, April 4, from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m., eastbound Acacia Parkway (in front of Garden Grov...

Tomorrow, from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m., eastbound Acacia Parkway (in front of Garden Grove City Hall), will be closed from Euclid Street to Civic Center Drive.

GARDEN GROVE

Impressions	174
Potential Reach	4,685
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 4/3/2023 9:15 am PDT

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GARDEN GROVE

Impressions	2,369
Reach	2,354
Engagements	51
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



gardengrovecityhall

Sun 4/2/2023 11:02 am PDT

★ Last Tuesday, we proclaimed April as Arab American Heritage Month, commemorating the vast achievements...



Impressions	1,377
Reach	1,232
Engagements	45
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sun 4/2/2023 11:00 am PDT

★ Last Tuesday, we proclaimed April as Arab American Heritage Month, commemorating the vast achievements...



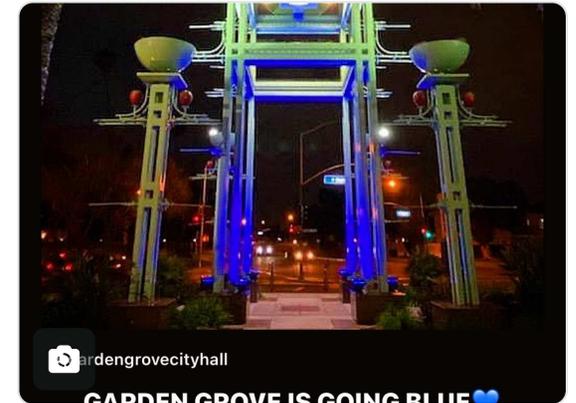
Impressions	590
Reach	580
Engagements	25
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



gardengrovecityhall

Fri 3/31/2023 6:19 pm PDT

GARDEN GROVE IS GOING BLUE 🇺🇸 🧩 In recognition of April is National Autism Awareness Month, the iconic Clock Towe...



Impressions	757
Reach	751
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	25



gardengrovecityhall

Fri 3/31/2023 4:18 pm PDT

GARDEN GROVE IS GOING BLUE 🇺🇸 🌱 In recognition of April is National Autism Awareness Month, the iconic Clock Towe...



Impressions	3,018
Reach	2,670
Engagements	305
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 3/31/2023 4:12 pm PDT

GARDEN GROVE IS GOING BLUE 🇺🇸 🌱 In recognition of April is National Autism Awareness Month, the iconic Clock Towe...



Impressions	919
Reach	896
Engagements	78
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 3/31/2023 12:25 pm PDT

The eastbound SR-22 #3 lane (right lane) from The City Drive to SR-57 will be closed tomorrow, April 1, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

[@CaltransOC](#)

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Impressions	177
Potential Reach	4,650
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%

G  **gardengrovecityhall**
 Fri 3/31/2023 8:07 am PDT

Residents can receive up to 60 gallons of nutrient-rich compost for free!



 @gardengrovecityhall
Residents can receive up to

Impressions	705
Reach	687
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	16

  **gardengrovecityhall**
 Fri 3/31/2023 8:05 am PDT

 Keep your gardens green , attend the annual FREE Compost Giveaway! 
 Saturday, April 1 | 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a....



Impressions	715
Reach	636
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%

  **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Fri 3/31/2023 8:01 am PDT

 Keep your gardens green , attend the annual FREE Compost Giveaway! 
 Saturday, April 1 | 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a....



Impressions	816
Reach	789
Engagements	31
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 3/30/2023 7:20 pm PDT

⚠️ Commuter Alert !! WB SR-22 off-ramp to Brookhurst Street will be closed tomorrow, March 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:...



Impressions	282
Potential Reach	4,686
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/30/2023 7:18 pm PDT

UPDATE: 3/31/23 at 12:25 p.m. The eastbound SR-22 #3 lane (right lane) from The City Drive to SR-57 will be closed...



Impressions	5,792
Reach	5,641
Engagements	221
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/30/2023 4:41 pm PDT

👉 You're invited to attend a free self-defense class led by by Ron Scolesdang, professional Muay Thai fighter with over ...

FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

H. Louis Lake Senior Center
11300 Stanford Avenue,
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Classes open to ages 18+

To register or volunteer, please visit seniorsfightback.com
Participants will receive a complimentary safety alarm and pepper spray

Impressions	1,978
Reach	1,907
Engagements	59
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%

G  **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 3/30/2023 10:13 am PDT



Impressions	502
Reach	498
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	60

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Thu 3/30/2023 8:37 am PDT

We're hiring: Instructor Guard \$17.50/hr & Lifeguard \$16/hr Police Records Specialist \$4059-\$5998/mo Sr Account Specialist...



Impressions	169
Potential Reach	4,653
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.1%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 3/30/2023 8:26 am PDT

 CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NOW HIRING
We're accepting applications for the following positions: - Instructor Guard...



Impressions	2,688
Reach	2,535
Engagements	73
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/30/2023 8:11 am PDT

👉 CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NOW HIRING
We're accepting applications for the following positions: - Instructor Guard...



Impressions	8,040
Reach	7,828
Engagements	475
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.9%



Post Performance

March 30, 2023 - April 5, 2023

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

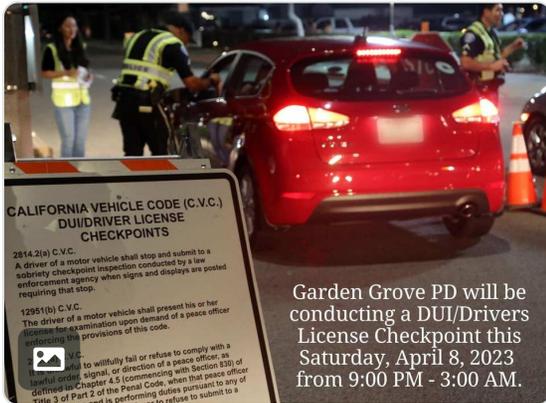
 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 4/5/2023 12:00 pm PDT

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification #GardenGrovePD will be conducting a #DUICheckpoint this...



Garden Grove PD will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint this Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 9:00 PM - 3:00 AM.

Impressions	7,349
Reach	7,349
Engagements	517
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sun 4/2/2023 12:00 pm PDT

April is #DistractedDrivingAwareness Month. When you're behind the wheel, please #JustDrive. Throughout this mont...



Video Views	284
Impressions	672
Reach	624
Engagements	65
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.7%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 4/1/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Outreach & Cleanup Recap: this week, #GardenGrovePD's Special Resource Team (SRT) collaborated with Be Well OC and ...



Impressions	2,765
Reach	2,685
Engagements	490
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	17.7%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 3/31/2023 9:15 pm PDT

***UPDATE (3/31/23, 11:35 PM): Missing person has just been LOCATED and will be reunited with his family. Thank you for...



Impressions	3,570
Reach	3,461
Engagements	247
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.9%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 3/31/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Are you a multi-tasker with exceptional customer service skills, and want to play an integral role in officer and citizen...



Impressions	2,267
Reach	2,225
Engagements	181
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 3/30/2023 12:00 pm PDT

We're closing out #WomensHistoryMonth with the last batch of past and present women of #GardenGrovePD. Civilians,...



Impressions	2,134
Reach	1,828
Engagements	362
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	17%

WEEKLY MEMO 4-13-2023

NEWS ARTICLES



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: Lisa Kim (714) 741-5140
Assistant City Manager /
Community & Economic Development Director

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, February 9, 2023



COMMUNITY INVITED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT WORKSHOP

The City of Garden Grove is hosting a free in-person Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Workshop to provide information on the City's upcoming ADU program. The workshop takes place on Wednesday, February 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

ADUs are independent living units attached or detached to a single-family home. The workshop will be an introduction to ADUs. Topics to be discussed are: different types of ADUs, the benefits of building ADUs, the development process, and the City's pre-approved ADU plans.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/planning/adu or contact Shawn Park, Senior Administrative Analyst at (714) 741-5371 or shawnp@ggcity.org.



We invite you to an in-person workshop to learn about the City of Garden Grove's upcoming Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program.

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023
6 - 8 pm**

Location

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92840

For more information visit
ggcity.org/planning/adu



Garden Grove Planning Services Division
(714) 741-5312





CONTACT: Dana Saucedo
Community Services Department
(714) 741-5242/danam@ggcity.org

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Thursday, February 9, 2023

**WIN FREE CLASS SESSION DURING CITY'S
PARKS AND RECREATION GUIDE INSTAGRAM GIVEAWAY**

The City of Garden Grove is hosting an Instagram giveaway for a free contract class session offered through the City's Winter/Spring 2023 Parks and Recreation Guide. The giveaway takes place from Monday, February 13 through Friday, February 17, from followers of the City's Instagram page, [@gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall). Contract classes include soccer and basketball skills and drills; line dancing; martial arts; and volleyball.

The Parks and Recreation Guide offers a multitude of programs, classes, and activities for residents and visitors. The guide provides a listing of youth sports and creative arts; adult activities and fitness; special events and more. Explore the guide at ggparksandrec.com, and sign up for the winter/spring session by April 2023.

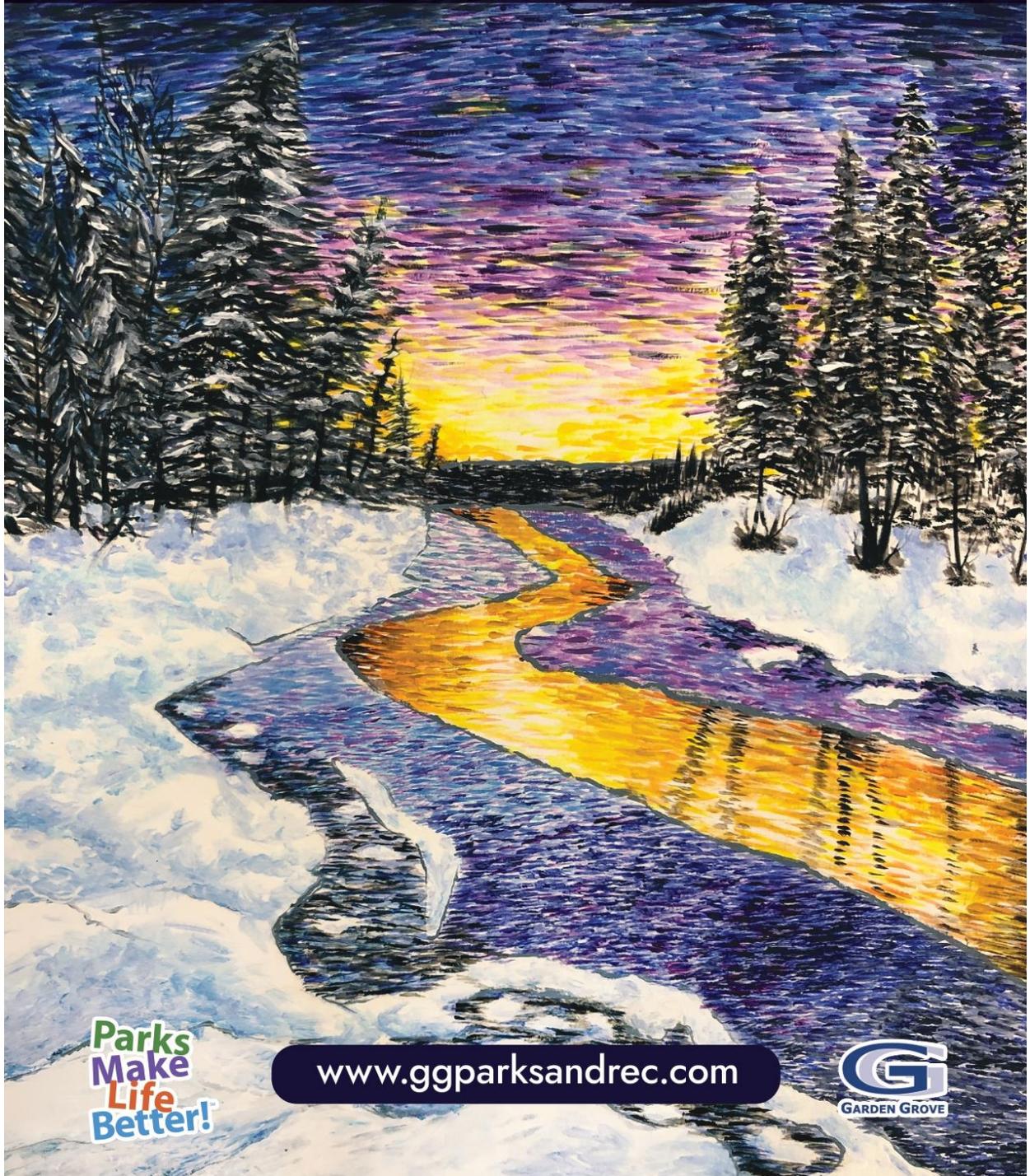
Users are invited to follow [@gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall) to participate in the giveaway. One participant will be chosen from the City's Instagram page. Instagram followers will have opportunities to win more prizes through other upcoming social media giveaways and more.

For more information, visit ggparksandrec.com or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

Garden Grove

PARKS & RECREATION GUIDE

Winter/Spring 2023



Parks
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Public Information Officer
anap@ggcity.org

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Monday, February 13, 2023



CITY SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 2023 GARDEN GROVE COLLEGE GRADUATES' RECEPTION

Local businesses and organizations that are interested in supporting higher education in the community are encouraged to become a sponsor for the annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception in May 2023. Sponsorships begin at \$300.

Last year, thanks to the support of generous sponsors, the City of Garden Grove recognized nearly 40 local graduates during the reception and awarded over \$5,000 in cash and prizes. This year's event invites sponsoring businesses and organizations to honor Garden Grove residents for their accomplishments in higher education and encourage them to build their professional careers here in Garden Grove.

Sponsorship benefits include an invitation to attend the 2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, mentions in various marketing outlets, including City publications, website, and social media.

Sponsorship levels include a Master's Sponsorship of \$1,000+; Bachelor's Sponsorship of \$500+; and an Associates' Sponsorship of \$300+. In-kind donations are also welcomed. Visit ggcity.org/grads to fill out a sponsorship form.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at communityrelations@ggcity.org or (714) 741-5280.



Recognize the Value

— OF AN —

EDUCATED WORKFORCE

Join local businesses as a corporate sponsor of the

2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception



Sponsorships begin at \$300.
ggcity.org/grads

College Graduates' Reception Sponsorship

MAY 2023

The City of Garden Grove is offering a unique opportunity for businesses and organizations to honor local college graduates while gaining valuable exposure. All sponsors are invited to the event.

Master's Sponsorship \$1,000+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases and social media
- Recognition at event
- Logo on promotional flyer
- Logo on invitation

Bachelor's Sponsorship \$500+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases
- Logo on promotional flyer

Associates Sponsorship \$300+

- Logo on City website
- Logo on promotional flyer

Company or Organization:

Representative:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

Social Media Handle(s):

Please complete and email form to communityrelations@ggcity.org or call (714) 741-5280. Sponsors must provide logo of at least 300 dpi quality. Electronic form is available at ggcity.org/grads.

Payment:

Make checks payable to the Garden Grove Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Mail or deliver payment by Monday, March 20, 2023 to:

City of Garden Grove
Attn: Office of Community Relations
11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840





CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Community & Economic Development
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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE SOCIAL CHALLENGE

The City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Unified School District invite local high school students, 10th-12th grades, to participate in the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, aimed at supporting local small businesses. Students are invited to create a 30- to 60-second "foodie" video at a Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café of their choice, and submit their original work online, at ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove, by Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Submissions will be showcased on the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram and TikTok, @foodsofgardengrove. All participants will be entered into an opportunity drawing to win a \$100 gift card. Three winners will be chosen at random.

Videos must be the original work of the student and feature one of the Foods of Garden Grove businesses. Videos must be uploaded without music or voice over. Choice of music and voice over can be indicated in the submission form.

The social challenge is part of the City's Foods of Garden Grove program showcasing the city's vibrant food culture through a prominent list of 150 select eateries. Through the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, students can create a unique "foodie" experience featuring their favorite meals and beverages.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove or email foodies@ggcity.org.



FOODS OF
GARDEN GROVE

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

ARE YOU A FOODIE?

Create a 30- to 60-second foodie video at your favorite Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Participants must be Garden Grove Unified School District high school students, 10th -12th grades.

Videos submitted may be used on the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram and TikTok platforms.

Learn more at ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 23, 2023

 @foodsofgardengrove

 @foodsofgardengrove



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CONTACT: John Montanez
Community Services Department
(714) 741-5200/johnmo@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, April 3, 2023



HAVE FUN IN THE SUN AT GARDEN GROVE'S DAY CAMP

Garden Grove youth, ages 5 to 12, are invited to the 2023 "Fun in the Sun" Garden Grove Day Camp, a 9-week summer program filled with outdoor activities and excursions. The program runs Mondays through Fridays, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., June 12 through August 11, at Edgar Park, located at 12781 Topaz Street. Camp registration begins on Monday, April 10 at ggcity.org/daycamp.

A complete listing of camp weeks, excursions, and fees follows:

- June 12-June 16, John's Incredible Pizza (lunch included), \$150
- June 19-June 23, Discovery Cube/Garden Grove Park, \$150
- June 26-June 30, Knott's Berry Farm (lunch included), \$191
- July 3-July 7, Medieval Times (lunch included), \$150
- July 10-July 14, AMC Theater/Dave & Buster's, \$178
- July 17-July 21, Disneyland, \$240
- July 24-July 28, Aquarium of the Pacific, \$165
- July 31-August 4, Knott's Soak City (lunch included), \$179
- August 7-August 11, Boomers (lunch included), \$177

Camp costs include weekly excursions, refreshments, a T-shirt, and participation in daily activities and games. Participants may sign up for the entire 9-week program or on a week-by-week basis.

On Friday, July 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Garden Grove Day Camp will host a special after-camp event, "Kids Night Out, Parents Night Off." Cost to participate is \$15 per child.

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Have Fun in the Sun at Garden Grove's Day Camp 2-2-2

Teens, ages 13 to 17, interested in gaining leadership, problem solving and team building skills, while creating lasting friendships, are invited to become Counselors-in-Training during the 2023 Garden Grove Day Camp. Counselors-in-Training participate in all activities and excursions for a fee of \$60 per week, with the exception of the Disneyland excursion which is \$110. To apply, email danam@ggcity.org or visit the 1st floor recreation counter in City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, by Thursday, May 4.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/daycamp or call (714) 741-5200.







CONTACT:
Mark Ladney
Garden Grove Public Works Department
(714) 741-5372/markla@ggcity.org

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Friday, March 31, 2023

**FREE BULKY ITEM PICKUP SERVICES
NOW AVAILABLE TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTS**

Multi-family residents can now properly dispose of bulky items, such as appliances, E-waste, furniture, and similar large items for free through Republic Services' free bulky item pickup program. Each unit of a multi-family property receives up to three pickups per calendar year and up to 10 items per pickup. To schedule a bulky item pickup with Republic Services, call (714) 238-3300.

Multi-family residents should work with their property management to determine the best location for pickups. Items must not exceed 200 pounds and should not require special loading equipment, such as a forklift.

Residents may also rid their household of unwanted and unused items for free by attending the Garden Grove Sanitary District and Republic Services remaining community cleanup days scheduled through May 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Dates and locations are:

- April 8, Garden Grove Unified School District, at 10331 Stanford Avenue
- April 22, Garden Grove Municipal Service Center, at 13802 Newhope Street
- May 13, Skylark Elementary, at 11250 Mac Murray Street (rescheduled from February 25)

Dates and locations are subject to change. Regularly check the City's website at ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

**BULK ITEM PICKUP
NOW AVAILABLE**



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Free bulk item pickup is available to all single- and multi-family residents!

- ✓ Each household receives up to three bulky item pickups per calendar year and limited to up to 10 items per pickup at no cost.
- ✓ Multi-family residents should work with property management to determine the best location for pickups.

Please call **714.238.3300** to schedule a pickup.



Spanish



Vietnamese



Korean



Sustainability in Action



Contact: Dana Saucedo (714) 741-5242
Community Services Department
danam@ggcity.org

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Tuesday, April 11, 2023



NOMINATE YOUR HOME FOR A CHANCE TO WIN HOME DEPOT GIFT CARD

Nominations for the City of Garden Grove's home beautification program, Garden Grove Gems, take place now through Friday, April 28. From all of the nominations received, four will be selected at random to receive \$100 Home Depot gift cards. To nominate your home, complete an online application and photo submission through the Garden Grove Gems webpage at ggcity.org/gems.

To self-nominate your home, applicants must:

- Reside in, or own the nominated home.
- Include their complete address in the online application form for verification purposes.
- Submit one (1) photo of their home in a JPG, PNG, or PDF format. Photo must be taken after January 1, 2023 and cannot be digitally enhanced or altered.

Nominated homes will be categorized by each of the City's six districts, and featured on the Garden Grove Gems webpage at ggcity.org/gems during the online voting period of Monday, May 8 through Sunday, May 21.

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Nominate Your Home for a Chance to Win Home Depot Gift Card
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The home with the highest number of votes, along with a second-place runner up, will be determined for each district. All winners will be announced during the week of May 29, 2023 through the City's website, social media platforms, and local media.

For more information, program guidelines, and online application, visit ggcity.org/gems or call (714) 741-5200.



Save the Date

Garden Grove Gems is a virtual home beautification program recognizing Garden Grove residents for their amazing homes.

*Nominate your home
online to participate!*



Nominations

**MONDAY, APRIL 10 –
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

Participating residents will
nominate themselves.

Voting

**MONDAY, MAY 8 –
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**

Community will vote online
for one home per District.

visit ggcity.org/gems for more details.





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CALOPTIMA HEALTH PARTNERS WITH HEALTHCARE IN ACTION TO LAUNCH FIRST STREET MEDICINE PROGRAM IN GARDEN GROVE

*Comprehensive Care for People Experiencing Homelessness
Available Through Expanded Medi-Cal Benefits*

ORANGE, Calif. (April 4, 2023) — CalOptima Health, in partnership with the City of Garden Grove and Healthcare in Action, launched Orange County’s first street medicine program on April 1 to deliver comprehensive health care to individuals experiencing homelessness.

This partnership with Healthcare in Action, a first-of-its-kind medical group that provides health care and other services to unhoused individuals through a street medicine model, demonstrates CalOptima Health’s ongoing commitment to providing access, improving health outcomes and building relationships that result in secure housing for unhoused Orange County residents.

As Orange County’s Medi-Cal plan serving low-income populations, CalOptima Health pursued the program based on the recognition that housing is health. Through a contract, Healthcare in Action will deliver primary care to up to 200 CalOptima Health members using a medical van to canvas the Garden Grove community and reach members living in parks, under freeways and other unsheltered spaces. Services will include primary care, behavioral health and case management but also the expanded whole-person care resources now available through CalAIM, a state initiative offering a new set of Medi-Cal benefits that includes housing services.

“As Supervisor for the Second District and a CalOptima Health Board member, I am happy to see the launch of the first-of-its-kind street medicine program in our county, offering personalized medical care to vulnerable and hard-to-reach community members,” said Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento. “This program stands out for its emphasis on a comprehensive patient-centered approach, which involves meeting individuals at their specific location, addressing all aspects of their well-being and enhancing their quality of life.”

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“CalOptima Health street medicine is different than other programs,” said Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Executive Director, Medi-Cal/CalAIM. “Members are assigned to Healthcare in Action’s providers and can rely on them just like other patients do with their doctors in ‘brick-and-mortar’ locations. We want to foster long-term connections and trust that lead to ongoing medical care and expanded social support. This is not just urgent care on the streets — it’s so much more.”

In November 2022, CalOptima Health’s Board of Directors approved the selection of Healthcare in Action based on its experience, capacity, and ability to launch the street medicine program in the desired timeframe. Funding of \$4 million will support operations for two years, and the unique managed care model will then be sustained after the initial two years through State Medi-Cal reimbursement. The program is the latest in a longstanding effort by CalOptima Health’s Board to provide funding and innovations that address local homeless health needs. In March 2023, the Board awarded \$29.9 million in community grants to organizations serving the population, with \$21 million going toward 400 permanent supportive housing units. CalOptima Health’s overarching goal is to reduce health disparities across the county.

“Healthcare in Action is proud to partner with CalOptima Health and support their commitment to unhoused members,” said Michael Hochman, M.D., CEO of Healthcare in Action. “Since our inception in 2022, we have seen the success of approaching the homelessness crisis through the lens of health care. Through our unique ‘street based’ model, we are able to provide sustainable, primary care addressing the complex medical and social needs of this population, and we look forward to bringing that to individuals in the City of Garden Grove.”

The Garden Grove program will deploy two teams that do complementary work. A medical team with a physician assistant and registered nurse will provide primary care and clinical management, and a peer navigator team with two staff who have lived experience will offer supportive services and community resources.

“Garden Grove is proud to be the first Orange County city to provide this very unique medical outreach program to our homeless community, in partnership with CalOptima Health and Healthcare in Action,” said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones. “Our street medicine program complements a number of other programs Garden Grove has proactively implemented, and will continue doing, to achieve beneficial solutions to homelessness.”

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About CalOptima Health

A county-organized health system, CalOptima Health provides publicly funded health care coverage for low-income children, adults, seniors, and people with disabilities in Orange County, California. CalOptima Health’s mission is to serve member health with excellence and dignity, respecting the value and needs of each person. CalOptima Health serves nearly 977,000 members with a network of more than 9,400 primary care doctors and specialists and 45 acute and rehab hospitals. For more information, visit www.caloptima.org.

About Healthcare in Action

Healthcare in Action (HIA) is a new medical group that combines managed care with “street medicine,” providing health care services to people where they are. To date, HIA’s interdisciplinary mobile teams serve more than 1,000 patients in six counties across Northern and Southern California. Healthcare in Action was launched in 2022 by the SCAN Group, a mission-driven organization that is tackling some of the biggest issues in health care for older adults. Since 2020, SCAN has launched three mission-aligned medical groups, including Healthcare in Action, Welcome Health and MyPlace Health (a joint venture with CCA), each of which focuses on meeting the needs of older adults. Additionally, in 2022 SCAN acquired The Residentialist Group, now known as HomeBase Medical, to support chronic disease management and palliative care for older adults in the home. SCAN Health Plan, which is part of SCAN Group, is one of the nation’s foremost not-for-profit Medicare Advantage plans, serving more than 285,000 members in California, Arizona, Nevada and Texas. For more information, visit HealthcareInAction.org and TheSCANGroup.org.

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Thursday, April 6, 2023

GARDEN GROVE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Garden Grove Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs by participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Bring your pills for disposal to the Garden Grove Police Department located at 11301 Acacia Pkwy, 92842. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last October, Americans turned in 342 tons (over 647,163 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,900 sites operated by the DEA and its state and local law enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies have shown that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

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Garden Grove to Participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
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In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 22 Take Back Day event, go to the www.DEATakeBack.com.



**DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK**

**Saturday,
April 22
10AM – 2PM**



The image features a promotional graphic for the DEA National Rx Take Back event. On the left, the logo consists of the text "DEA NATIONAL" in blue with a red "Rx" symbol, and "TAKEBACK" in white on a red and blue background. Below the logo, the date and time "Saturday, April 22, 10AM – 2PM" are displayed in blue. On the right, a yellow pill bottle is tipped over, spilling several red and blue capsules onto a white surface.

The image features a white background with a central graphic. At the top, the text "DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK" is displayed. "DEA NATIONAL" is in blue, "Rx" is in red, and "TAKEBACK" is in white on a red and blue pill-shaped background. Below the logo, a yellow pill bottle is tipped over, with several red and blue capsules scattered on the surface.

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK

**Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.**

**Saturday, April 22
10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.



Got Drugs?

National Take Back Event

Saturday, April 22

10 AM - 2 PM

Bring your expired and/or unwanted medication
to the Garden Grove Police Department
for safe disposal.





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Wednesday, April 5, 2023

**TAKE THE PLEDGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION DURING THE 2023
WYLAND NATIONAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE**

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones is joining mayors across the country in the 2023 Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation to promote water quality and water resource sustainability. The challenge, presented by the Wyland Foundation, is an annual non-profit national community service campaign that recruits leaders to encourage their residents to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution, and save energy during the month of April. From now until April 30, 2023, Garden Grove residents can pledge to conserve water on behalf of the city at www.mywaterpledge.com.

The cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category have a chance to win hundreds of eco-friendly prizes and the grand prize of \$3,000 toward one resident's home utility bills. The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is also partnering with the Wyland Foundation to offer a breakaway competition exclusively for Orange County residents. The Orange County city with the highest participation in MWDOC's service area will receive a visit from the state-of-the-art Wyland Clean Water Mobile Learning Experience (MLE).

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2-2-2 TAKE THE PLEDGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION DURING THE 2023 WYLAND NATIONAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE

"The City of Garden Grove recognizes that water is one of the most important natural resources on the planet, and its sustainability is instrumental in maintaining the quality of life in our community. Now more than ever, we must continue our water conservation efforts and encourage others to do the same. Join me in participating in the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation by pledging to conserve water," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones.

For more information and to take the pledge, visit www.mywaterpledge.com. For more information about the MWDOC breakaway competition, visit <https://bit.ly/415JtNQ>. To learn about the City's water-saving tips, conservation regulations, and conservation rebates, visit www.ggcity.org/drought.

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Post Performance

April 6, 2023 - April 12, 2023

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

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Wed 4/12/2023 4:00 pm PDT

Looking for more ways to be water-wise on [#WaterWiseWednesday](#)? 💧 For water-saving tips and to take the pledge for...



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,655
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



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Wed 4/12/2023 4:00 pm PDT

Looking for more ways to be water-wise on [#WaterWiseWednesday](#)? We've got you covered! 🧼 Wash your dishes by hand i...



Impressions	580
Reach	538
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 4/12/2023 4:00 pm PDT

Looking for more ways to be water-wise on [#WaterWiseWednesday](#)? We've got you covered! 🧼 Wash your dishes by hand i...



Impressions	156
Reach	156
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



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Wed 4/12/2023 1:24 pm PDT

! #DYK that in California, nearly 20,000 individuals are in need of a kidney transplant and over 600,000 units of blo...



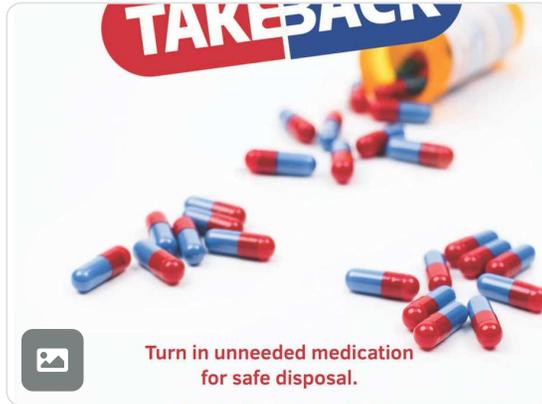
Impressions	122
Reach	122
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 4/12/2023 10:49 am PDT

It's that time of the year again to clean out your medicine cabinets! The @GardenGrovePD in conjunction with t...



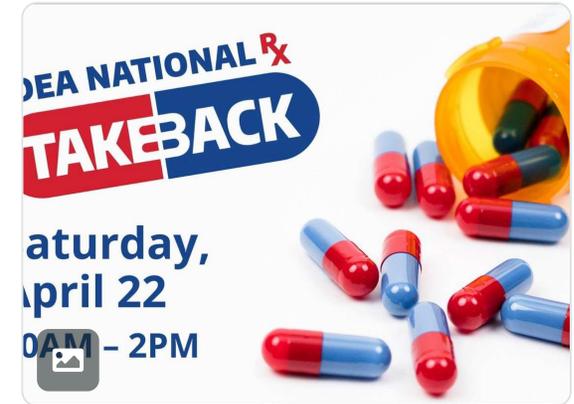
Impressions	69
Potential Reach	4,686
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13%



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Wed 4/12/2023 10:45 am PDT

It's that time of the year again to clean out your medicine cabinets! The @gardengrovepd in conjunction with the...



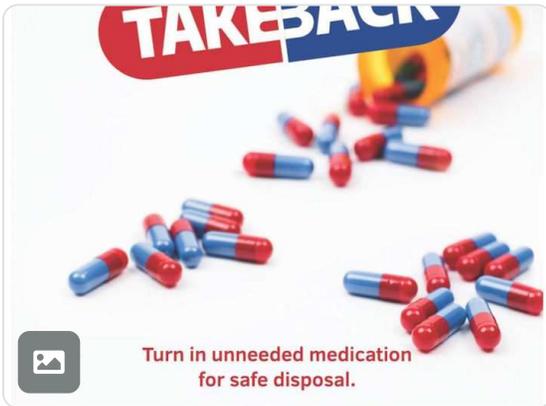
Impressions	423
Reach	393
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 4/12/2023 10:45 am PDT

It's that time of the year again to clean out your medicine cabinets! The Garden Grove Police Department in conjunction with th...



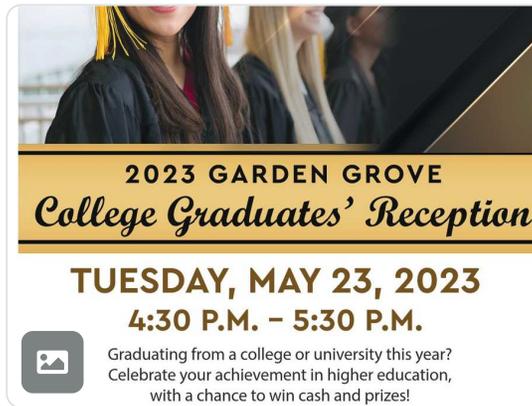
Impressions	191
Reach	191
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 4/11/2023 5:20 pm PDT

We want to recognize **#GardenGrove** college graduates like YOU! As you're gearing up for graduation season, take a...



Impressions	153
Potential Reach	4,654
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



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Tue 4/11/2023 5:15 pm PDT

We want to recognize **#GardenGrove** college graduates like YOU! As you're gearing up for graduation season, take a...



Impressions	920
Reach	860
Engagements	26
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%

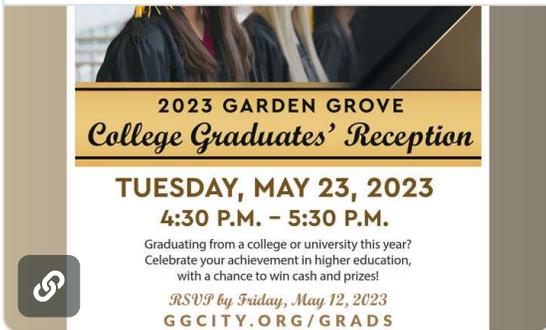


Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 4/11/2023 5:15 pm PDT

We want to recognize #GardenGrove college graduates like YOU! As you're gearing up for graduation season, take a...

2023 Garden Grove College Grad...



Post Link Clicks	19
Impressions	1,929
Reach	1,730
Engagements	114
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.9%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 4/11/2023 2:16 pm PDT

Thank you for all your work protecting and serving the community! **#GG1956 #GGPD32 #GardenGrove...**



Impressions	106
Potential Reach	4,654
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 4/11/2023 2:16 pm PDT

Happy #NationalPetDay from our furry friends to yours! 🐶 Today, we want to recognize Garden Grove Police...



Impressions	187
Potential Reach	4,654
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%



gardengrovecityhall

Tue 4/11/2023 2:16 pm PDT

🐾 Happy #NationalPetDay from our furry friends to yours! 🐾 Today, we want to recognize @gardengrovepd's K9s Nellie,...



Impressions	936
Reach	759
Engagements	80
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 4/11/2023 2:16 pm PDT

🐾 Happy #NationalPetDay from our furry friends to yours! 🐾 Today, we want to recognize Garden Grove Police...



Impressions	2,724
Reach	2,674
Engagements	236
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.7%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 4/10/2023 4:30 pm PDT

From D-I-Y to B-I-N-G-O, here's what the local #GardenGrove libraries have in store for you in April! ➡️ Swipe to check...



Impressions	252
Potential Reach	4,653
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.2%



gardengrovecityhall

Mon 4/10/2023 4:30 pm PDT

From D-I-Y to B-I-N-G-O, here's what the local #GardenGrove libraries have in store for you in April! ➡️ Swipe to check out th...



Impressions	1,207
Reach	834
Engagements	47
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 4/10/2023 4:30 pm PDT

From D-I-Y to B-I-N-G-O, here's what the local #GardenGrove libraries have in store for you in April! ➡️ Swipe to check out th...



Impressions	2,686
Reach	2,118
Engagements	106
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 4/10/2023 12:16 pm PDT

April is #DistractedDrivingAwareness Month. When you're behind the wheel, please #JustDrive. The Garden Grove...



Video Views	102
Impressions	222
Reach	217
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 4/7/2023 1:30 pm PDT

Message from the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District - #DiseaseAlert
 ! There have been more human cases ...

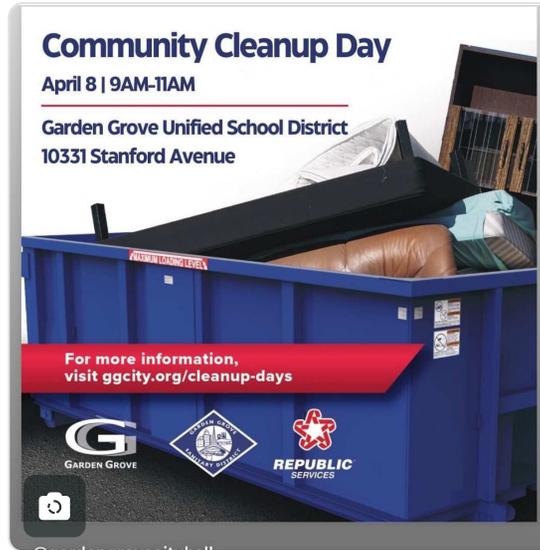


Impressions	674
Reach	638
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%



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Fri 4/7/2023 8:22 am PDT



Impressions	669
Reach	653
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	5



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Fri 4/7/2023 8:22 am PDT

It's time to clear out the old, so you can welcome the new! Declutter your home and bring those unwanted and unused...



Impressions	1,293
Reach	1,191
Engagements	29
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 4/7/2023 8:17 am PDT

It's time to clear out the old, so you can welcome the new! Declutter your home and bring those unwanted and unused...



Impressions	496
Reach	473
Engagements	39
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 4/6/2023 4:13 pm PDT

Save the date, #GardenGrove! The community is invited to attend the free Fair Housing Workshop, hosted by the Fa...



Impressions	2,124
Reach	2,085
Engagements	92
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 4/6/2023 4:01 pm PDT

On Wednesday, April 26, at 8:00 a.m., join us on National Denim Day , a day of action and awareness, by wearing jeans and participating in a group photo by the oversized Adirondack chairs at Civic Center Park, at the cross streets of Acacia Parkway and Euclid Street. [#gg1956](#)



Impressions	168
Potential Reach	4,651
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Thu 4/6/2023 4:01 pm PDT

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
We're shining light on the 22nd anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness...



Impressions	330
Potential Reach	4,651
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Thu 4/6/2023 12:43 pm PDT

Spring is an excellent time to make updates to your lawn & garden! This weekend, take time to spruce-up the...



Impressions	173
Potential Reach	4,651
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 4/6/2023 12:38 pm PDT

🏡Spring is an excellent time to make home renovations and updates to your lawn and garden! This weekend, take ti...



Impressions	734
Reach	693
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Thu 4/6/2023 12:33 pm PDT

🏡 Spring is an excellent time to make home renovations and updates to your lawn and garden! This weekend, take ti...



Impressions	1,546
Reach	1,512
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 4/6/2023 8:19 am PDT



Impressions	657
Reach	657
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	5

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 4/6/2023 8:18 am PDT

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
We're shining light on the 22nd anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness...



Impressions	843
Reach	801
Engagements	35
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 4/6/2023 8:17 am PDT

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
We're shining light on the 22nd
anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness...



Impressions	454
Reach	429
Engagements	31
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.8%



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Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

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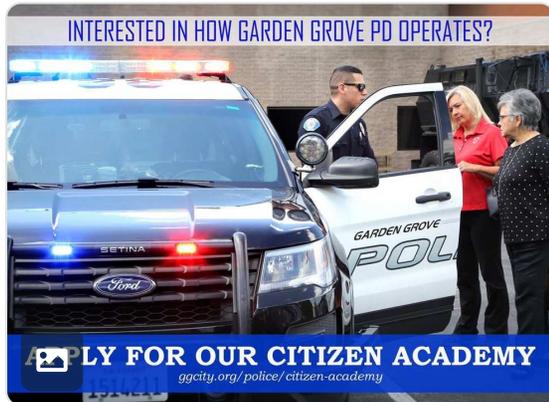
 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 4/12/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Do you live or work in #GardenGrove and have an interest in how your police department operates? Join our upcomin...



Impressions	346
Reach	346
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 4/11/2023 6:00 pm PDT

Last year we had fun, but this year, our goal was to mug. Mission accomplished! Members of #GardenGrovePD recently...



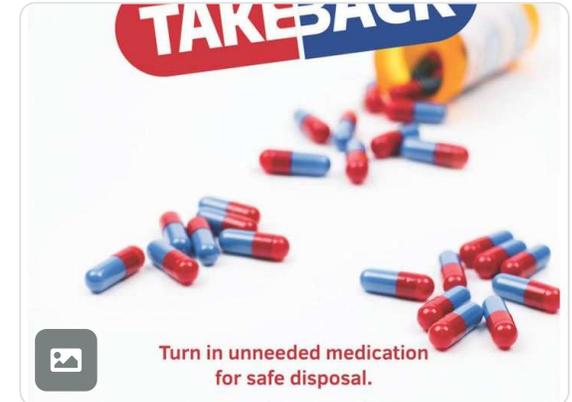
Impressions	4,041
Reach	3,934
Engagements	822
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	20.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 4/11/2023 12:00 pm PDT

It's that time of the year again to clean out your medicine cabinets. #GardenGrovePD in conjunction with the Drug Enforceme...



Impressions	541
Reach	540
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 4/10/2023 6:00 pm PDT

In an effort to educate the public, reduce collisions, and take impaired drivers off #GardenGrove streets, over the holiday...



Impressions	1,711
Reach	1,711
Engagements	174
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 4/10/2023 8:00 am PDT

Happy #NationalTelecommunicatorsWeek to the men and women who are the voices behind our badges, 24/7/365. You are...



Impressions	2,428
Reach	2,428
Engagements	201
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 4/8/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Outreach & Cleanup Recap: during the month of March, #GardenGrovePD's Special Resource Team (SRT) conducted...



Impressions	2,102
Reach	2,071
Engagements	392
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	18.6%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 4/7/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Are you a #GardenGrove teen who's curious about how a police department works? Our Teen Citizen Academy will gi...



Impressions	1,222
Reach	1,178
Engagements	64
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 4/6/2023 12:01 pm PDT

#DidYouKnow, #GardenGrovePD
Dispatchers answer an average of 3668 calls a week? The top three types of call...



Impressions	2,135
Reach	2,082
Engagements	134
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%



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Thursday, April 13, 2023



SENIOR KING AND QUEEN TO BE HONORED AT STRAWBERRY BALL

On Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the City of Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host the 46th Annual Strawberry Ball, a celebration honoring the new Strawberry Ball King and Queen. The event will be at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue. Tickets are \$15 per senior and include event entry, dinner, dessert, beverages, and live music.

Recognizing the spirit of volunteerism, the event will honor the 2023 Strawberry Ball King, Howard Whittaker, and Strawberry Ball Queen, Arlene Martin. Whittaker and Martin will receive the Senior Volunteer of the Year awards for their dedication to volunteerism with a number of local organizations, including the Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1952 and the Assistance League of Garden Grove.

Advanced reservations are required. To purchase tickets in-person by Monday, May 15, contact 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 Thursday.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/seniorcenter.

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The City of Garden Grove presents the 46th Annual

Strawberry Ball 2023

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Community Meeting Center

Butterfield AB Room

11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m.

Introduction of the 2023 Strawberry Ball King & Queen

Senior Volunteers of the Year

\$15.00 per person

(Includes dinner, desserts & entertainment)

Advance reservations required

RSVP by May 18, 2023

tickets available at

H. Louis Lake Senior Center

11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove

(714) 741-5253



OC Register
April 4, 2023

Street medicine pilot launches in Garden Grove

The program brings medical care workers directly to folks experiencing homelessness



Visitors look at the mobile doctor's office during its introduction in Garden Grove, CA on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The mobile medical unit is a partnership between CalOptima Health, the City of Garden Grove and Healthcare in Action. (Photo by Paul Bersebach, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By **DESTINY TORRES** | dtorres@scng.com |

PUBLISHED: April 4, 2023 at 5:06 p.m. | UPDATED: April 4, 2023 at 5:14 p.m.

Health care providers are taking to the streets of Garden Grove armed with a “doctor’s office on wheels” to bring medical assistance to homeless people where they are at – including primary care, but also behavioral health services and case management.

The street medicine program is being organized by the county’s provider of publicly funded health coverage, [CalOptima Health](#), in partnership with the city of Garden Grove and Healthcare in Action, a medical group that provides health care and other services to unhoused individuals. Through a \$4 million, two-year contract, Healthcare in Action will deliver care to up to 200 CalOptima members using a medical van to reach those living in parks, under freeways and elsewhere on the streets.

“This program focused on bringing supportive health care and social services for our [homeless community](#) is a model of dedicated teamwork, outside-the-box thinking and passion for serving those in need,” Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones said during a press conference on Tuesday. Along with being mobile, the program uses a “people-centric” approach, said Benjamin Kaska, Healthcare in Action’s director of clinical operations.

“There’s a barrier to care,” Kaska said for people who are dealing with homelessness. “When you go to a doctor’s office, you’re expected to arrive on time, have all your paperwork organized, I.D., your payment. In this environment, you remove those barriers. We come out and provide the care directly to them, wherever they’re located.”

A large percentage of folks experiencing homelessness are in “survival mode,” prioritizing where their next meal will come from, where they will sleep and taking care of their belongings, said Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima’s executive director of Medi-Cal/CalAIM.

“Clearly, health care needs come secondary to that,” Bruno-Nelson said. “It’s not that folks on the street don’t care about their health, it’s that they can’t prioritize it because they have to prioritize basic needs that those of us who are housed don’t have to prioritize.”

Deploying will be a medical team with a physician assistant and registered nurse, who will provide primary care and clinical management, and a “peer navigator” team with a social worker and an individual with lived experience, who will be offering supportive services and community resources.

The peer navigator team will approach people on the street to make connections and see what help they need; once someone engages with the program, Healthcare in Action will function as their primary care physician and visit on a regular basis, Bruno-Nelson said.

“We feel very strongly about, when it comes to street medicine, unlike the traditional health care system, it’s rapport first, and then care second,” she said. “If you can’t build rapport with those that you’re serving, you won’t be able to provide the care. So, you have to have folks on your team who know what it feels like to be unhoused. Lived experience is very important.”

Challenges the teams will face include locating their patients and providing medications, because most pharmacies require a form of identification, according to Kaska.

“Some of the barriers that we’ve tried to avoid still exist within other areas, and we try our very best to navigate those waters and provide the care despite the barrier,” he said. “Some of our teammates, for instance, will go and will pick up the medication for the patient and deliver it back to them, which is time intensive, but it matters.”

Kaska said locating unhoused patients is easier with the help of those who know the community best, including local law enforcement. Also, patients can be given a cellphone or a GPS tracker if they’re willing.

After six months of running the street medicine program in Garden Grove, the goal is to expand to other cities throughout the county, according to Bruno-Nelson.

[CalOptima CEO](#) Michael Hunn said the county organized health system's entry into providing street medicine is one of the many programs in the relatively new state initiative, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal, or CalAIM. The state Department of Health Care Services launched the multiyear health program to strengthen Medi-Cal by integrating in other social services.

"We're taking (CalAIM) seriously," Hunn said. "The impetus for this, and us expanding into it, is to be that health plan that takes the health and – as this van says – puts it in action."

In his years working in health care, Michael Hochman, CEO of Healthcare in Action, said he has never seen so many community entities joining together to address homelessness.

"This is the first time in 20 years that I have seen around the table city leaders, county leaders, law enforcement, EMS, fire, health plans, community organizations; it's really an incredible testament to Hunn and his team at CalOptima and the city of Garden Grove to pull this together," Hochman said. "I applaud them not just for being ambitious with the goal of making a dent in homelessness in Garden Grove, but in the holistic approach."

The Tribune
April 4, 2023

‘House calls’ for the homeless



MICHAEL HUNN, CEO of Cal Optima Health, speaking in front of Garden Grove City Hall.
By Jim Tortolano/Orange County Tribune

House calls by doctors are a thing of the past, but “house”calls for the un-housed may be the next big thing in coping with the homeless crisis in Orange County.

A new approach to “street medicine” that will be pioneered in the Big Strawberry was unveiled Tuesday in front of Garden Grove City Hall. Representatives of CalOptima Health, city and county officials revealed plans – already underway – for the Healthcare in Action project which seek to bring health care to the unsheltered and also help put them on the path to no longer being homeless.



INSIDE the Healthcare in Action van.

The operation will utilize a van that is a mobile doctor's office and a team that includes physician assistants, a registered nurse, "peer" navigators and a care manager.

Kelly Bruno-Nelson, executive director of MediCal/CalAIM, explains how the process will work.

"This programming is using a canvassing approach," she said. "Care teams of two people – one individual that is a social worker and one with lived experience – literally canvass the streets. And so, working with the police department, we know the hot spots in the city. They literally go out and introduce themselves. Rapport first, care second."

"They tell them [homeless persons] about the program and ask them if they'd like to be a part of it. Other 'street medicine' programs will set up in a park or a shelter, and while those programs are important, that's not genuine street medicine because we still require the person to come to us. This is us coming to the people."

The care teams will have a case load and visit their clients weekly and sometimes twice a week, said Bruno-Nelson, "to see if they need help with housing, with doctor's appointments, things like that."

Speakers at the press conference included Orange County Supervisor (Second District) Vincente Sarmiento, Micheal Hunn (CEO of Cal Optima Health), Bruno-Nelson, Health Care in Action CEO Michael Hochman and Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and City Manager Lisa Kim.

The Tribune
April 7, 2023

Housing project before council

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON APRIL 7, 2023 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



GARDEN GROVE City Hall (OC Tribune photo).

Action to clear the way for an improved 78-unit affordable housing project goes before the Garden Grove City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

The council will be asked to approve a preliminary award letter to New Tamerlane LLC to implement the substantial rehabilitation and “reset” of the project on Tamerlane Lane west of Harbor Boulevard and between Lampson and Chapman Avenues.

Garden Grove had been assisting the original Tamerlane Associates in assembling 15 multi-family properties. In 2022 that organization sold the properties to New Tamerlane, and in order

to modernize them, the new owner is seeking tax credit and a loan which would amount to \$12.5 million for a term of 58 years.

New Tamerlane will be responsible for renovation, interiors and exteriors of all 15 buildings and 78 units. Work would include new paint, fixtures, flooring, etc.

According to a staff report, the new operators intend to add new amenities such as a playground and art.

Also on the agenda is a resolution of commendation to Rep. Lou Correa for his years of representing Garden Grove in Congress as part of the 46th District.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

April 13, 2023

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda and minutes for the April 13, 2023 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Agenda for the April 20, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from April 1, 2023 to April 13, 2023.
5. SCAG Updates April 13, 2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 13, 2023 – May 23, 2023

Thursday	April 13	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 20	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 21		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 25	11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	2023 State of the City Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd
		5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 27		\$2 Casual Dress Day
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	May 5		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	May 9	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	May 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
		5:00 p.m.	36 th Annual “Call to Duty” Police Memorial Garden Grove Police Dept., 11301 Acacia Pkwy
Friday	May 19		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	May 23	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue

Thursday, April 13, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record.

COVID-19: Masks are not required, however, the public is encouraged to wear masks in City facilities. Please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symptoms.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, should contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

- a. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-236-2023](#)

APPLICANT: Flappy's, LLC (Thuong Vo)

LOCATION: 12902 Harbor Boulevard

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new restaurant, Flappy's Amazing Wings and Beer, within an existing restaurant tenant space, with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the HCSP-DC (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan – District Commercial) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-236-2023

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Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Thuong Vo

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1838-23.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

April 20, 2023 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

COVID-19 Information: Masks are not required, however, please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or have other flu-like symptoms.

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, should contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

Agenda Item Descriptions: Are intended to give a brief, general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

Documents/Writings: Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (1) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Public Comments: Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: CHAIR LINDSAY, VICE CHAIR CUNNINGHAM
COMMISSIONERS ARBGAST, MONTANO, PAREDES, PEREZ, RAMIREZ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [April 6, 2023](#)
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-233-2023](#)

APPLICANT: SMARTLINK C/O AT&T MOBILITY

LOCATION: NORTHEAST CORNER OF LAMPSON AVENUE AND 9TH STREET AT 12432 9TH STREET

REQUEST: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the construction and operation of a 60'-0" tall, unmanned, wireless telecommunication facility disguised as a eucalyptus tree (mono-eucalyptus), along with a 375 square foot (25 feet x 15 feet) equipment enclosure, to be located on a site currently improved with a church, St. Olaf Church. The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303(c) – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-233-2023, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

C.2. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-238-2023](#)

APPLICANT: PAUL PHAM

LOCATION: SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE AND EUCLID STREET AT 10882-B WESTMINSTER AVENUE

REQUEST: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new billiards/pool hall at an existing 3,038 square foot tenant space. The billiard/pool hall formerly operated at 10902 Westminster Avenue, however, the business owner proposes to relocate the business to a new, smaller tenant space within the same shopping center. The site is at 10882-B Westminster Avenue in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-238-2023, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

D. [MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS](#)

E. [MATTERS FROM STAFF](#)

F. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Arbgast
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Montano
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Perez
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Montano, Perez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by staff.

OATH OF OFFICE: The Deputy City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to those Planning Commissioners present.

SELECTION OF CHAIR:

Action: Commissioner Arbgast nominated Commissioner Lindsay for Chair with a second from Commissioner Ramirez.

Action: Motion approved with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Arbgast, Cunningham, Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Montano, Perez

Commissioner Lindsay assumed the duties of Chair.

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Action: Commissioner Ramirez nominated Commissioner Cunningham for Vice Chair, with a second from Commissioner Lindsay.

Action: Motion approved with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Arbgast, Cunningham, Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Montano, Perez

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

March 2, 2023 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Arbgast

Ayes: (5) Arbgast, Cunningham, Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Montano, Perez

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION: Staff and the Assistant City Attorney, gave a presentation on, and a general discussion of, the role and jurisdiction of the Planning Commission, and laws generally applicable to Planning Commission meetings and decisions, including the Brown Act, the Political Reform Act, and the City's Code of Ethics.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Chair Lindsay asked staff for both a Zoning Map and Land Use Map in the 24 x 36 inch size. Staff would comply as soon as the Maps were updated.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Planning and City staff relating to the Planning Commission were introduced after which staff gave a brief description of the upcoming items for the April 20th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:31 p.m. to the next Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary



City leaders to gather at the Capitol and urge lawmakers to find a permanent home in the state budget to prevent and reduce homelessness and boost the supply of affordable housing

Apr 11, 2023

Contact:

Kayla Sherwood, 530-844-1744, ksherwood@calcities.org

Sacramento — The League of California Cities will hold a **news conference and member rally** with hundreds of city officials to share new survey results that underscore the need for the state to invest \$3 billion in ongoing, permanent funding to prevent and reduce homelessness and boost affordable housing.

What: News conference and member rally

When: Wednesday, April 12, at 11:30 a.m.

Where: California State Capitol Park, near L street, between 13th and 14th streets

Speakers:

- Cal Cities President and Artesia Council Member Ali Sajjad Taj
- San Luis Obispo Mayor Erica Stewart
- Citrus Height Mayor Porsche Middleton
- Santa Ana Mayor Valerie Amezcuca
- Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman

Following the news conference and member rally, city officials will be joined by county leaders from throughout the state for a **joint convening on homelessness**. Attendees will hear from both state lawmakers and local leaders as they share their perspectives on preventing and reducing homelessness, as well as the roles, responsibilities, and resources needed to support our state's most vulnerable residents.

What: Special Joint Convening on Homelessness, by the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties

When: Wednesday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m.

Where: SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, 1400 J street, Sacramento

Featured speakers include:

- CSAC President and Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington

- Cal Cities President and Artesia Council Member Ali Sajjad Taj
- Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg
- Chula Vista Mayor John McCann
- Modesto Mayor Sue Zwahlen
- Grass Valley Mayor Jan Arbuckle
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
- San Diego County Supervisor Nora Vargas
- Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond
- CSAC Treasurer and Stanislaus County Supervisor Vito Chiesa
- Nevada County Supervisor Heidi Hall
- Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones
- Assembly Minority Leader James Gallagher
- Assembly Member Luz Rivas
- Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman
- CSAC CEO Graham Knaus
- U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness Senior Regional Advisor Helene Schneider
- Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramírez

Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.



Appellate court finds state law unconstitutionally penalizes charter cities for exercising home rule authority

Apr 11, 2023

The appellate court's ruling is consistent with the arguments made in the League of California Cities' amicus brief and serves to reinforce the strength of the home rule doctrine.

The California Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District recently [ruled](#) a 2018 state law unconstitutional to the extent it penalizes charter cities for exercising their “home rule” authority to manage their own municipal affairs under Article XI, Section 5 of the California Constitution. Cal Cities had filed an [amicus brief](#) in the case, *Cultiva La Salud v. State of California*.

The 2018 state law — as part of the “Keep Groceries Affordable Act” — prohibited cities from adopting taxes on certain groceries, including sodas and other sugary beverages. If a charter city adopted a prohibited tax and a court found that the tax was a valid exercise of the city’s home rule authority, then the state law imposed a penalty. Specifically, it directed the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to stop collecting that city’s sales and use taxes, effectively depriving the city of all sales and use tax revenue.

The appellate court affirmed a lower court ruling finding the penalty unconstitutional. The court reasoned, in relevant part, that the penalty had no purpose other than to threaten charter cities against exercising their home rule authority to levy a tax for local purposes. According to California Supreme Court precedent, this was “patently unconstitutional.”

The state has a limited amount of time within which it can appeal the ruling to the California Supreme Court. Cal Cities will continue to report on further developments in the case. In the meantime, cities with questions about the impact of the ruling should consult their city attorney.



New survey results show cities are making progress reducing homelessness, but the demand for housing and services is outpacing efforts

Apr 12, 2023

Contact:

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Cities call on the state to invest \$3 billion in ongoing state funding to prevent and reduce homelessness and jumpstart the construction of affordable housing

Sacramento — Hundreds of city officials from throughout the state gathered outside the Capitol Wednesday morning to unveil the results of a recent survey that shines a light on cities' response to the statewide homelessness crisis. City leaders shared the barriers cities face when serving unhoused residents and called on the state to find a permanent home in the budget to prevent and reduce homelessness and boost the supply of affordable housing.

"The state's homelessness crisis is so severe that the Governor has called in the National Guard, and several city leaders have declared emergencies in their jurisdictions. However, lasting progress will be out of reach without an ongoing source of state investment in local communities," said **Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman**. "City officials are doing their part to be a strong partner to support unhoused residents and keep Californians in their homes, and dedicated state funding is critical if we're going to reverse this decades-in-the-making crisis."

The [survey](#), conducted by the League of California Cities last month, shows while cities are accelerating their efforts to prevent and reduce homelessness and boost affordable housing in their communities, the demand for housing and services is outpacing their efforts, straining capacity, and draining resources.

The survey found that nearly 85% of cities reported they have implemented programs to prevent and reduce homelessness. Eight in ten cities are spending general fund money to address homelessness.

"Cities like San Luis Obispo are innovating with on-the-ground programs to address homelessness," said **San Luis Obispo Mayor Erica Stewart**. "In fiscal year 22-23, our city spent over \$3 million to address homelessness and invest in preserving low-income housing

units in the city. Cities need long-term funding from the state to be able to grow our investment in addressing the homelessness and housing crisis.”

Nearly 90% of cities that responded to the Cal Cities survey have fiscal concerns over their ability to provide existing homelessness services long term.

"Our community is committed to addressing the urgent crisis of homelessness and affordable housing, but our efforts alone cannot meet the overwhelming demand," said **Citrus Heights Mayor Porsche Middleton**. "With ongoing funding, we can provide critical services and shelter to those in need and work towards a brighter future for all residents."

When asked about the barriers to progress, survey respondents listed limited supportive housing options and a lack of ongoing funding as two of the top challenges.

"The addition of more affordable housing continues to be a vital part of Santa Ana's efforts to end homelessness in our community, in addition to our Homeless Navigation Center already in place," says **Santa Ana Mayor Valerie Amezcua**. "The allocation of \$50.9 million in grant-related funding to address homelessness and 254 new permanent supportive housing units through multiple projects currently under construction demonstrates the city's commitment towards alleviating the ongoing crisis."

Cities are calling on \$3 billion in ongoing funding to help cities prevent and reduce homelessness and boost affordable housing. According to the survey, cities would use increased state funding to provide additional supportive services, increase shelter space, accelerate affordable housing development, invest in homeless outreach teams, and expand rent subsidy programs.



State provides new information on local Gann Limit reporting requirement

Apr 5, 2023

The local appropriations limit, often referred to as the Gann Limit, is back in the limelight for local governments. In late March, the state [released new guidance](#) on how local governments can identify and report excesses beyond their Gann limits for fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

This follows guidance that the California Department of Finance [released](#) last year.

What is the Gann Limit?

The Gann Limit is a result of Proposition 13 (1978) and Proposition 4 (1979), which limit the growth of government spending. As a result, there is a cap on local government revenue that can be appropriated in any given fiscal year.

There is also an appropriation limit for state expenditures. The state must spend any revenue that exceeds a certain limit — adjusted for inflation and population — on K-12 education and colleges or rebates back to taxpayers. The new policy is the result of an attempt by legislators to avoid exceeding the state Gann Limit in last year's state budget.

What is the requirement?

Local agencies are now required to identify and report any new state subventions — unrestricted money received by a local agency from the state — that would cause them to exceed local appropriations limits. The requirement takes effect starting with [the 2021-22 fiscal year](#), as outlined by the California Department of Finance.

The state will count those amounts at the state level instead. These additional expenditures are counted by local governments towards their local appropriation limits when capacity exists at that level of government.

What is the new guidance?

Cities must use the [same subvention information](#) provided in late 2022 when calculating fiscal year 2022-23 and 2023-24 local appropriation limits. The provided subvention

information identifies the total dollar value of all subventions that should be included within a city's appropriations limit for the 2022-23 or 2023-24 fiscal year.

If any portion of those values causes a city to exceed its appropriations limit, cities must identify the specific amount attributable to these subventions *in excess of their limit* and report that information to the Department of Finance. These excess amounts will instead be included within the state's appropriations limit.

The deadline to report this information is Nov. 1, 2023, and annually thereafter. The Department of Finance will provide updated subvention information for fiscal year 2024-25 no later than Feb. 1, 2024, and information for subsequent fiscal years on Feb. 1 annually thereafter.

Cities that *will not* exceed their appropriation limit for fiscal year 2021-22 *do not* need to report to the Department of Finance. No action is required if your city is not identified in the spreadsheet.

Cities may submit their information via email to [Susan Wekanda](#) and [Matt Westbrook](#) at the Department of Finance. Additional details about the dollar value attributable to each subvention are in the "City Programs" tab of the spreadsheets.

For questions, please contact [Cal Cities Legislative Representative Ben Triffo](#).



State Bills in Brief: April 5-19

Apr 5, 2023

A weekly primer on the bills and committee hearings that have a direct impact on cities

The Legislature is on recess, but the League of California Cities is not. Cal Cities is gearing up for next week's City Leaders Summit and the grueling April gauntlet of legislative policy committee meetings. [Once again](#), the biggest bills this week are the ones not being heard in committee.

Lawmakers shelved [AB 1532 \(Haney\)](#) for the rest of 2023. The Cal Cities-opposed measure would have forced the conversion of non-residential buildings into new housing units regardless of underlining zoning. The zoning fight is not over yet though: A similar bill, [AB 1490 \(Lee\)](#), is still being debated.

The Assembly Public Safety Committee will postpone its hearing for [AB 1708 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) due to scheduling concerns. Sponsored by Cal Cities, the bill would increase accountability for repeat theft offenders and offer pathways for pre-plea diversion programming. Any provisions that amend Proposition 47 would become effective upon approval by voters during the next statewide general election. A sample letter of support for AB 1708 is available in the [Take Action Center](#). To learn more about bills scheduled for committee hearings now through April 19, keep reading.

To learn what each section means — or to access a previous State Bills in Brief — visit the [archive page](#).

[Bills to act on](#)

Proposed dashboard would increase access to behavioral health care

- **What would this dashboard do?** [SB 363 \(Eggman\)](#) would create a real-time dashboard of available beds in psychiatric and substance abuse facilities. It would also include related data, such as the appropriate age range for the bed.
- **How would this bill help?** Mental illness and substance abuse are best treated early and with appropriate support, just like any other health condition. The database would also cut down on extended emergency room stays.

- **When is the next advocacy opportunity?** Lawmakers will discuss SB 636 in the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 11. *Cal Cities supports the measure.*

Other bills with major impacts

Two key trash bills are up for consideration, along with a controversial shelter euthanasia measure.

Organic waste procurement flexibility

- **I need a refresher on California's organic waste law.** [SB 1383 \(Lara, 2016\)](#) calls for a dramatic reduction in organic waste to reduce methane emissions, a powerful climate pollutant. As part of that law, cities must [procure organic waste products](#), such as mulch, from in-state processing facilities.
- **What sort of flexibility is being proposed?** It's narrow but important. In some parts of the state, there simply are not enough processing facilities, especially for rural and border cities. [AB 573 \(Garcia\)](#) would allow cities to send organic waste outside the state under certain conditions.
- **When is the hearing?** The Assembly Natural Resources Committee will hear AB 573 on April 10. *Cal Cities supports the measure.*

Funding for the most polluted river in the U.S.

- **Which river?** [AB 1597 \(Alvarez\)](#) would provide funding for two rivers, the New River and the Tijuana River. The New River is the most polluted river in the U.S., thanks to a potent combination of raw sewage, pathogens, trash, and industrial activities. The Tijuana River is often contaminated by raw sewage. Both rivers flow through the U.S.–Mexico border.
- **How much funding?** AB 1597 would provide \$50 million, upon appropriation by the Legislature, in funding. Historically, funding has been in short supply for these rivers. Even a modest investment could have a substantial environmental impact and create savings for related health and disaster costs.
- **When is the next advocacy opportunity?** The bill will be heard on April 18 in the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee. *Cal Cities supports the measure.*

Proposed public notice requirement would increase animal shelter overcrowding

- **What changes are being proposed?** [AB 595 \(Essayli\)](#) would require animal shelters to provide public notice at least 72 hours before euthanizing any animal.
- **The bill would make a bad situation worse.** Shelters in California are already over capacity, understaffed, and underfunded. Since shelters are statutorily required to admit certain animals, this bill could actually increase euthanasia as staff scramble to accommodate new animals. The measure would also create related criminal provisions. Although well-intended, the bill would not help the animals most in need.
- **When is the next advocacy opportunity?** The Assembly Business and Professions Committee will hear the bill on April 11. *Cal Cities opposes the measure.*

Bills to follow

Lawmakers are still hammering out the exact details of many bills. Cal Cities does not have a position on the measure below but will likely issue one.

CEQA document requests

- **What would the bill do?** [SB 69 \(Cortese\)](#) would require local agencies to provide any subsequent revised or amended copy of CEQA documents upon request by mail or email and to submit the documents to the state clearinghouse.
- **What time is the hearing?** Lawmakers will discuss the measure during the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 11.

Two revenue bills to watch

- **What are the bills?** [AB 1249 \(Ta\)](#) would exempt qualified school supplies from sales and use taxes for a two-day period. [AB 537 \(Berman\)](#) would prohibit short-term lodging “junk fees” — fees charged in addition to the upfront price.
- **When are the hearings?** The Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee will hear AB 1249 on April 10. The Assembly Business and Professions Committee will hear AB 537 on April 11.

An act of the Legislature to change “Act of God” clauses

- **This sounds familiar.** [SB 751 \(Padilla\)](#) would prohibit municipalities from entering into an exclusive franchise agreement for waste hauling services that contains a force majeure provision that can be triggered by a labor impasse. Sen. Padilla introduced the bill in response to a [high-profile strike](#) that affected residents in Chula Vista and San Diego.
- **A force what?** Sometimes known as an “Act of God,” a force majeure frees organizations from obligations due to extraordinary circumstances, such as a natural disaster.
- **When will the bill be heard?** Lawmakers will discuss the measure on April 12 in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

Expect positions from Cal Cities on these two labor bills soon

- **What do the bills do?** [AB 504 \(Reyes\)](#) would allow public employees to participate in strikes even if they are not members of the striking union. [AB 1484 \(Zbur\)](#) would allow temporary employees to be automatically included in the same bargaining unit as permanent employees.
- **When will the bills be heard?** The Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee will hear both bills on April 12.

A proposed prohibition on gas stove prohibitions

- **Try saying that three times fast.** [AB 698 \(Essayli\)](#) would restrict state agencies and local governments from prohibiting the use of gas stoves in residential and nonresidential buildings.
- **What time is the hearing?** The measure will be heard on April 12 in the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee.

Two water bills to watch

- **What are the bills?** [AB 1567 \(E. Garcia\)](#) would provide funding for various drought, water, parks, climate, and coastal protection projects. [AB 460 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#) would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to issue fines for a violation of an interim relief order.
- **When are the hearings?** The Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee will hear both bills on April 18.

[View all bills to act on](#)

[View all tracked bill hearings](#)



Cal Cities-sponsored bond agency issues more than \$65 million in tax-exempt bonds for housing

Apr 5, 2023

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) issued over \$65 million in tax-exempt and taxable affordable housing bonds in Palm Desert and Dixon. CSCDA partnered with the cities and others for the acquisition of the properties and issuance of bonds.

CSCDA issued \$44,363,541 in tax-exempt and taxable affordable housing bonds for Gerald Ford Apartments in Palm Desert. Gerald Ford Apartments is the new construction of 150 two- and three-bedroom affordable housing units. The rental units will be 100% rent restricted for low- and very low-income residents. Units will be reserved for households earning less than 30%, 50%, 60%, and 70% of the area median income.

The joint powers authority also announced the issuance of \$20,940,000 in tax-exempt and taxable affordable housing bonds for Silvey Villas at Homestead — 72 new one- and two-bedroom affordable housing units — in Dixon. The rental units will be 100% rent restricted for low- and very low-income senior residents. Units will be reserved for seniors earning less than 30%, 50%, and 60% of the area median income. The financing for both the Gerald Ford Apartments and Silvey Villas at Homestead requires the affordability of the units for low- and very-low income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

About CSCDA

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. More than 530 cities, counties, and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently financed, locally approved projects. Visit the organization's [website](#) to learn how CSCDA can help your city.



Guide to Local Recovery Update: April 5

Apr 5, 2023

The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund reporting portal is open, and reports are due April 30. Many cities are eligible for two key climate grants, including a noncompetitive energy grant. Also, the National League of Cities has partnered with the U.S. Department of Labor for a new infrastructure workforce development initiative.

[American Rescue Plan Act reporting portal now open](#)

The U.S. Department of Treasury's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) reporting portal is now open. The funds were authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Cities are encouraged to review the Treasury Department's [reporting guide](#), which provides information on reporting requirements and instructions on how to use the online reporting portal. Cities can contact the SLFRF help centers at SLFRF@treasury.gov or call (844) 529-9527. The Treasury Department also has several [self-help resources](#).

The deadline to file an annual or quarterly SLFRF Project and Expenditure Report is April 30.

Be sure to include your city, state, UEI number, federal tax identification number, and contact information for each email to SLFRF@treasury.gov, along with a detailed description of the problem you need help with. For each request to change the reporting portal account administrator, cities should include the following:

"The email you have for the City's Account Administrator is [defunct email address]. We are unable to access Treasury's reporting portal using this account. Please reset our Account Administrator as indicated below ASAP so we can make our ARPA filing by 4/30/2023 as required. The individual below is currently registered in Login.gov and will need to be set as account administrator. The former account administrator [passed away, resigned, no longer works for the city, lost the election, etc.]"

[Your city could be eligible for this key energy block grant](#)

The U.S. Department of Energy is accepting applications for its [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant \(EECBG\)](#). The formula grant program supports initiatives that reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease total energy use, and improve energy efficiency. [Over 200 cities in California are eligible](#) for funding.

Although formula grants are noncompetitive, cities must apply to receive the funding. All eligible entities must complete a [pre-award application sheet](#) by April 28. Matching funds are not required.

Unlike previous versions of the program, EECBG funding can be used for renewable energy, zero-emission transportation, and energy efficiency projects. The program also has an optional voucher program for communities that receive less than \$250,000. Instead of receiving the formula grant, the value can be exchanged for technical assistance or as an equipment rebate.

The Department of Energy will hold a [webinar on April 13](#) at noon to discuss the voucher program.

[NLC and Department of Labor launch new infrastructure workforce development program](#)

The National League of Cities has partnered with the U.S. Department of Labor on the [Good Jobs, Great Cities](#) initiative. The program will help accelerate city efforts to design, develop, and launch workforce initiatives that build pathways to well-paying infrastructure jobs, particularly in historically underserved and underrepresented communities.

The initiative will support up to 12 cities throughout 2023 and 2024. Selected cities will work with federal agencies, employers, workforce development boards, nonprofits, labor unions, and other cross-sector partners to create or scale up innovative workforce programs.

NLC will hold an [informational webinar](#) on the opportunity on April 10. [Applications](#) must be submitted by April 28.

[Climate Pollution Reduction Grant eligibility could be expanded](#)

More cities could be eligible for a new greenhouse gas reduction grant according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program](#) currently goes to the largest [67 Metropolitan Statistical Areas](#) (MSA). However, the EPA is encouraging other large MSAs to complete a [notice of intent to participate](#) if funding becomes available.

Local governments within an MSA will need to develop an implementation plan for their region and designate an entity to serve as the lead. The lead organization must submit a notice of intent to participate by April 28, 2023. MSAs ranked 68-100 on the national list are strongly encouraged to apply.

More information about the program is available in a recent [NLC article](#), which also includes information about the upcoming Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. *City officials looking for additional information about the American Rescue Plan Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Inflation Reduction Act, or additional recovery tools can visit the [Cal Cities Guide to Local Recovery portal](#).*

SCAG Announces Release of REAP 2.0 Programs



SCAG is pleased to announce that the REAP 2.0 Calls for Applications for the County Transportation Commission Program, Subregional Partnership 2.0, and the Sustainable Communities Program CEEEJ are now open. REAP 2.0 programs each have unique eligibility criteria but generally have in common these three REAP funding objectives*:

1. Accelerate infill housing
2. Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMTs), and
3. Support efforts for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

* The Sustainable Communities Program receives funding from both REAP 2.0 and SB1, and as such, has additional eligibility criteria.

Calls for Applications Schedule

Program	Calls for Applications Release Date	Deadline to Submit Application
Sustainable Communities Program Call for Applications for Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice	April 12, 2023	May 15, 2023

County Transportation Commission Partnership Program	April 12, 2023	May 9, 2023
Subregional Partnership Program 2.0	April 12, 2023	May 31, 2023
NOFA – Funding for Lasting Affordability/PATH	To be announced upon the approval of SCAG’s full application from the State (Late April/Early May)	
Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Program Pilot/PATH	To be announced upon the approval of SCAG’s full application from the State (Late April/Early May)	
Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Program Pilot/PATH	To be Announced following Industry Forum	

Please note, SCAG’s full REAP 2.0 application is pending State approval, and programs are subject to change upon State approval.

As part of the Application process, SCAG will be providing technical assistance in the form of Application Workshops, dedicated office hours, and more. Review our REAP 2.0 Technical Assistance Guide for details regarding each Program’s technical assistance offerings.

For general questions about SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Program, visit scag.ca.gov/reap2021 or contact Alisha James, james@scag.ca.gov.

Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Industry Forum



On **Friday, April 28th from 8:00 a.m. to noon**, SCAG is partnering with PlaceWorks and the Urban Land Institute of Los Angeles (ULI/LA) to host the RUSH (Regional Utilities Supporting Housing) Industry Forum. The Forum brings together thought leaders from Southern California and across the country for recommendations for transformative investment and regional collaboration that overcome infrastructure obstacles and deliver accelerated housing production while addressing climate change and historical inequities.

Funded by REAP 2.0, the outcomes for the Industry Forum will help guide the delivery of SCAG's RUSH grant program which is set to fund projects to implement the basic utility infrastructure needed for housing in Southern California: water, wastewater, stormwater management, and electricity.

[Register here](#) for **virtual attendance** of only the keynote address and panel presentation.

[Register here](#) for **in-person attendance** at the Japanese American National Museum for a networking breakfast, keynote address, panel presentation and RUSH strategy roundtable session.

REGISTER TODAY! SCAG DEVELOPMENT STREAMLINING EFFORTS WORKSHOPS



SCAG Development Streamlining Efforts Workshop #2

Join us for the second virtual workshop on **Thursday, April 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The topic for the second workshop will offer a brief overview of the Density Bonus Law and Assembly Bill (AB) 2345, recent amendments, the difference between incentives/concessions and waivers, and provide some examples. [Register here.](#)

SCAG Development Streamlining Efforts Workshop #3

Join us for the third workshop on **Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This workshop will provide an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provisions that can help streamline environmental review for qualifying housing projects. [Register here.](#)

SCAG Development Streamlining Efforts Workshop #4

Join us for the final workshop on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This workshop will present various California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provisions using prior CEQA documents and other options to streamline environmental review for qualifying housing projects. [Register here.](#)

For more information on SCAG's Development Streamlining efforts, visit scag.ca.gov/streamlining.

SCAG Housing Working Group

SCAG will convene its seventh Housing Working Group meeting to engage stakeholders on several housing-related priorities. The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 18 from 10 AM to Noon**, and will cover topics including RHNA Reform updates, a showcase of selected REAP projects, a Housing Element status update, a Connect SoCal 2024 general update on the Policy Development Framework, and a discussion on housing implementation strategies for Connect SoCal 2024. [Register here.](#)

IN THE NEWS

SCAG Prohousing Designation Awarded to the City of Los Angeles

The City of Los Angeles is the most recent jurisdiction to be awarded a Prohousing Designation by the State of California. The [Prohousing Designation Program](#) provides cities and counties with incentives in the form of eligibility and preference for state grant funding programs such as Prohousing Incentive Pilot (PIP), Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC), Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG), and Transformative Climate Communities (TCC). Jurisdictions earn this designation by implementing policies that reduce barriers to housing production and promote affordable and transformative housing. Castro Ramírez, Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, states, "California commends the City of Los Angeles for establishing policies and

practices that streamline development, accelerate housing production and reduce costs to expand safe and dignified housing options for Angelenos.”

Los Angeles City joins ten other jurisdictions, including the City of Fontana, which pioneered this exclusive designation for the SCAG region by being among the first group to achieve a Prohousing Designation. Fontana demonstrated the city prioritizes housing by significantly reducing impact fees for infill development, streamlining CEQA review through specific plan environmental documents, and publishing an interactive GIS map for all proposed and approved entitlements within the past three years. Currently, two more jurisdictions within the SCAG region, the City of Adelanto and Los Angeles County, are revising their application to achieve a Prohousing Designation.

2023 Local Housing Trust Fund Program Notice of Funding Availability - \$53 Million

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department/HCD) has announced the release of a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$53 million in funds for the [Local Housing Trust Fund \(LHTF\) Program](#). This funding provides Matching Grants to Local Housing Trust Funds established by cities and counties, Native American Tribes and incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

Fifteen percent of the funds made available by this NOFA shall be reserved for Local or Regional Housing Trust Funds meeting the definition of “New Local Housing Trust Fund.” In the event that there are insufficient applications from New Local Housing Trust Funds that pass threshold, the funds shall be used for applications from Existing Local Housing Trust Funds.

Program Funds awarded under this NOFA shall be used to provide construction loans and/or permanent financing loans at simple interest rates of no higher than 3 percent per annum, for payment of predevelopment costs, acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation, as well as to construct, convert, reconstruct, rehabilitate, and/or repair Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) or Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs).

The application portal is open beginning on April 19, 2023 through 4:00 p.m. May 17, 2023. On-line support and technical assistance closes at 3:30 p.m. on May 17, 2023.

Take the California's Housing Future 2040 Survey to Inform the 7th Cycle RHNA

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is soliciting ideas and input from the public for ways to continue to improve the 7th cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process and address California's housing shortage. This survey is a component of HCD's broader stakeholder engagement for the California's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA initiative.

HCD is conducting this California's Housing Future 2040 stakeholder engagement initiative from March - May 2023, which will consist of several venues for stakeholder input. HCD will hold listening sessions and other opportunities for input as part of their engagement plan, though specific dates were not available at the time of this publication. Upon completion of this stakeholder engagement initiative, HCD will compile its findings and recommendations, and will submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2023.

The [survey](#) is organized by five topic areas identified as priorities and should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. After the survey deadline of Friday, May 5, HCD will summarize and analyze the responses gathered by the survey. HCD will utilize the survey responses to inform HCD's recommendations for improving the RHNA process and methodology but will not respond to each survey response.

For questions about the survey and HCD's stakeholder engagement and outreach, contact CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov.