# **City of Garden Grove WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**

May 18, 2023

TO:

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

Members

#### I. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, **BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS**

A. OC Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) April 2023 Garden Grove Report

#### • 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

#### **MONTHLY REPORT: Garden Grove**

# **April**



	Monthly	Year to Date (YTD)	County Monthly	County YTD
OPERATIONS				
Service Requests Completed:	24	48	362	680
Mosquitoes:	18	34	308	510
Rats:	2	3	26	93
Rifa:	4	10	28	76
Number of Swimming Pools Treated/Inspected:	149	547	914	2,720
Hours Spent Treating/Inspecting Gutters	15.42	15.42	57.6	57.6
Undergrounds Treated:	41	41	484	484
Acres of Flood Channels Treated:	0	0	14.84	14.87458
Acres of RIFA Treated/Inspected:	252	539	3,248	10,213
Number of Inspection Treatments:	123	380	1,376	5,762
LABORATORY				
Adult Mosquitoes Collected:	124	210	6,955	8,312
Collected From Trustee Home:	0	0	0	0
Invasive Aedes	0	0	1	2
Mosquito Pools (Samples) Tested:	7	12	107	188
WNV Positive Samples:	0	0	0	0
WNV Positive Birds:	0	0	0	0
Number of Human Infections/Deaths:	0	0	0	0
Fleas, Ticks, and Others Tested:	-	-	-	149
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COMMUNICATIONS				
Outreach Events Attended:	0	0	11	12
General Presentations:	0	0	3	11
Educational Program Presentations:	3	11	26	79
Calls Received	-	-	248	738

#### PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION WITH OCMVCD

None at this time

COUNTY RESPONSE LEVEL / AVERAGE RATING:	TOTAL	5	
Normal Season (1.0 to 2.5) Elevated Risk (2.6 to 4.0) High Risk (4.1 to 5.0)	AVERAGE	1.25	

# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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



### **Included in this Report**

Garden Grove Police Department



Impressions

Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 5/17/2023 12:00 pm PDT

#GardenGrove teens, are you curious about how a police department works? Our Teen Citizen Academy will give you an...



Impressions	3/9
Reach	379
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%

270



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 5/16/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Ladies, did you know there are over 670,000 law enforcement officers, but only 12% of those are females? Answer the c...



Impressions	583
Reach	583
Engagements	42
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 5/16/2023 11:30 am PDT

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18, 2023 1. - 6:00 P.M.

# **Police Department**



Impressions	723
Reach	723
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



**Garden Grove Police Depa...** 

Tue 5/16/2023 11:30 am PDT

L TO DUTY" MEMORIA

18, 2023 1. - 6:00 P.M.

Police Department

iy.org

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



**Garden Grove Police Depa...** 

Mon 5/15/2023 9:00 am PDT

As #NationalPoliceWeek 2023 begins, we would like to acknowledge and thank all the men and women who put their lives ...



Impressions	1,694
Reach	1,608
Engagements	205
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.1%



**Garden Grove Police Depa...** 

Sun 5/14/2023 8:00 am PDT

Some women aren't just #heroes, they're #superheroes. #HappyMothersDay to all the moms out there. Especially those...



Impressions	6,608
Reach	6,519
Engagements	524
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.9%



#### **Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 5/12/2023 6:00 pm PDT

Earlier this week, the Orange County Auto Theft Advisory Committee (#ATAC) held its 33rd Annual Award Ceremony at the...



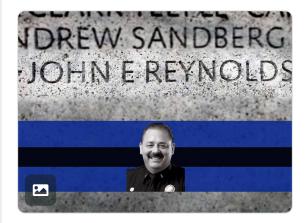
Impressions	2,075
Reach	1,948
Engagements	349
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	16.8%



#### **(7)** Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 5/12/2023 9:00 am PDT

Lieutenant John Reynolds became a #GardenGrove Police Officer in 1995. He rose to the rank of lieutenant through his...



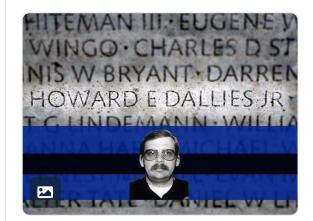
Impressions	1,547
Reach	1,474
Engagements	137
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.9%



#### **Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Thu 5/11/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Master Officer Howard Dallies, Jr. began his law enforcement career with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, then went ...



Impressions	919
Reach	889
Engagements	36
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%



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



#### **Included in this Report**

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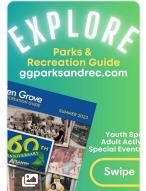
Garden Grove City Hall

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#### **o** gardengrovecityhall

Wed 5/17/2023 4:09 pm PDT







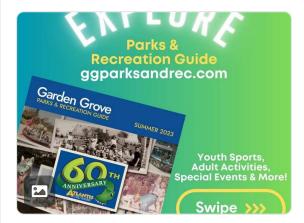
Impressions	469
Reach	341
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



**Impressions** 

#### Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 5/17/2023 3:51 pm PDT



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Reach	828
Engagements	35
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%

828



#### Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 5/17/2023 9:55 am PDT

Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center is the place to be for the 55and-older crowd! With a wide variety of...



Video Views	57
Impressions	139
Reach	137
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.9%



**Impressions** 

#### **o** gardengrovecityhall

Tue 5/16/2023 6:30 pm PDT

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed o...



Reach	601
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.6%

645



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#### Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 5/16/2023 6:30 pm PDT

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed o...



Impressions	403
Reach	459
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%

165



#### @CityGardenGrove

Tue 5/16/2023 6:30 pm PDT

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed o...



Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,647
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_





Tue 5/16/2023 4:40 pm PDT

It's **#NationalPoliceWeek**, and we'd like to thank all the men and women who put their lives on the line. Join us in...





Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,646
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



#### **o** gardengrovecityhall

Tue 5/16/2023 4:30 pm PDT

It's #NationalPoliceWeek, and we'd like to thank all the men and women who put their lives on the line every day. Join us i...



Impressions	1,053
Reach	987
Engagements	33
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%



#### **Garden Grove City Hall**

Tue 5/16/2023 4:30 pm PDT

It's #NationalPoliceWeek, and we'd like to thank all the men and women who put their lives on the line every day. Join us i...



Impressions	175
Reach	174
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.1%



#### Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 5/16/2023 9:46 am PDT

→Help us address on-street parking conditions in residential neighborhoods.
Attend tonight's virtual meeting to share...



Impressions	2,232
Reach	2,187
Engagements	170
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.6%



#### @CityGardenGrove

Mon 5/15/2023 4:33 pm PDT

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival and Strawberry Stomp 5K return to the downtown area this Memorial Day...





Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,646
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



#### **o** gardengrovecityhall

Mon 5/15/2023 4:31 pm PDT

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival and Strawberry Stomp 5K return to the downtown area this Memorial Day...





Impressions	3,687
Reach	2,648
Engagements	264
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.2%



#### **Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 5/15/2023 4:28 pm PDT

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival and Strawberry Stomp 5K return to the downtown area this Memorial Day...



Impressions	1,328
Reach	1,301
Engagements	83
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%



#### Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 5/15/2023 10:18 am PDT

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18, 2023 1. - 6:00 P.M.

Police Department

diy.org

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



#### Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 5/15/2023 10:18 am PDT

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18, 2023 1. - 6:00 P.M.

**Police Department** 

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Impressions	406
Reach	406
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.7%



**Impressions** 

#### **o** gardengrovecityhall

Sun 5/14/2023 8:00 am PDT

Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful moms! Remember to show your mom how much you care and thank the...



Reach	414
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%

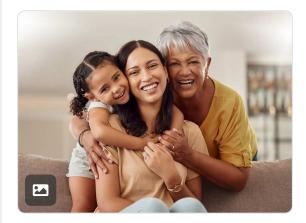
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#### Garden Grove City Hall

Sun 5/14/2023 8:00 am PDT

◀ Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful moms! Remember to show your mom how much you care and thank the...



Impressions	878
Reach	858
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%



#### (i) gardengrovecityhall

Sat 5/13/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Celebrate #AAPI Heritage Month at Old School Meets New School on Monday, May 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at...



Impressions	1,278
Reach	1,194
Engagements	29
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%



#### **Garden Grove City Hall**

Sat 5/13/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Celebrate #AAPI Heritage Month at Old School Meets New School on Monday, May 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at...



Impressions	1,231
Reach	1,200
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.6%



#### Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 5/12/2023 6:00 pm PDT

⚠ COMMUTER ALERT Tomorrow, May 13, from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Caltrans
Orange County District 12 will close the...



Impressions	1,799
Reach	1,772
Engagements	41
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%



#### @CityGardenGrove

Fri 5/12/2023 6:00 pm PDT

⚠ COMMUTER ALERT Tomorrow, 5/13, from 4 AM- 10 AM, @CaltransOC will close the EB SR-22 Bristol Street/La Veta...



Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,680
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



#### @CityGardenGrove

Fri 5/12/2023 4:45 pm PDT

Earlier this year, hundreds gathered at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center to witness the swearing-in ceremony of Garden Grove's 14th police chief, Amir El-Farra.

@GardenGroveTV3 Reporter Breanna Greenup has the story.

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#GG1956 @GardenGrovePD

Post Link Clicks	_
Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,648
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



#### @CityGardenGrove

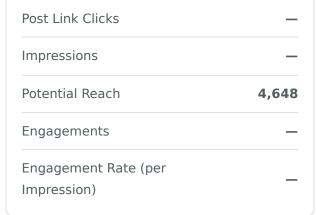
Fri 5/12/2023 4:35 pm PDT

Earlier this year, hundreds gathered at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center to witness the swearing-in ceremony of Garden Grove's 14th police chief, Amir El-Fara.

@GardenGroveTV3 Reporter Breanna Greenup has the story.

>youtu.be/Y34NMUzYADs

#GG1956 @GardenGrovePD





#### Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 5/12/2023 4:27 pm PDT

Earlier this year, hundreds gathered at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center to witness the swearing-in ceremony of...



Video Views	79
Impressions	223
Reach	211
Engagements	27
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.1%



#### @CityGardenGrove

Fri 5/12/2023 1:55 pm PDT

Looking for a way to celebrate **#BikeMonth**? The community is invited to OCTA's Bike Rally on 5/18, from 7:30 AM ...





Impressions	_
Potential Reach	5,641
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



#### **o** gardengrovecityhall

Fri 5/12/2023 1:55 pm PDT

Looking for a way to celebrate
#BikeMonth? The community is invited to
@goocta's Bike Rally on Thursday, May 1...



**Impressions** 



**590** 

Reach	430
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%



#### **Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 5/12/2023 1:55 pm PDT

Looking for a way to celebrate #BikeMonth? The community is invited to OCTA's Bike Rally on Thursday, May 18,...



Impressions	694
Reach	660
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%



Don't miss out on the \( \bigcup\_{\bigcup} \bigcup \) Community
Cleanup Day of the year! Have unused and unwanted items at home? Bring them to...



Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,648
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



Don't miss out on the \[ \] \[ \] Community Cleanup Day of the year! Have unused and unwanted items like non-refrigerant...



Impressions	1,064
Reach	993
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



#### **Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 5/12/2023 10:38 am PDT

Don't miss out on the \( \bigcup\_{\bigcup} \bigcup \) Community
Cleanup Day of the year! Have unused and unwanted items like non-refrigerant...



Impressions	385
Reach	365
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%



#### @CityGardenGrove

Fri 5/12/2023 8:19 am PDT

City Announces Available Funding for JOBS

1st Program to Support Local Businesses

• Apply for the City's JOBS 1st program,...



Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,648
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



#### **o** gardengrovecityhall

Fri 5/12/2023 8:15 am PDT

City Announces Available Funding for JOBS 1st Program to Support Local Businesses . Listen up, #GardenGrove...



impressions	8/1
Reach	837
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%



#### Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 5/12/2023 8:15 am PDT

City Announces Available Funding for JOBS 1st Program to Support Local Businesses \$\mathbb{L}\$ Listen up, #GardenGrove...



Impressions	929
Reach	893
Engagements	26
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



#### @CityGardenGrove

Thu 5/11/2023 5:30 pm PDT

There's still time to buy your ticket to the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's \$\ 46th Annual Strawberry Ball! Witness the...







Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,647
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



#### **o** gardengrovecityhall

Thu 5/11/2023 5:30 pm PDT

There's still time to buy your ticket to the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's \$\ 46th Annual Strawberry Ball! Witness the...







Impressions	1,255
Reach	890
Engagements	41
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



#### Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 5/11/2023 5:30 pm PDT

There's still time to buy your ticket to the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's \$\ 46th Annual Strawberry Ball! Witness the...



Impressions	2,989
Reach	2,811
Engagements	267
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.9%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 5/11/2023 3:15 pm PDT

\* May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Join us in celebrating the diverse cultures and...



Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,647
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



**o** gardengrovecityhall

Thu 5/11/2023 3:15 pm PDT

\* May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Join us in celebrating the diverse cultures and...



Impressions	593
Reach	543
Engagements	25
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 5/11/2023 3:15 pm PDT

\* May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! \* Join us in celebrating the diverse cultures and...



Impressions	1,124
Reach	1,095
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%



#### @CityGardenGrove

Thu 5/11/2023 12:00 pm PDT

COLLEGE GRADS: LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR CITY RECOGNITION !! Tomorrow, May 12, is the last day to submit your...



Graduating from a college or university this year? Celebrate your achievement in higher education, with a chance to win cash and prizes!

Impressions	_
Potential Reach	4,647
Engagements	_
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	_



#### gardengrovecityhall

Thu 5/11/2023 12:00 pm PDT

COLLEGE GRADS: LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR CITY RECOGNITION !! Tomorrow, May 12, is the last day to submit your...



**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023** 4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.



Graduating from a college or university this year? Celebrate your achievement in higher education, with a chance to win cash and prizes!

Impressions	689
Reach	639
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



#### **Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 5/11/2023 12:00 pm PDT

COLLEGE GRADS: LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR CITY RECOGNITION !! Tomorrow. May 12, is the last day to submit your...



Celebrate your achievement in higher education,

with a chance to win cash and prizes!

Impressions	1,342
Reach	1,269
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%

# **NEWS ARTICLES**





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

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280 Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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 <u>ggcity.org/planning/adu</u> or contact Shawn Park, Senior Administrative Analyst at (714) 741-5371 or <u>shawnp@ggcity.org</u>.



#### We invite you to an <u>in-person</u> 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@qqcity.org

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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,

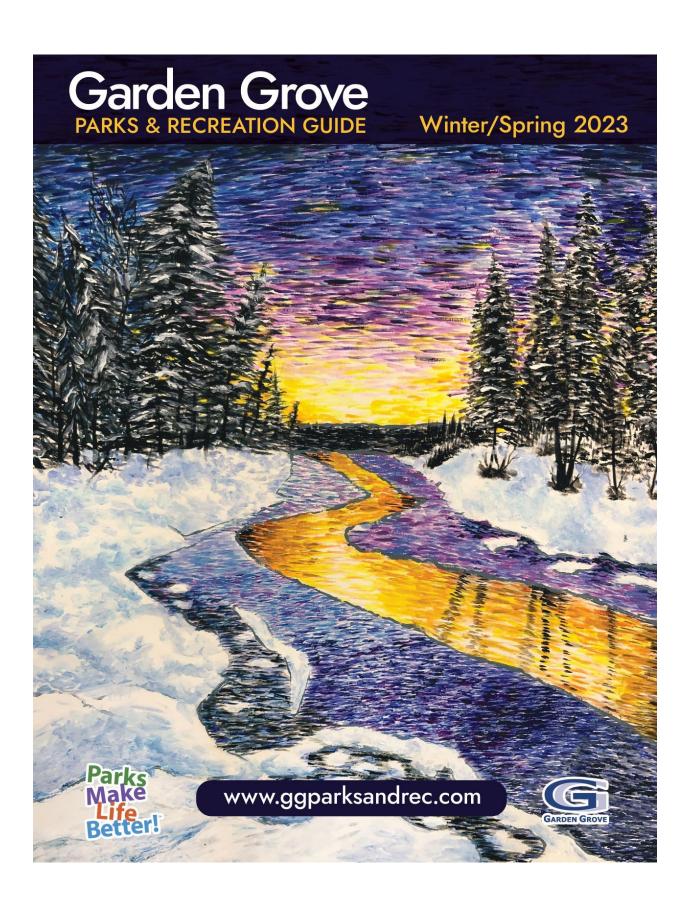
@gardengrovecityhall. Contract classes include soccer and basketball skills and drills; line dancing; martial arts; and volleyball.

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 <a href="mailto:ggparksandrec.com">ggparksandrec.com</a>, and sign up for the winter/spring session by April 2023.

Users are invited to follow <u>@gardengrovecityhall</u> 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 <u>ggparksandrec.com</u> or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.







Contact: Ana Pulido (714) 741-5280 Public Information Officer anap@ggcity.org

Monday, February 13, 2023

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# 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 <a href="mailto:ggcity.org/grads">ggcity.org/grads</a> to fill out a sponsorship form.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at <a href="mailto:communityrelations@ggcity.org">communityrelations@ggcity.org</a> or (714) 741-5280.



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

#### GARDEN GROVE

# 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
- Bachelois 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

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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







CONTACT:

Lisa Kim, Assistant City Manager Community & Economic Development (714) 741-5121/lisak@gqcity.org

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove">ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove</a>, 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 <u>ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove</u> or email foodies@ggcity.org.



# SOCIAL MEDIA **CHALLENGE**

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Friday, May 12, 2023











# CITY ANNOUNCES AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR JOBS 1<sup>ST</sup> PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

The City of Garden Grove announces the availability of funding for its JOBS 1<sup>st</sup> program, which provides zero-interest loans of up to \$50,000 and grants of up to \$25,000 to eligible businesses that create or retain jobs. The program was originally implemented in June 2020 to assist local businesses that were negatively impacted by COVID-19.

To be eligible for the JOBS 1<sup>st</sup> program, businesses must be located in Garden Grove and possess a valid business license. Businesses that receive the \$50,000 loan must also verify that they are creating jobs, while businesses that receive the \$25,000 grant must verify they are retaining jobs over a three-month period. In addition, businesses that receive the \$25,000 grant will be required to prove that their business has seen a decrease in revenue of greater than 15% from last year. At this time, businesses that have already received a loan or grant through the Jobs 1<sup>st</sup> program are not eligible to reapply for assistance.

The JOBS 1<sup>st</sup> program is part of the Garden Grove Business Resource and Resiliency Plan, designed to assist local businesses, stimulate growth and job creation, while improving Garden Grove's economic vitality.

For more information on Garden Grove's business programs and to apply for assistance, visit ggcity.org/businesses or call the City's Office of Economic





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Viernes, 12 de Mayo de 2023

# LA CIUDAD ANUNCIA FONDOS DISPONIBLES PARA EL PROGRAMA JOBS 1ST PARA APOYAR EMPRESAS LOCALES

La Ciudad de Garden Grove anuncia la disponibilidad de fondos para su programa JOBS 1<sup>st</sup> que proporciona préstamos sin interés de hasta \$50,000 y subvenciones de hasta \$25,000 a empresas elegibles que crean o retienen empleos. El programa se implementó originalmente en junio de 2020 para ayudar a empresas locales afectadas negativamente por COVID-19.

Para ser elegible para el programa JOBS 1<sup>st</sup>, las empresas deben estar ubicadas en Garden Grove y poseer una licencia comercial válida. Las empresas que reciben el préstamo de \$50,000 también deben verificar que están creando empleos, mientras que las empresas que reciben la subvención de \$25,000 deben verificar que están reteniendo empleos durante un período de tres meses. Además, las empresas que reciban la subvención de \$25,000 deberán demostrar que su negocio ha visto una disminución en los ingresos de más del 15% con respecto al año pasado. Actualmente, las empresas que ya han recibido un préstamo o subvención a través del programa Jobs 1<sup>st</sup> no son elegibles para volver a solicitar asistencia.

El programa JOBS 1<sup>st</sup> es parte del Plan de Recursos y Resiliencia Empresarial de Garden Grove (Garden Grove Business Resource and Resiliency Plan), diseñado para ayudar a las empresas locales, estimular el crecimiento y la creación de empleos, como también mejorar la vitalidad económica de Garden Grove.

La Ciudad Anuncia Fondos Disponibles Para El Programa Jobs 1st Para Apoyar Empresas Locales 2-2-2

Para más información sobre los programas comerciales de Garden Grove y para solicitar asistencia, visite ggcity.org/businesses o llame a la Oficina de Desarrollo Económico de la ciudad al (714) 741-5144.

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# **VIET-BAO ONLINE NEWS**

# TP Garden Grove thông báo chương trình "JOBS 1st" hỗ trợ các doanh nghiệp địa phương

12/05/2023



Thành phố Garden Grove thông báo chương trình 'JOBS 1<sup>st</sup>' vẫn còn ngân sách để hỗ trợ cho doanh nghiệp địa phương. Chương trình 'JOBS 1<sup>st</sup>' cung cấp các khoản vay không tiền lời (zero-interest loan) lên đến \$50,000 và chương trình tài trợ (grant) lên đến \$25,000 cho các doanh nghiệp hội đủ điều kiện để tạo ra hoặc duy trì việc làm. Chương trình này được khởi xướng vào tháng Sáu 2020 để giúp đỡ doanh nghiệp địa phương trong đại dịch COVID-19.

Để hội đủ điều kiện tham gia chương trình 'JOBS 1<sup>st</sup>', các doanh nghiệp phải có giấy phép kinh doanh hợp pháp tại Garden Grove. Các doanh nghiệp muốn nhận khoảng vay \$50,000 cần chứng minh họ đang tạo việc làm cho nhân viên. Những doanh nghiệp muốn nhận được khoản tài trợ (grant) \$25,000 cần chứng minh họ đang giữ việc làm trong khoảng thời gian 3 tháng, và cho thấy doanh thu đã bị giảm hơn 15% hơn vào năm ngoái. Doanh nghiệp đã nhận hỗ trợ từ chương trình này thì không thể ghi danh nữa.

Chương trình 'JOBS 1<sup>st'</sup> là một phần của kế hoạch Khuyến Khích Kinh Doanh và Phát động Khả Năng Phục Hồi (Business Resource and Resiliency Plan), được bắt đầu để hỗ trợ các doanh nghiệp địa phương, kích thích phát triển và tạo việc làm, đồng thời cải thiện kinh tế tại Garden Grove.

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# **NGUOI-VIET ONLINE NEWS**

# Garden Grove tiếp tục cho doanh nghiệp vay tiền không lấy lời May 13, 2023

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)** – Thành phố Garden Grove thông báo chương trình 'JOBS 1st' vẫn còn ngân sách để hỗ trơ cho doanh nghiệp địa phương.

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Ngân quỹ có hạn. Xin sớm thì còn. (Hình: City of Garden Grove cung cấp)

Chương trình này được khởi xướng vào Tháng Sáu, 2020 để giúp đỡ doanh nghiệp địa phương trong đại dịch COVID-19.

Để hội đủ điều kiện tham gia chương trình 'JOBS 1st', các doanh nghiệp phải có giấy phép kinh doanh hợp pháp tại Garden Grove.

Các doanh nghiệp muốn nhận khoản vay \$50,000 cần chứng minh họ đang tạo việc làm cho nhân viên.

Những doanh nghiệp muốn nhận được khoản tài trợ (grant) \$25,000 cần chứng minh họ đang giữ việc làm trong khoảng thời gian ba tháng, và cho thấy doanh thu bị giảm hơn 15% vào năm ngoái.

Doanh nghiệp đã nhận hỗ trợ từ chương trình này thì không thể ghi danh nữa.

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# Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove tuyển nhân viên

May 12, 2023

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)** – Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove đang nhận đơn trực tuyến cho các vị trí cảnh sát viên tuyên thệ (sworn) và không tuyên thệ (non-sworn), theo thông tin thành phố Garden Grove.

Hạn chót nộp đơn là Thứ Sáu, 26 Tháng Năm, 2023.



Cơ hội tốt để thành cảnh sát Garden Grove. (Hình: City of Garden Grove) Đây là cơ hội làm việc trong các vị trí toàn thời gian (full-time) và bán thời gian (part-time) bao gồm cảnh sát viên (police recruit), sĩ quan cảnh sát (lateral police officer/police officer), và học viên cảnh sát (police cadet).

Garden Grove là một thành phố đa văn hóa với một cộng đồng ngày một phát triển.

Đối với các sĩ quan cảnh sát tuyên thệ, Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove cung cấp các chương trình đào tạo chuyên môn trong các lĩnh vực điều tra tai nạn, huấn luyện cảnh khuyển, trấn áp băng đảng, điều tra, dịch vụ vị thành niên, tuần tra đường phố, vũ khí và chiến thuật đặc biệt, thực thi pháp luật, sau khi có đủ kinh nghiệm trong sở cảnh sát.

Garden Grove điều chỉnh những chính sách thích hợp cho cộng đồng.

Thành phố cung cấp các phúc lợi bao gồm các khoản đóng góp cho bảo hiểm y tế, nha khoa và bảo hiểm mắt.

Hiệp Hội Cảnh Sát Garden Grove trả một phần chi phí y tế suốt đời; chương trình hoàn trả học phí; trả thêm nếu nói được song ngữ; ngày nghỉ có trả lương; phúc lợi về hưu bổng thông qua CalPERS và các cơ hội làm việc uyển chuyển trong toàn bộ phận.

Để ghi danh trực tuyến hoặc để biết thêm thông tin chi tiết và yêu cầu trong công việc, truy cập ggpd.org/join, hoặc liên lạc ông Jason Johnson ở sở cảnh sát Garden Grove tại (714) 741-5922 hoặc gởi email cho jasonj@ggcity.org

# Garden Grove mở chương trình mới tài trợ nhà trẻ

May 12, 2023

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Từ Tháng Bảy, Garden Grove sẽ tài trợ hàng loạt chương trình giúp đỡ cư dân lợi tức thấp và trung bình bằng tiền từ chính phủ liên bang, trong đó có chương trình mới hỗ trợ chăm sóc trẻ em, theo nhật báo The Orange County Register hôm Thứ Sáu, 12 Tháng Năm.

Garden Grove hiện có khoảng \$3.7 triệu do Bộ Gia Cư và Phát Triển Đô Thị Hoa Kỳ (HUD) cấp, theo tài liệu thành phố này. Và lần đầu tiên, thành phố này sẽ dành \$102,000 trong số tiền đó cho chương trình Garden Grove Boost, bà Lisa Kim, tổng quản trị thành phố, cho hay.

Theo chương trình Boost, nhà trẻ ở Garden Grove có thể nộp đơn xin tài trợ và dùng tiền để xin giấy phép, hỗ trợ kỹ thuật hoặc thuê thêm nhân viên, theo ông Timothy Throne, chuyên gia tổ chức chương trình Văn Phòng Phát Triển Kinh Tế của Garden Grove.

Thành phố sẽ mở trang web nhận đơn ngay trước Tháng Bảy cho nhà trẻ nào muốn xin tài trợ thông qua chương trình này, ông Throne cho biết. Ông lưu ý rằng khoảng 17 nhà trẻ có thể được tài trợ.

"Chúng tôi muốn tập trung cho nơi giữ trẻ tại nhà và giúp họ lấy giấy phép đàng hoàng, hỗ trơ ho về kỹ thuật để họ có chương trình giảng day cho trẻ em," ông Throne nói.

Và cư dân Garden Grove có thể hưởng lợi từ những nhà trẻ này. WeeCare, công ty mới mở ở Los Angeles chuyên về dịch vụ chăm sóc trẻ em, sẽ hỗ trợ thêm \$102,000 cho khoảng 250 người để gửi con ở nhà trẻ.

Gia đình lợi tức thấp có thể dùng tiền trợ cấp đó gửi con ở những nhà trẻ "an toàn, có đầy đủ giấy phép theo quy định tiểu bang," bà Monica Covarrubias, cũng thuộc Văn Phòng Phát Triển Kinh Tế của Garden Grove, cho hay.

Orange County đang có nhu cầu lớn về giữ trẻ, theo bà Kim Goll, chủ tịch văn phòng First 5 Orange County. Bà lưu ý, cứ mỗi giấy phép mở nhà trẻ trong quận hạt, có 23 đứa trẻ đang chờ được gửi.

Và nhu cầu giữ trẻ giá vừa phải là vấn đề thậm chí lớn hơn: "Theo chúng tôi biết, ở Orange County, chúng ta hiện chỉ phục vụ chưa tới 5% số trẻ em thực sự cần được tài trợ để gửi ở nhà trẻ."

Mỗi năm, Garden Grove còn dùng tiền từ HUD để chăm lo người cao niên. Năm tài khóa sắp tới (1 Tháng Bảy, 2023 tới 30 Tháng Sáu, 2024), khoảng 300 người cao niên ở thành phố này sẽ được hỗ trợ thông qua những chương trình như Meals on Wheels, chương trình cung cấp thức ăn tận nhà cho người 60 trở lên.

Chương trình sửa nhà của Garden Grove cũng được tài trợ bằng tiền từ HUD. Thành phố sẽ hỗ trợ tối đa \$5,000 cho khoản sửa nhà hội đủ điều kiện, như nâng cấp bảng điện cho phù hợp với quy định. Chương trình này bắt đầu nhận đơn cuối Tháng Sáu và trong Tháng Mười Hai, và người nộp đơn sẽ được chọn bằng cách rút thăm, bà Covarrubias cho biết. Mười gia đình sẽ được chọn trong Tháng Bảy và 10 gia đình nữa được chọn trong Tháng Mười Hai.

# **VIỄN ĐÔNG NEWS -California**

May 15, 2023



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# Garden Grove launching new program to make childcare more accessible

The city received about \$3.7 million in funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development



Come July, Garden Grove will fund a variety of programs to benefit low to moderate income residents in the city through federal funds including a program that will make childcare accessible and affordable. (Photo by Getty Images/iStockphoto)

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Come July, Garden Grove will fund a variety of programs aimed at benefiting low to moderate-income residents in the city through money secured from the federal government, including a new program that will make childcare accessible and affordable.

Garden Grove has approximately \$3.7 million in Department of Housing and Urban Development funding (HUD), according to city documents. And for the first time, the city will allocate \$102,000 of that money for its new Garden Grove Boost program, said City Manager Lisa Kim.

Under the Boost program, home-based childcare centers in Garden Grove can apply for funding and use that money for licensing, technical assistance or more staff, said Timothy Throne, a senior program specialist for Garden Grove's Office of Economic Development.

An application portal is set to go live just before July for childcare businesses to seek funding through the program, Throne said, noting a projected 17 businesses could benefit.

"The focus is home-based childcare centers and getting them properly licensed, getting them the technical assistance and support to be able to have a curriculum for the children," Throne said.

And Garden Grove residents seek to benefit from these childcare centers. WeeCare, a Los Angeles-based startup that provides a childcare marketplace, will match funding and provide \$102,000 in assistance to about 250 individuals to use for childcare.

Low-income families will be able to use these subsidies to put their children in daycares that are "a safe home that has all these state required licenses," said Monica Covarrubias, also with Garden Grove's Office of Economic Development.

Kim described the Boost program as "a full ecosystem that not only supports the business but it supports the individual families that have to go to work and need to seek childcare."

There is an acute need for childcare in Orange County, First 5 Orange County President Kim Goll said, noting that for every one licensed childcare slot, there are 23 infants and toddlers needing it. And the demand for affordable childcare is an even bigger issue: "What we know in Orange County is that we're serving less than 5% of the children that actually need subsidized care."

Every year, Garden Grove uses some of this HUD funding to benefit its senior center. For the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 to June 30, 2024), about 300 seniors in the community will be helped through programs like Meals on Wheels, a home delivery program for those aged 60 and over.

The city's home repair program is also funded by HUD money. Garden Grove will provide up to \$5,000 in assistance for eligible home repairs, like updating electrical panels and bringing them up to code. Applications for the program will open at the end of June and in December, and benefactors would be chosen through a random lottery draw, said Covarrubias.

Ten households will benefit in July and another 10 in December.

Every year, federal agencies — such as HUD — receive funding from Congress that is distributed to cities through different grants like the Community Development Block Grant. The amount cities receive is determined by a HUD-utilized formula.

Garden Grove allocates funding received through four main areas: \$1.6 million for public improvement projects; \$663,259 to affordable housing; \$420,679 in economic development and \$277,603 to public services.

# Police memorial on Thursday



**BAGPIPES** are traditional at memorials for law enforcement and military (OC Tribune file photo).

The 36th annual "Call to Duty" Memorial will be held on Thursday from 5-6 p.m. in front of the Garden Grove Police Department building on Acacia Parkway (east of Euclid Street).

Every year the GGPD and the community honor officers who died in the line of duty. They are:

- Sgt. Myron L. Trapp (1959)
- Reserve Officer. Andy R. Reese (1970)
- Officer Donald F. Reed (1980)
- Officer Michael L. Rainford (1980)
- Master Officer Howard E. Dallies, Jr. (1993)
- Lt. John Reynolds (2021).

Garden Grove's police department has more officers killed in the line of duty than any other agency in Orange County. Two –Reese and Rainford – were struck by motor vehicles, Reynolds died from coronavirus contracted while working, and the other three from gunfire.

Acacia Parkway will be closed off to vehicle traffic between Euclid and 7th Street.

# 'Big city' mayors ask state for more money to tackle homelessness

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Five Southland mayors, including Los Angeles's Karen Bass, were among the 13 California Big City Mayors who met with Gov. Gavin Newsom and key legislators in Sacramento on Wednesday, May 17, to seek more homeless funding for the state's Homekey program, as well as mental health and substance abuse beds.

The other Southern California mayors were Anaheim's Ashleigh Aitken, Irvine's Farrah Khan, Long Beach's Rex Richardson and Riverside's Patricia Lock Dawson.

"This is the number one crisis we are facing in California," Bass said during a news conference in Sacramento. "The only way we will solve it is by acting together with locked arms, as we say in Los Angeles, to bring folks inside for good."

Bass said no mayor can "work alone" to face the homelessness crisis, and that's why recent state investments and partnerships have been so critical.

"While this year's state budget must be difficult, the need for housing interventions and services must remain a top priority," Bass said. "We need to ensure additional funding in this budget to make an even bigger impact."

The California Big City Mayors, a coalition of mayors of the state's 13 most populous cities, issued a letter to Newsom and state legislators last week, a day before he released a revised budget proposal for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

In the letter, the coalition insisted the homeless crisis continues to be its No. 1 priority, and the need to address homelessness should be reflected through the state's budget.

"For this reason, we respectfully request — as our top budget priority — continuing and sustaining HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention) funding with direct allocations for big cities," the letter said, "with a minimum allocation of \$2 billion per year in FY 23-24, 24-25 and 25-26 for a total of \$6 billion."

As Newsom's administration and legislators develop policy to address homelessness, the coalition proposed a framework to aid in that effort, including flexibility in the use of state funding; permanent funding; focused goals; release of HHAP bonus funding; prioritizing increased bed capacity; quicker disbursement of funding; land use waivers; stabilizing annual allocations; and lastly, focusing funding where need is greatest.

The coalition also requested \$1.5 billion for Homekey to ensure all applications in round three are funded.

"We have this crisis that has unfolded and we have some real momentum," Richardson said during Thursday's news conference, "and my message is we can't turn back now."

State funding has allowed Long Beach to implement innovative strategies, Richardson said, such as safe parking to use, drop-in sites and navigation centers. The city has also opened five Project Home Key and Room Key sites, with one more in the works.

Long Beach's population of people who are homeless rose by 4.6%, to 3,447, this year compared to 2022, according to the <u>results of the city's annual point-in-time tally</u> of those without permanent shelter. Anaheim, meanwhile, has been able to reduce its unsheltered population by 30% since 2019, Aitken saidThe city wants to reduce the population by 70% by 2024. HHAP funding has played has helped Anaheim expand daily outreach by social workers who are on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and convert two motels into permanent supportive, non-congregate housing.

"We urge California to uphold its HHAP commitments to our cities and to those across California," Aitken said, "because together we can address California's greatest humanitarian crisis."

But the state appears to have some financial troubles.

When Newsom released his "May Revise" on Friday, he also announced a \$32 billion deficit in the state's proposed budget for 2023-24 fiscal year, up from the \$22.5 billion shortfall that was projected in his proposed January budget.

Newsom indicated spending reductions and pullbacks would be necessary to ensure a balanced budget.

But in terms of funding for homeless projects and cleaning up encampments, he said "we are not backing away" and his proposed budget would commit \$3.7 billion to do so.

In his May Revise, \$1 billion in one-time funding from the General Fund would be used for HHAP and focus on "reducing unsheltered homelessness," including prioritizing spending on Homekey operating sustainability and Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Act housing supports.

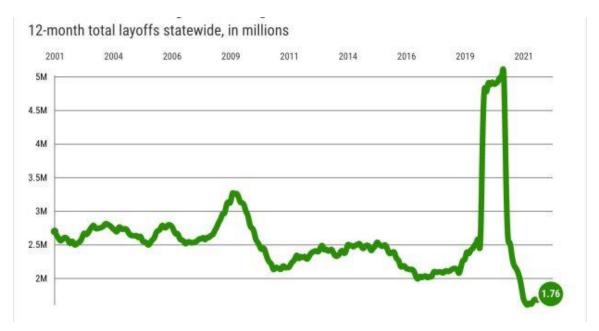
Newsom, according to his office, has invested \$15.3 billion overall to address the homelessness crisis, including \$3 billion for flexible aid to local government; \$3 billion for Homekey; \$2.2 billion for behavior health infrastructure; \$1.5 billion for behavioral health bridge housing; \$860 million for community care expansion; \$750 million for encampment clean up grants; and \$262 million for Project Roomkey.

Riverside has also been among those beneficiaries.

Using HHAP funding, that's city's mayor said, Riverside launched "Project Connect," to serve those who are currently in the justice system or exiting the local detention center by connecting them with services they need to get their lives back on track and reduce recidivism. Riverside also launched a program in January to help end youth homelessness, Dawson said.

"We're actively breaking this cycle of youth homelessness," Dawson said, "giving our future generation the stability and support they need to thrive but most of all hope."

# California layoffs jump 60% to 27-month high 911,000 job openings – lowest since March 2021



California layoffs, 12-months (Chart by Flourish)
By **JONATHAN LANSNER** | jlansner@scng.com | Orange County Register
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California bosses laid off 236,000 workers in March, a 60% jump from the average pace of job cuts in the previous 12 months.

The jump in workers' involuntary departures to the fastest pace since December 2020 was found in my trusty spreadsheet's review of the federal government's monthly Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey. The report, dubbed "JOLTS" by economists, tracks what's moving the job market.

March's layoffs are nowhere near the historic 1.5 million cuts of March 2020 amid coronavirus lockdowns. However, it's a noteworthy spike that follows months of high-profile job cuts, notably in California's technology industries and several eye-catching bank failures.

The bump in worker discharges is also a warning signal that the Federal Reserve's year-long attempt attempts to cool an overheated economy with soaring interest rates are making bosses antsy.

California's March layoffs are 25% larger than the monthly average in pre-pandemic 2015-19, what's considered a healthy economic period. And they're 7% bigger than the 2002-2006 housing-fueled boom. Those March cuts also are 12% above the typical month since 2001.

Or look at the March firings this way: Layoffs equaled 1.3% of all workers, up sharply from the 0.8% average of the previous 12 months.

Plus, it's not a one-month uptick. Bosses laid off 1.84 million in the past 12 months – up 13% from 1.63 million in the previous 12 months.

Let me note the recent layoff spree is historically modest: Since 2001, the typical 12-month period has averaged 2.55 million forced departures.

## Other slow signs

Growing boss unease also can be found in the number of job openings – 911,000, the lowest since March 2021 and down 24% vs. the average of the previous 12 months.

Still, California bosses seem to be hurting for workers. Historically speaking, openings are up 33% vs. 2015-19, and they're up 108% vs. 2002-2006.

The need for employees equals 4.8% of all workers in March. That's down from the 6.3% average in the previous 12 months, but it's still well above the 3.9% pace of 2015-19, and 2.9% in 2002-2006.

But when you look at California's openings as a measure of worker availability, the job market is tightening.

There were 90 unemployed workers for every opening in March vs. 68 on average in the previous 12 months. But talent is still hard to find: there were 143 jobless for every opening in 2015-19 and 250 in 2002-2006.

Do not forget bosses are still hiring, though at a slower speed.

The 606,000 new workers added in March was down 1% vs. the previous 12 months. New staff equaled 3.4% of all jobs in March vs. 3.5% average in the previous 12 months.

Nevertheless, this is a cooling of staff additions. The 7.36 million hired in the past year is down 6% from the previous 12 months.

#### Quits chill

Workers also are sensing the chill, leading to a dwindling voluntary departure count.

California had 363,000 quits in March, the fewest since March 2021 and down 11% vs. the previous 12-month average. Or look at the pullback this way: The 4.83 million quits of the past year are down 6% from 5.13 million in the previous 12 months.

Yet this might be job quits returning to a more normal pace for an otherwise solid economy.

Yes, quitters were 2% of workers in March, the smallest share since January 2021, and down from the 2.3% average of the previous 12 months.

But California's "so long, boss" crowd is only a shade above the 1.9% average of both the 2015-19 and 2002-2006 job-growth periods.

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# Disneyland lays out theme park expansion plans for next 30 years

The DisneylandForward proposal is expected to go before the Anaheim Planning Commission before the end of the year and the City Council in early 2024.



Ken Potrock, president of the Disneyland Resort, talks about Disney expansion plans during an OC Forum luncheon at the Grand California in Anaheim, CA, on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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Disneyland laid out long-term expansion plans to Orange County business leaders on Wednesday, May 17, that will extensively reimagine what the future of the Anaheim theme park resort district will look like over the next three decades.

Disneyland resort President Ken Potrock spoke before the OC Forum at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel about the DisneylandForward proposal that envisions extensive theme park, retail and parking expansion within the resort district boundaries.

"To put it simply, DisneylandForward sets the stage for significant and multi-decade investment in the future. This is the next generation of the Disneyland resort," Potrock told the attendees. "When Disney invests, all boats rise and everyone benefits."

Disneyland first unveiled the <u>DisneylandForward expansion plan</u> in September 2021, a few months after reopening Disney's Anaheim theme parks following a yearlong pandemic closure.

The OC Forum presentation served as a town hall of sorts where Disneyland put forward its case to Orange County business and civic leaders detailing the tourism, tax revenue and employment benefits of the DisneylandForward proposal.

"The economic engine that is the Disneyland resort will be turning 68 years young in July, yet we believe it has more potential than ever," Potrock said. "When we work together the possibilities are endless and that is exactly what we are trying to do."

Since 2021, Disneyland has been working closely with the city of Anaheim to extensively update the planning approval process governing the resort district. A draft environmental impact study is expected to be completed by the summer with the DisneylandForward proposal going before the Anaheim Planning Commission before the end of the year and the City Council in early 2024.

An economic study presented by Cal State Fullerton's Anil Puri toward the end of the OC Forum spelled out the economic impact of every billion dollars invested by Disneyland. During an average four-year construction period, Disneyland would generate 4,500 jobs, \$11 million in tax revenue and \$1.1 billion in economic output in Anaheim for every billion dollars spent, according to Puri's study.

The DisneylandForward presentation included concept art from Disney theme park projects around the globe offering "possibilities" of what future expansion could look like at the Disneyland resort. The projects presented included the Tangled, Frozen and Peter Pan themed lands coming to Tokyo Disneyland in Japan and the Zootopia themed land planned for Shanghai Disneyland in China.

"What we would love is for those future innovations to have a spot here in Anaheim," Disney's Global Development vice president Rachel Alde said during a panel discussion.

DisneylandForward is Disney's effort to work with the city to grow the Disneyland resort, update the blueprint for the theme park district and propel Anaheim's economic rebound following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Disney is asking the city for more flexibility in land use plans approved in the 1990s in order to be able to add a mix of theme park, hotel, retail, dining and entertainment on the eastern and western edges of the Disneyland resort.

"Back in the early '90s, Disney and the city of Anaheim worked collaboratively on their vision for the next three-plus decades," Potrock said. "Together, we built this unique tourism engine and the vision we had for the continued growth of this community is quite honestly a marvel. This is a very unique, special and advantageous benefit to the city of Anaheim, Orange County and in fact, the entire state. We are incredibly excited about the opportunity to do it again as we look to the next 10, 20 and even 30 years ahead."

The Immersive Theme Park westside expansion in the DisneylandForward proposal envisions theme park attractions on the Downtown Disney and Lilo and Stitch parking lots woven amid the Disneyland Hotel and Paradise Pier Hotel.





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Wednesday, May 17, 2023

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# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR CITY'S WORKFORCE ACTIVATION & READINESS PROGRAM WORKSHOP

The City of Garden Grove is offering a Workforce Activation & Readiness

Program (WARP) Workshop on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center A/B Room, 11300

Stanford Avenue. WARP is an employment development program that provides the tools and skills needed to secure and maintain gainful employment.

The workshop will include service provider presentations from OCAPICA and StandUp for Kids; a partner presentation from the LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council; a Q & A; and resource fair.

WARP services include: resume development, interviewing skills, job search assistance, basic office skills, dress for success workshops, English classes, and more. Employment development services through WARP will help prepare participants to secure employment in the following fields: healthcare, information technology, construction, manufacturing, education, and administration.

To RSVP, visit <a href="https://ggcity.typeform.com/to/x6ejqIVT">https://ggcity.typeform.com/to/x6ejqIVT</a>. To learn more about the program, visit <a href="mailto:gg.city/warp">gg.city/warp</a>.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WORKFORCE ACTIVATION & READINESS PROGRAM

# WORKSHOP

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER A/B ROOM 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

# Workshop will include:

- Opening remarks
- Service Provider presentations from OCAPICA and StandUp For Kids regarding their programs and the services they provide
- A partner presentation from the LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council regarding their Apprenticeship Readiness Program
- Q&A
- Resource Fair

# Registration Link:











# LA CIUDAD DE GARDEN GROVE

PROGRAMA DE ACTIVACIÓN Y PREPARAMIENTO DE FUERZA LABORAL

# TALLER

Miércoles, 28 de Junio de 2023 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER A/B ROOM 11300 Avenida Stanford, Garden Grove, CA 92840

# El taller incluyera:

- Palabras de apertura
- Presentaciones de proveedores de servicios de OCAPICA y StandUp For Kids sobre sus programas y servicios que ofrecen
- Una presentación de socios del Consejo de Edificación y Construcción de LA/OC con respeto a su Programa de Preparación para Aprendizaje
- Preguntas y respuestas
- Feria de recursos

Enlace de registración











# THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE HỐI THẢO

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH GIÚP PHÁT TRIỂN ĐỂ SẮN SÀNG TRONG CÔNG VIỆC

Thứ Tư, 28 tháng Sáu, 2023 9:00 am – 12:00 pm COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER A/B ROOM 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

# Buổi hội thảo bao gồm:

- Phần phát biểu khai mạc
- Phần thuyết trình từ cơ quan OCAPICA và 'StandUp For Kids' về các chương trình và những dịch vụ họ cung cấp
- Phần trình bày của đối tác từ LA/OC Building và Hội đồng Thương mại Xây dựng về chương trình học nghề của họ
- Phần đặt câu hỏi & trả lời
- Hội chợ tài nguyên

# ĐĂNG KÝ TAI











가든 그로브 시 인력 활성화 및 준비 프로그램

# 워크샵

2023년 6월 28일 수요일 오전 9:00- 오후 12:00 커뮤니티 미팅 센터 A/B 룸

11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

워크샵 내용:

- 스티브 존스 시장의 개회사
- OCAPICA 및 StandUp For Kids의 프로그램 및 제공하는 서비스에 대한프레젠테이션
- LA/OC 건물 및 건설업 협의회의 견습생 준비 프로그램에 관한프레젠테이션
- 질문과 답변
- 리소스 페어

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Monday, May 15, 2023

#### **HEAVY TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURES MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

Beginning Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 29, 2023, the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will take place at Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main Street. During the 4-day festival, heavy traffic is anticipated in the immediate area. Motorists are asked to plan accordingly to avoid delays.

Main Street, north of Acacia Parkway, will be closed from Thursday, May 25 through Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

On Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the following streets will be closed for the 2023 Strawberry Stomp 5K and the Strawberry Festival Parade:

- Acacia Parkway, from Grove Street to Civic Center Drive
- 9th Street, between Jerry Lane and Orangewood Avenue
- Chapman Avenue, between West Street and Nelson Street
- Euclid Street, between Orangewood Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard

No vehicles will be allowed to drive or park on the closed streets until the 5K and parade have ended. Streets impacted by the road closures will be posted with 'NO PARKING' signs and residents will be notified in advance. Vehicles found on the street after 4:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 27, 2023, will be towed and impounded.

Orange County Transit Authority bus routes will be impacted by the closures.

Heavy Traffic and Road Closures Memorial Day Weekend 2-2-2

Stanford Avenue and residential streets near Lampson Avenue and Euclid Street will be open to residents only. Identification will be required for vehicles traveling on those streets during festival hours.

Residential parking by permit only will be enforced on Pine Street and Walnut Street, south of Lampson Avenue, and College Avenue, between Euclid Street and Pine Street.

Garden Grove police officers will be onsite to provide directions for residents entering or leaving the area.

Suggested alternate routes during the 5K and parade hours are Katella Avenue or Garden Grove Boulevard for east and west traffic. For north and south traffic, alternate routes are Brookhurst Street or West Street.

On Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., Strawberry Stomp 5K walkers and runners will travel north on Euclid Street, heading east on Chapman Avenue to 9<sup>th</sup> Street, before looping back onto Euclid Street. The 5K will finish on Main Street at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Following the 5K, at 10:00 a.m., the Strawberry Festival Parade will begin on Chapman Avenue, from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Euclid Street, then continue south towards Village Green Park where it will conclude at Acacia Parkway.

For more information on street closures, call the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704.

To view the Strawberry Festival's full schedule of events, visit <a href="https://www.strawberryfestival.org">www.strawberryfestival.org</a>. For more information on the Strawberry Stomp 5K, visit <a href="https://www.strawberrystomp.org">www.strawberrystomp.org</a>.





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Tuesday, May 16, 2023

# CITY HALL CLOSED, NO STREET SWEEPING ON MEMORIAL DAY

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023. Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday, and will resume the next day. Trash pick-up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5382.

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# **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

# May 18, 2023

- 1. Calendar of Events
- 2. League of California Cities articles from May 12, 2023 to May 18, 2023.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18, 2023 – June 22, 2023

Thursday	May 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
		5:00 p.m.	36 <sup>th</sup> 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. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	May 26- May 29		Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street
Saturday	May 27	8:00 a.m.	Strawberry Stomp 5K Historic Main Street, 12987 Main Street
Monday	May 29		City Hall Closed – Memorial Day
Thursday	June 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	June 2		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	June 8	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
			\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Tuesday	June 13	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	June 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	June 16		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	June 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC



# Bill would ban police canines for crowd control and arrests

May 17, 2023

A measure that would significantly restrict the use of police canines is scheduled for a key appropriations hearing this week. The League of California Cities opposes the bill, as it may limit police officers' ability to keep their communities safe.

AB 742 (Jackson) would specifically prohibit a police officer from utilizing an unleashed K9 to arrest or apprehend a person. Under this measure, police could not utilize K9s for crowd control at any assembly, protest, or demonstration, and canines could not bite in any circumstance. This would effectively limit the use of K9s to search and rescue, explosives detection, and narcotics searches.

The bill comes as many cities continue to grapple with police vacancies and the need for non-lethal enforcement tools. K9s have historically served as law enforcement team members and are responsible for countless saved lives and de-escalated situations. Data from cities shows high surrender and apprehension numbers with very low bite ratios and even fewer incidents resulting in significant injury.

In Fresno, for instance, a K9's bark is often worse than its bite. According to the police chief, less than 1% of their deployments resulted in a bite. The Sacramento County Sheriff says that most police departments rarely use K9s for crowd control. Instead, they use them to reduce the risk of injury to police officers, as illustrated by an incident in Elk Grove that likely saved an officer's life.

K9s are meant to be used as non-lethal options in circumstances that call for a more robust law enforcement response. AB 742's overly broad restrictions do not consider the highly dynamic and sometimes unruly nature of some public demonstrations and calls for service.

Cities respect the established processes of civil suits, civil rights violation investigations, and the criminal prosecution of officers under SB 2 (Bradford, 2021). Established laws, oversight systems, and processes in California currently serve as an effective regulation of K9 use. As drafted, this measure would leave law enforcement officers with limited options for prevention or intervention. AB 742 will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee this week. Cal Cities will continue to oppose this measure as it moves through the legislative process.



# State Bills in Brief: May Suspense File

May 17, 2023

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

Thursday marks the first part of a twice-yearly legislative tradition: the demise of hundreds of bills. Known as the suspense file, the rapid-fire process allows the appropriations committees to review the fiscal impact of hundreds of bills before they go to the floor for a full debate.

Holding a bill on the suspense file is effectively a death sentence. During the appropriations committee hearings, lawmakers can also amend measures before moving them to the floor or designate them as two-year bills, which pauses the proposal until the next year. Any bill that makes it through the May suspense file has to do so again in August in the other legislative house.

The League of California Cities anticipates that a significant number of bills will be held due to the <u>state's uncertain fiscal future</u> and the sheer <u>number of measures introduced this session</u>. As in previous years, Cal Cities will release a report next week on the top measures that met a grisly end or lived to fight another day. You can also contact your <u>regional public affairs</u> <u>manager</u> to learn which bills advanced out of suspense. In the meantime, here are the top 15 bills city leaders need to know about that are scheduled for a suspense file hearing.

To learn more about bills scheduled for a suspense file hearing, keep reading. To learn what each section means — or to access a previous State Bills in Brief — visit the archive page.

#### Top housing and homelessness bills

In recent years, voters and city officials rank housing affordability and homelessness as the top issues facing the state. So too has Cal Cities.

### Crucial changes to the behavioral health care system could increase access to care

- What are the changes? SB 43 and SB 363 both by Sen. Eggman would make it easier to provide behavioral health care. SB 43 would update the definition of "gravely disabled" and SB 363 would create a real-time dashboard of available beds in psychiatric and substance abuse facilities respectively. *Cal Cities supports both measures*.
- Why it matters. For unsheltered individuals with severe behavioral health needs, access to care can be essential to addressing their homelessness.

Will the state continue the trend of overriding its own mandated housing plans?

- What now? SB 423 (Wiener) would expand SB 35 (Wiener, 2017) to nearly all cities, allow the state to approve housing developments on its own property, and eliminate SB 35's sunset date. *Cal Cities opposes SB 423*.
- **SB 35 sounds familiar.** The 2017 legislation is one of the highest-profile housing laws in recent memory. SB 35 forces cities to approve certain multifamily housing sites. The law's <u>many requirements and exemptions</u> are detailed on page six of a 2018 Cal Cities publication.

## Speeding up utility connections could energize housing development

- Here's what the bill would do. AB 50 (Ward) would decrease the time it takes to connect new projects to the electrical grid and improve information sharing between utility companies and local officials. Cal Cities supports AB 50.
- You're saying this could increase housing production? Not just housing! Many local governments have been told it will take anywhere from two to seven years to improve electrical grids. These arduous timelines have resulted in delays to housing, economic development, electric vehicle, and decarbonization projects.

# Well-intended bill would make it nearly impossible to approve adaptive reuse projects

- What does the bill do? AB 1490 (Lee) would require a city to allow adaptive reuse affordable housing projects on infill parcels regardless of local plans and policies. Cities would also be prohibited from requiring additional requirements, such as maximum density requirements or additional parking.
- **So, what's the issue?** The bill also gives cities just 30 days to issue permits and entitlements and preemptively waives all building and permitting fees. This is not nearly enough time to review projects and would force local agencies to subsidize project costs imposed by state, federal, and local laws. Forcibly upzoning a project, regardless of public transit availability, will also create problems. *Cal Cities opposes AB 1490 unless it is amended to address those concerns.*

#### Top fiscal sustainability bills

Economic headwinds, labor shortages, and a prolonged federal debt ceiling fight have caused no shortage of fiscal concerns. Cal Cities supports a broad package of measures that would protect and support local fiscal sustainability.

# Proposed bill would streamline environmental grant programs

- This sounds great. What is the bill number? AB 972 (Maienschein) would create a statewide, cross-agency workgroup to coordinate, align, and streamline certain local government assistance resources. *Cal Cities is sponsoring the measure*.
- Why do cities need this? Nearly all state grant programs have widely varied procedures for their grant programs. Cities often lack the resources, staff capacity, or expertise needed to apply for competitive funding.

# AB 573 would increase flexibility for organic waste procurement

- What sort of flexibility is being proposed? It's narrow but important. AB 573 (Garcia) would allow some cities to send organic waste to out-of-state compost facilities to meet their SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) procurement requirements. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- Why do cities need this? Some cities, especially rural and border cities, must purchase and deliver compost hundreds of miles to comply with the law. This drives up both greenhouse

gas emissions and ratepayer costs. The state needs 50-100 new facilities for SB 1383 to be successful. These facilities are several years away from becoming a reality.

# Two new ways to expedite construction projects

- What are the bills? <u>AB 400 (Rubio)</u> would permanently allow local governments to use design-build processes for infrastructure projects. <u>SB 706 (Caballero)</u> would allow cities to use progressive design-build for all public projects over \$5 million.
- **This sounds very wonky.** <u>It is!</u> The very short version is that both processes create more flexibility for contractors, encourage greater collaboration among stakeholders, and keep costs low. Existing law restricts the use of these processes. *Cal Cities is the sponsor of both measures*.

## An ambiguous ethics law is driving up project costs. This bill could change that

- A well-intended law. A conflict-of-interest law inadvertently precludes design professionals from bidding on successive phases of public works projects. AB 334 (Rubio, Blanca) would clarify that those professionals are not subject to that law, in part because of case law. *Cal Cities supports the measure*.
- Why it matters. The public is at great risk if the most qualified consultants and contractors are prohibited from working on certain phases of infrastructure projects. The law would also help lower costs. Cities are currently forced to spend more money on training and site visits as new design professionals are brought on for each stage of the project.

# SB 252 (Gonzalez) would require CalPERS to divest from fossil fuels by 2031

- **Fiscal sustainability is paramount**. It is critical that CalPERS and CalSTRS have healthy investment returns. Divestment makes achieving the returns needed to maintain the plans' fiscal health more challenging. *Cal Cities opposes SB 252 (Gonzalez)*.
- **Budgets are tight.** With employer contribution rates stretching employer budgets thin, it is not prudent to take action that would further increase employer contributions and put continued strain on local budgets.

#### Top public safety bills

Increasing public safety through a wide range of strategies is one of Cal Cities' top advocacy priorities for 2023.

# Cal Cities-sponsored measure would enshrine cities' right to deliver emergency medical services

- How is this even an issue? AB 1168 (Bennett) would reconcile *City of Oxnard v. County of Ventura*, which ruled that Oxnard lost its authority to provide prehospital EMS after signing a joint powers authority agreement (JPA) with the county.
- Why is local control important here? The Oxnard decision fundamentally misconstrues the plain language of the EMS Act which governs the EMS system as well as the nature and purpose of a JPA. Signatories to JPA agreements should not lose their rights because they cooperated with other public agencies to provide better service to residents.

## Bill would ban police canines for crowd control and arrests

- **Are there any other restrictions?** Yes. Under <u>AB 742 (Jackson)</u> police canines could not bite under any circumstance. *Cal Cities opposes the measure*.
- Their bark is worse than their bite. Data from cities shows high surrender and apprehension numbers with very low bite ratios and even fewer incidents with canines

result in significant injury. The bill's overly broad restrictions would leave law enforcement officers with limited options for prevention or intervention.

# SB 719 would make police radio communications publicly available to the media in real-time

- This seems contradictory and unnecessary. SB 719 (Becker) runs contrary to state standards. Moreover, all radio communications are already available through existing regulations. The measure is also overly broad and would allow anyone with a podcast or social media to claim media privileges. *Cal Cities opposes the measure*.
- Accountability matters. But so too does public safety. Cal Cities supports related oversight. However, this bill would compromise the effectiveness of law enforcement and potentially put people in harm's way.

## Other top bills

Cal Cities engages on hundreds of bills each year that could impact cities. Here are some of the top ones that fall outside the 2023 Advocacy Priorities.

#### Two labor bills to watch

- What are the bills? AB 1484 (Zbur) would mandate that temporary employees be automatically included in the same bargaining unit as permanent employees. AB 504 (Reyes) would allow public employees to participate in strikes even if they are not members of the striking union by declaring sympathy striking a human right.
- What is Cal Cities' position? Cal Cities opposes both measures. Both bills would make it harder to provide essential services. AB 1484 in particular would make it difficult to staff for seasonal or surge needs, including health care, elections, and summer recreation services.

#### Lawmakers weigh restrictions to logistic centers

- What does the bill do? <u>AB 1748 (Ramos)</u> would require minimum setbacks from homes, schools, and other "sensitive receptors" and create new requirements when siting logistics centers, warehouses, and related infrastructure.
- What is Cal Cities' position? Cal Cities has not yet issued a position on this measure. However, Cal Cities opposes a much more restrictive version of this measure, <u>AB 1000</u> (Reyes), while acknowledging the need to discuss setting minimum standards that protect public health and economic development.

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# Budget revise includes wins for cities but lacks adequate funding for homelessness and affordable housing

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For the past few years, Gov. Gavin Newsom had the luxury of calling his revised state budgets "unprecedented" and "historic." On Friday, he struck a much different tone, repeatedly emphasizing the value of prudence and restraint as he unveiled a revised, \$306.5 billion state budget proposal.

The budget includes a few wins for cities, but on the homelessness and housing front, a few disappointments as well.

The shift in tone is not surprising. The state started with a budget deficit for fiscal year 2023-24, which grew to \$31.5 billion since January. The Governor used a combination of funding deferrals, reversions of unused dollars, and shifts from the General Fund to balance the budget. The budget proposal also draws heavily on federal funding and a potential 2024 climate bond to meet environmental goals.

In a win for cities, the May budget proposal does reflect calls from the League of California Cities to avoid redirecting city funds to address the state's budget shortfalls. It also does not include deep cuts to existing appropriations to cities. The proposed budget even includes some modest, but important increases for local governments, including more money for behavioral health care, adaptive reuse, fentanyl overdose aids, and flood control in the Central Valley. The May Revision largely maintains commitments made earlier this year for homelessness, adding no new investments. However, it proposes additional reductions and deferments for affordable housing. Cal Cities issued a press release in response, turning up its pressure on the state to find a permanent home in the budget for \$3 billion annually to prevent and reduce homelessness and boost the supply of affordable housing.

The budget battle is hardly over, even by the California Legislature's prolonged standards. The state's economic future is anything but certain and Californians have until October to finish filing their taxes. More revisions will be on the way.

This is not only the first budget process for nearly a third of the Legislature, but the first budget deficit for most legislators. Only a handful of legislators were around during the 2009 Great Recession. Lawmakers must meet their constitutional deadline and pass a budget by June 15 so

they can continue to get paid. More information about the macroeconomic conditions affecting the budget is in the "Revenue and Taxation" section of this story.

Read Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman's statement in response to the budget proposal, and Cal Cities' analysis of the budget below.

#### **Revenue and Taxation**

The Governor's May Revision is centered on maintaining a strong fiscal foundation to hedge against continued economic uncertainty. The revised budget proposal seeks to balance a \$31.5 billion budget deficit — a \$9 billion increase over January's estimated budget shortfall. The budget deficit increased due to lower-than-expected tax revenues and greater-than-expected usage of social safety net programs, such as the state's Medicaid program.

Although the state's deficit increased, the May Revision assumes continued but slowing economic growth. The Governor proposed balancing the budget through a combination of funding delays, shifts, and reductions, with no withdrawals from the state's reserve accounts. This approach is consistent with the proposed budget put forward in January.

During the pandemic, the state experienced unprecedented General Fund growth, with revenues increasing 30% in 2020-21 and 20% in 2021-22. Despite the weak personal income tax forecast, anticipated overall revenues for 2023-24 — while down from their peak — remain higher than the pre-pandemic level on an inflation-adjusted basis. California's revenues are largely dependent upon corporate and personal taxed earnings — specifically capital gains — which fluctuate wildly with market conditions.

The May Revision does not forecast an economic recession. Nonetheless, state budget officials did note the economy is at a heightened risk of recession due to simultaneous low employment and high inflation, a key indicator of a likely recession. Although inflation seems to be cooling, it is still higher than the Federal Reserve's target rate. More interest rate hikes are likely on the way. The Fed's ongoing effort to lower inflation through rate hikes does cool the economy but also raises the odds of a recession. If the economy enters a recession, there is a possibility of a sharp downward revision to revenue estimates by as much as \$40 billion in 2023-2024 alone. To further complicate matters, the state and the Internal Revenue Service delayed the 2022 tax filing deadline to October. Incomplete tax collection data could contribute to substantially larger fluctuations in the revenue forecast. If the June budget is built on overestimated revenues, the chances of midyear corrective budget adjustments will rise. This could also result in an increased risk for the Legislature to claw back monies previously appropriated for use by cities. The Governor's budget proposal does not include redirection of city funds to address the state's budget shortfalls and does not include deep cuts to ongoing programs that benefit cities. Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the May Revision.

- City of Fresno Public Infrastructure Plan: The Governor's January budget included \$300 million one-time General Fund to be spent over three years for the Local Government Budget Sustainability Fund to provide grants to support revenue stability in counties with high unemployment and high rates of poverty. The May Revision maintains \$50 million for this purpose and reallocates \$250 million to support the city of Fresno's Public Infrastructure Plan, which includes new parking structures and green spaces, improved walkability, and water infrastructure.
- **Technical Assistance to Small Businesses:** An increase of \$23.5 million in Federal Funds, to be spent over 5 years, for the Office of the Small Business Advocate to provide technical assistance to small businesses including businesses owned by socially and economically

- disadvantaged individuals applying for State Small Business Credit Initiative capital programs.
- California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program: A decrease of an additional \$50 million one-time General Fund from this program due to declining General Fund revenues, bringing the total reduction to \$142 million.

The May Revision also maintains funding for proposals highlighted in Cal Cities' analysis of the Governor's January budget proposal.

### **Community Services**

The May Revision maintains funding commitments from prior budgets for homelessness. However, the budget falls short in proposing investments that match the scale of this crisis. The budget proposal focuses on accountability measures for local governments and prioritizes spending for specific homelessness programs. It also signals the intent to tie state funding for homelessness to compliance with state housing laws.

The Governor is working with legislative leadership on a 2024 ballot initiative that would modernize the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to focus on housing and residential services for people experiencing homelessness and mental health and substance use disorders. Cal Cities supports this initiative in concept, which could provide nearly \$1 billion every year for behavioral health housing and care.

Cal Cities is keeping up the pressure to advocate for \$3 billion in ongoing funding to prevent and reduce homelessness and boost the supply of affordable housing. Last week, Cal Cities joined a coalition of local governments, homeless service providers, housing advocates, and business leaders to Governor to provide ongoing funding through the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program. Ongoing funding would allow local governments to sustain long-term interventions critical to addressing this crisis.

Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the Governor's May Revision.

- **Homelessness Funding:** Maintains \$3.4 billion in one-time funds to address homelessness as committed in prior budgets. This includes \$1 billion for the HHAP program.
- Homelessness Funding Prioritization: Proposes statutory changes to the HHAP program
  to prioritize spending on supporting permanent housing, Homekey operating sustainability,
  Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Act (CARE) housing supports, and
  other activities.
- Homelessness Accountability: Reinforces the Governor's continued effort to work with the Legislature to enhance local accountability around homeless services and regional coordination on homelessness strategies. This includes proposed trailer bill language that signals the intent to link state homelessness funding to having submitted a compliant housing element.
- CARE Act Funding: Provides an annual increase between \$43 million and \$54.5 million for county behavioral health departments to implement the CARE Court program. The May Revision also includes an additional one-time \$15 million for Los Angeles County. This is due to Los Angeles County's announcement that it will implement the CARE Act one year early.
- **Behavioral Health:** Includes \$500 million one-time MHSA in lieu of General Fund for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program, effectively eliminating the Governor's earlier proposed delay of \$250 million General Fund to 2024-25.

- Parks and Open Space: Shifts \$86.6 million in Statewide Parks Program funds to be included in a future climate bond proposal.
- Children and Youth: Scales back funding for transitional kindergarten in response to smaller-than-expected enrollment. The Governor dedicated \$604 million in the January budget but trimmed the investment to about \$357 million. Additionally, \$337 million for staffing universal transitional kindergarten dropped to \$283 million. It also requires local education agencies to begin screening pupils in kindergarten through second grade for risk of reading difficulties, including dyslexia, by 2025-26.
- Older Adults: Includes \$20 million in 2023-24, \$20 million in 2024-25, and \$10 million in 2025-26 for the California Department of Aging to continue the Older Adult Friendship Line, which offers competitive grants to local jurisdictions to identify and address older adult behavioral health and substance use disorder needs.

## Housing, Community, and Economic Development

Instead of providing essential funding to jumpstart affordable housing construction, the May Revision takes the opposite approach and proposes additional reductions and deferments. Combined, the Governor proposed \$367.5 million in reductions and \$345 million in deferments in much-needed housing funding, for a total of \$712.5 million.

Delaying or eliminating nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars will only exacerbate the housing crisis. Cal Cities will continue to call on the Governor and lawmakers to include a \$3 billion annual investment in the state budget to help cities prevent and reduce homelessness and spur affordable housing development. Targeted, ongoing funding is the only way cities can find community-based solutions that get residents off the streets and keep them in their homes. Below is a breakdown of major reductions and deferments announced in the May Revision.

- **Foreclosure Intervention Housing Prevention Program:** Provides funds to various nonprofit organizations to acquire foreclosed property and operate as affordable housing. The May Revision proposes deferring \$345 million over the next four fiscal years for a revised allocation of \$50 million in 2023-24, \$100 million in 2024-25, \$100 million in 2025-26, and \$95 million in 2026-27.
- **Downtown Rebound Program:** Provides funding for adaptive reuse of commercial and industrial structures to residential housing. The May Revision proposes reverting the remaining \$17.5 million in unexpended funds to the General Fund.

#### **Public Safety**

The May Revision includes resources to address the fentanyl crisis plaguing cities throughout the state, primarily through overdose reversal aids. It also includes one-time funds to support the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The consortium of 13 crisis centers answers calls, texts, and chats and combines custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices for mental health crisis response.

This increased focus on long-term resources and partnerships will enable the state to make behavioral health resources and opioid overdose reversal tools more accessible statewide. Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the May Revision.

- **Fentanyl:** The May Revision includes an additional \$141.3 million in Opioid Settlements Fund over four years for the Department of Health Care Services to support the Naloxone Distribution Project, for a total of \$220.3 million over four years. Additionally, the May Revision includes \$30 million one-time Opioid Settlements Fund in 2023-24 to support the development of a lower cost, generic version of a naloxone nasal spray product through the CalRx Naloxone Access Initiative at the Department of Health Care Access and Information.
- **988:** Includes \$15 million one-time 988 State Suicide and Behavioral Health Crisis Services Fund in 2023-24 to support eligible 988 call center behavioral health crisis services, for a total of \$19 million in 2023-24 and \$12.5 million in 2024-25 and ongoing.

## Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

The revised budget proposal mostly mirrors the Governor's January budget except for \$2.2 billion in General Fund reductions to maintain \$12.8 billion of transportation infrastructure investments.

The May Revision proposes statutory changes to expedite infrastructure projects that advance California's climate, equity, and economic goals and maximize the state's share of federal infrastructure spending while maintaining appropriate environmental review. California has received about \$48.6 billion in federal infrastructure funding so far.

Under the revision, the California Department of Transportation will deliver over \$20 billion worth of planned state highway repair and rehabilitation projects in the State Highway Operations and Protection Program over the next five years. Caltrans will also allocate almost \$12 billion of local assistance direct funding to local governments.

Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the Governor's May Revision.

- **Transit:** With federal emergency funds coming to an end and transit agencies' fare revenue in decline, the Governor committed to working with the Legislature and stakeholders to address a multibillion-dollar deficit in transit funding.
- **Ports and Rail:** Proposes \$1.2 billion for projects that improve goods movement on rail and roadways at port terminals, including new bridges and zero-emission modernization projects.
- Active Transportation Program: Maintains the Highways to Boulevards Pilot and bicycle and pedestrian safety projects for a total of \$1.4 billion.
- **High-Speed Rail:** Proposes \$4.2 billion for the High-Speed Rail Authority to continue building the 119-mile Central Valley Segment from Madera to the north of Bakersfield.
- **Grade Separation:** Commits \$350 million for grade separation projects to support critical safety improvements and expedite the movement of traffic and rail by separating the vehicle roadway from the rail tracks.
- **Regional Transportation Projects:** Over \$3.5 billion will be available for congested corridors, state and local partnerships, and trade corridor enhancement projects through 2027-28, as well as over \$3 billion to support the implementation of regional Sustainable Community Strategies.
- **Hints of Project Development Streamlining Reform:** The Governor hinted at yet-to-bedetailed proposals to reduce delay tactics and expand permit streamlining for infrastructure and commercial projects.

## **Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations**

The Governor continues to focus on improving government operations, paying down long-term pension benefit liabilities, and restoring investments in workforce development. Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the Governor's May Revision.

- State Retirement Contributions: The state continues to make its required pension payments and pay down its unfunded retirement liabilities to protect the long-term security of state employees' retirement benefits. State contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) decreased by a net total of \$1.7 million in 2023-24 relative to the Governor's Budget. The decrease is a result of CalPERS' adjustment to the state's contribution rates and the application of 2021-22 and 2022-23 supplemental pension payments.
- **Department of Industrial Relations:** Proposes restoring \$15 million in 2023-24 and \$15 million in 2024-25 for the Department of Industrial Relation's Women in Construction Priority Unit. In January, the Governor proposed pausing this funding for two years as part of the proposed budget solutions.
- Employee Compensation and Collective Bargaining: Increases state employee compensation by a net total of \$22.2 million in 2023-24, relative to the Governor's January budget proposal, to reflect increased employee compensation costs resulting from updated payroll information, updated health and dental rates, increased enrollment in health and dental plans, and a change in health plan enrollment composition. Collective bargaining negotiations are ongoing with 15 of the state's 21 bargaining units, whose contracts are expired or will expire in summer 2023.

## **Environmental Quality**

The climate change priorities outlined in the Governor's May Revision are highly similar to the cut-and-delay plan proposed at the start of the year. However, the probability of the funding being available has become much less certain. The updated budget plan now relies on the potential drawdown of federal funding and the passage of a climate bond in 2024. Together, these assume tens of billions of dollars for environmental priorities. Despite the fiscal constraints, the Governor did provide substantial funding to the significant flood events in the Central Valley, putting up nearly \$500 million in new funding for flood control, levee restoration, and small business relief.

Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the Governor's May Revision.

- Climate Budget Very Uncertain: Maintains the total climate budget is \$48 billion provided over several years which is unchanged from the January proposal. Several programs are now tied to the prospect of federal funds available in the federal Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as well as future state bond proceeds.
- Clear Support for 2024 Climate Bond: The Governor affirmed his commitment to getting a climate bond on the 2024 ballot. Several legislative proposals have been put forth. Cal Cities supports these efforts with additional investments for local government priorities.

- New Flood Protection Investments: Proposes \$492 million for levels and additional floodplain investments in response to the severe rain and flood conditions across the state, particularly in the Central Valley. This includes \$75 million one-time General Fund to support local flood control projects including in communities impacted by recent storms, such as the Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project. The May Revision also contains \$40 million one-time General Fund for San Joaquin Floodplain Restoration.
- Coastal Resources Continue to Take Hits: Includes a 47% cut to the Coastal Conservancy from the January budget, which will delay key program funding until the state budget condition improves.
- **Electricity Bill Surcharge Increase:** Proposes to raise the statutory cap on the California Energy Commissions' bill surcharge. This surcharge will apply to metered electricity ratepayers.

## **Next steps for city leaders**

The May Revision is one key step in a series of lengthy budget negotiations. Cal Cities will keep up the fight for city priorities, including the need for ongoing funding to reduce homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing. Cal Cities is stronger when cities join together as one voice. Be on the lookout for next steps, more in-depth legislative stories, and how you can make your voice heard at the Capitol.



# Budget revise falls short on funding for homelessness and affordable housing

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**Sacramento** — Following the release of Gov. Gavin Newsom's revised 2023-24 budget proposal, League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman issued the below statement:

"Cities welcome the new proposed investments to help cities reduce the alarming spike in fentanyl-related deaths in our communities and protect residents from the impacts of future floods. We also appreciate the Governor's efforts to date to provide short-term funding to California's cities to address homelessness.

However, given that California faces unprecedented and growing affordable housing and homelessness crises, we are disappointed that this budget will bring no new hope to the many Californians who need a home.

Together, the state and local governments are accountable for preventing a deepening of both crises. Cities are making progress planning for 2.5 million new homes, but these plans will not produce enough homes unless the state does its part and invests in affordable housing. Instead, this budget proposal does the opposite and calls for \$712 million in delays or cuts to housing programs.

We understand that a budget deficit forces hard decisions. But local governments, homelessness service providers, housing advocates, business leaders, and lawmakers alike <u>agree that ongoing funding is a key part of the solution</u> to ensuring an end to this state's homelessness crisis. Cities are calling on the state to find a permanent home in the budget, \$3 billion annually, to prevent and reduce homelessness and boost the supply of affordable housing.

All levels of government are calling for urgent action to address these crises, but the budget yet again falls short. It's time for the state to double down on its investments and ensure that all Californians have the housing and services they deserve."

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.