

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 23, 2017

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A.** FY 2016-17 ACTION PLAN (CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES)
A copy of the FY 2016-17 Action Plan (City Council Priorities) has been made available for you.
- B.** LETTER IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1147 (SALAS)
A copy of the letter sent to Assembly Member Salas in support of AB 1147 Solid Waste: Disposal is attached for your review.
- C.** GARDEN GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 2017
Kingsley Okereke provides a memo about the status of the GGSD Board approved refunding of the Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 2006 (2006 COPs).

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

- A.** Letter from Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department regarding FY 2015-16 Financial Close-out and FY 2017-18 Backbone Cost-Sharing Allocations.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

FY 2016-17 ACTION PLAN
(City Council Priorities)

Action Item	Implementation Steps	Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
Economic Development			
1. Use Economic Development to Grow Revenues			
a. Conduct Citywide Economic Development Study	Hire consultant for City analysis (RFP dev. in progress) Present analysis to Central Management Present analysis to City Council Develop and implement approved strategy	CED CED CED CED	April-17 July-17 August-17 Ongoing
b. Develop Incentives Strategy (Component of Econ. Development Study)	Conduct assessment of incentive options Present analysis to Central Management Present analysis to City Council Develop and incorporate into Economic Development Study	CED	April-17 July-17 August-17 Ongoing
c. Continue current development activities:			
i. Site C (Land & Design Inc.)	Clear site Hotel franchisee confirmed Financing in place Transfer property Ground breaking Grand opening	CED CED CED CED CED CED	Complete June-17 June-17 January-17 January-18 January-18 July-20
ii. Site B2 (Kam Sang Companies)	Implement City Council direction Monitor exclusive negotiation agreement	CED CED	May-17 May-17
iii. Brookhurst Triangle	Opening of Phase I lofts Closing on Phase II Phase II ground breaking Opening of Phase II lofts	CED CED CED CED	July-17 November-17 November-17 September-18
iv. Galleria (complete or demolish)	Progress report to City Council (GGSC acquired rights) Meetings with development team	CED	Complete In Progress
v. 13650 Harbor Blvd. (BN Group Hotel Dev.)	Negotiate purchase and sale agreement Close escrow (Escrow closed 11/30/16) Conduct stakeholder outreach Conduct community forum Monitor and support project initiatives	CED CED CED CED PW	Complete Complete Ongoing Complete Ongoing
d. Identify west-side development opportunities			
e. Facilitate OC Street Car project			

FY 2016-17 ACTION PLAN (City Council Priorities)

Action Item	Implementation Steps		Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
2. Continue Re:Imagine Downtown Initiatives				
a. Civic Center Adaptive Reuse (Cottage Industries Project)	Property sale/lease/transfer Conceptual plan & programming Commence implementation	CED CED CED		Complete May-17 May-17
b. Open Streets	Plan event Conduct event (Date set for April 1, 2017)	CS, Multi CS, Multi		Complete April-17
c. Complete Downtown Parking Management Plan	RFP to retain consultant Draft plan	CED CED		June-17 December-17
d. Bicycle Master Plan	Consultant (Alta) to complete plan (\$1.1 M Grant Award)* Planning Commission City Council adoption <i>*Environmental Pending</i>	CED, PW CED, PW CED, PW		Complete Fall 2017 Fall 2017
Public Safety				
3.. Continue to prioritize Public Safety				
Add five police officer positions to City budget				
CMO, FIN				
Complete				
4. Maintain and enhance staffing of key public safety positions				
Fill vacancies as approved by City Manager				
Implement dedicated recruiter for PD				
Conduct ongoing recruitment for Fire				
HR				
HR				
HR				
Complete				
5. Complete Infrastructure projects that are underway				
a. Fire Station #6	Implement plans for new Fire Station #6 (Westhaven Park) Groundbreaking Complete construction	FIRE, PW FIRE, PW FIRE, PW		In Progress 2 Q 2017 1 Q 2018
b. Police Lobby	Execute plans for lobby improvements Complete construction	PD PD		In Progress December-17
c. Communications Center	Implement plans for communications center improvements Complete construction	PD PD		In Progress December-17
6. Evaluate police/fire facilities				
Compile initial priorities punch list/summary report				
RFP to hire consultant for needs assessment/master plan				
Fund and begin implementation of master plan priorities				
PW, FIRE, PD PW, FIRE, PD PW, FIRE, PD				
Complete June-17 July-17				
7. Enhance neighborhood watch and other community policing programs (Including education)				
Review existing programs for the purpose of strengthening program components and enhancing education and outreach				
Implement Palma Vista neighborhood enhancement project				
PD, CD				
Complete				

FY 2016-17 ACTION PLAN (City Council Priorities)

Action Item	Implementation Steps	Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
Community Engagement/Outreach			
8. Develop a Strategic Plan that engages the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning meeting Conduct community engagement initiatives City Council Input Prepare plan Present plan to City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMO CMO CMO CMO CMO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Fall 2017 Fall 2017 Fall 2017 Winter 2018
9. Increase use of volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify volunteer opportunities in City Departments Publish and promote volunteer opportunities on website and through various media and social media resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HR, Multi CS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Complete
10. Strengthen communication to diverse groups and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue multi-language communication initiatives and evaluate opportunities for enhanced communications Evaluate reverse 9-1-1 access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Complete
Financial Sustainability			
11. Achieve a balanced budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare FY 16-17 Adopted Budget YTD Performance Prepare FY 17-18 Projections Present Update to City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIN FIN FIN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete April-17 April-17
12. Create a long-term financial forecast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare 5-year and 10-year revenue and expenditure forecast Present Plan to City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIN FIN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April-17 April-17
13. Assess pension liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Study Session Re PERS & OPEB Actuarial Reports Present analysis of PERS Actuarial Report to Council Present analysis of OPEB Actuarial Report to Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIN FIN FIN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Complete Complete
14. Implement New Financial System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP to hire consultant Select consultant Develop plan in coordination with consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIN, IT FIN, IT FIN, IT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Complete Complete
15. Evaluate options for all-cash businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review options with FTB and City Attorney Develop and present options and action plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May-17 May-17
Effective Transparent Government			
16. Implement management system review action plan items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete action items by specified dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMO, Multi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July-16 thru June-2017
17. Maintain and enhance staffing of basic service positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fill vacancies as approved by City Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete

**FY 2016-17 ACTION PLAN
(City Council Priorities)**

Action Item	Implementation Steps	Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
18. Plan for district election transition and support	Conduct 2016 election New Council Member orientation meetings City Council workshop/retreat	CMO CMO CMO	Complete Complete Complete
19. Continue to implement transparency initiatives	Address transparency goals in ERP RFP Implement public facing GIS district map Implement public facing GIS maps for Community & Economic Development Department	IT, FIN, CS IT IT	Complete Complete April-17
20. Complete evaluation of DA investigation recommendations	Consultant review	CMO	Complete
Other Community Issues			
21. Implement animal care transition	Hire animal control officers Implement City field services program Launch public information campaign Initiate service with OCHS	PW PW, CMO CS PW, CMO	Complete Complete Complete Complete
22. Consider November ballot measure to control, regulate and tax cannabis	Implement City Council direction	CMO	Complete
23. Address Homelessness Issue	Implement GGPD Homeless Outreach Task Force Continue participation in ACC-OC Homeless Taskforce Support regional efforts to address homelessness	PD, Multi CMO PD, Multi	Complete Ongoing Ongoing



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 21, 2017

Honorable Rudy Salas
State Capitol, Room 4016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1147 (Salas)
NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Salas:

For many years, waste recycling services have been offered in our community through our authorized service provider, Republic Services. In that time, we have noted an increasing problem with the theft of recyclables that have been placed at the curb for collection. Under our municipal code, recyclable materials become the property of our waste collector when they are placed in bins or at curbside. Further, the rates that we authorize our waste collection franchisee to charge presume that a portion of the franchisee's compensation will come to them indirectly, from the sale of the recyclables they have collected.

When these valuable materials are illegally removed from bins or containers prior to collection, several negative consequences result:

- Our contractor is deprived of valuable revenue, which can necessitate higher rates;
- The peace and quiet of residential neighborhoods is disturbed;
- The privacy rights of our citizens are violated;
- The surrounding areas are often strewn with litter.

AB 1147 is a sensible approach to addressing this issue. It will discourage the large scale theft of recyclable materials by authorizing the recovery of attorneys' fees in appropriate cases. At the same time, it preserves to local governments the ability to determine whether, and to what extent, they wish to regulate such activity. Local governments are still free to determine which recycling activities fall within an exclusive franchise, and which do not, and they remain empowered to adopt whatever form of collection program or system will best suit local conditions and community needs.

AB 1147 sends a message to professional criminals that local laws regarding the handling of solid waste, including recyclable solid waste, must be respected.

We appreciate your interest in this issue and are pleased to offer this letter in support of this worthy effort.

Very truly yours,

Steven R. Jones
Mayor

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Mayor

Phat Bui
Mayor Pro Tem - District 4

Kris Beard
Council Member - District 1

John R. O'Neill
Council Member - District 2

Thu-Ha Nguyen
Council Member - District 3

Stephanie Klopfenstein
Council Member - District 5

Kim Bernice Nguyen
Council Member - District 6

GARDEN GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT, REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017

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on behalf of.

KINGSLEY OKEREKE
Assistant City Manager

By: Alex Trinidad, Senior Accountant

cc: Ellis Chang, Accounting Manager



SHERIFF-CORONER DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF ORANGE
CALIFORNIA



800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System (CCCS)
Governance Committee

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March 13, 2017

Scott Stiles
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Subject: FY 2015/16 Financial Close-out and FY 2017/18 Backbone Cost-Sharing Allocations

Dear Mr. Stiles:

On behalf of the Governance Committee responsible for oversight of your investment and participation in this service, I wanted to update you regarding the financial close-out of FY 2015/16 and the cost-sharing allocations for FY 2017/18. These matters were addressed by the 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System (CCCS) Governance Committee at its last meeting on March 2, 2017.

As you are aware, all Orange County municipalities, the County of Orange, the Orange County Fire Authority and other Participating Agencies, jointly govern and finance the 800 MHz CCCS. This partnership is now over 20 years old, supporting one of the nation's largest, fully interoperable communications networks for law enforcement, fire services, lifeguard, public works, and numerous other local government and public service agencies.

- 1) FY 2015/16 Financial Close-Out - The Governance Committee reviewed the actual expenditures and budget for FY 2015/16 and there was a savings of \$276,428. The reconciliation was approved by the Committee and, as was the case last year, the Committee allocated the savings to the Sustainability Fund.
- 2) FY 2017/18 Backbone Cost-Sharing Allocation - The most recent radio count inventory combined with updated cost history, salary, employee benefit, and services and supplies calculations were used to calculate the backbone cost-sharing allocations for FY 2017/18. These FY 2017/18 allocations were then approved by the Governance Committee.



OCSD Communications
800 MHz Backbone Cost Sharing - Actual Operating Expenditures
FY 15-16 Reconciliation

Object	Description	Budget 15-16	Actual 15-16	(Savings)/ Cost Overrun 15-16	% Var.
Direct	Salaries & Employee Benefits	1,637,561	1,600,559	(37,003)	-2%
Indirect	Salaries & Employee Benefits	527,770	517,310	(10,461)	-2%
Total Salaries & Benefits		\$2,165,332	\$ 2,117,868.36	(47,463)	-2%
0600	Clothing -Uniforms	1,579	294	(1,285)	-81%
0700	Communications	76,860	47,420	(29,439)	-38%
1000	Household Expense	195	477	282	144%
1100	Insurance	94,186	94,186	-	0%
1300	Maint-Equipment	118,839	172,954	54,114	46%
1400	Maint-Structures	186,423	185,023	(1,400)	-1%
1500	Medical, Dental, Lab	-	-	-	0%
1600	Memberships	231	50	(181)	-78%
1800	Office Expense	17,023	23,059	6,035	35%
1900	Professional/Specialized Services	172,076	88,896	(83,180)	-48%
2100	Rents/Leases-Equipment	7,501	16,627	9,126	122%
2200	Rents/Leases-Structures	43,315	50,435	7,120	16%
2300	Small Tools	1,869	461	(1,408)	-75%
2400	Special Departmental Expense	-	-	-	0%
2600	Transportation/Vehicle Fleet Pool	160,727	146,759	(13,968)	-9%
2700	Trans/Travel-Meetings	-	-	-	0%
2800	Utilities	278,538	254,260	(24,278)	-9%
Total Services & Supplies		\$1,159,362	\$1,080,901	(78,462)	-7%
4000	Equipment	170,000	21,234	(148,766)	-88%
4200	Buildings & Improvements	-	-	-	0%
Total Capital Outlay & Fixed Assets		\$170,000	\$21,234	(148,766)	-88%
5100	Cost Apply Offset	-	(1,737)	(1,737)	-
Grand Total		\$3,494,694	\$3,218,266	(276,428)	-7.9%

Cities/PA's (59.82%) (165,359)

County (40.18%) (111,069)

Total (Savings)/Cost Overrun (276,428)

FY 15-16 RECONCILIATION - SAVINGS/COST OVERRUN ALLOCATION

TOTAL (SAVINGS)/COST OVERRUN TO ALLOCATE = \$ (276,428)

CITY/AGENCY	FY 15-16 Radio Count	%	(CREDIT)/ DEBIT \$
ALISO VIEJO	32	0.27%	(440)
ANAHEIM	1,610	13.40%	(22,156)
BREA	333	2.77%	(4,583)
BUENA PARK	326	2.71%	(4,486)
COSTA MESA	617	5.13%	(8,491)
CYPRESS	183	1.52%	(2,518)
DANA POINT	56	0.47%	(771)
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	238	1.98%	(3,275)
FULLERTON	592	4.93%	(8,147)
GARDEN GROVE	582	4.84%	(8,009)
HUNTINGTON BEACH	868	7.22%	(11,945)
IRVINE	614	5.11%	(8,450)
LAGUNA BEACH	330	2.75%	(4,541)
LAGUNA HILLS	41	0.34%	(564)
LAGUNA NIGUEL	64	0.53%	(881)
LAGUNA WOODS	6	0.05%	(83)
LAKE FOREST	74	0.62%	(1,018)
LA HABRA	223	1.86%	(3,069)
LA PALMA	76	0.63%	(1,046)
LOS ALAMITOS	51	0.42%	(702)
MISSION VIEJO	120	1.00%	(1,651)
NEWPORT BEACH	675	5.62%	(9,289)
ORANGE	427	3.55%	(5,876)
PLACENTIA	110	0.92%	(1,514)
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	35	0.29%	(482)
SAN CLEMENTE	105	0.87%	(1,445)
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	37	0.31%	(509)
SANTA ANA	893	7.43%	(12,289)
SEAL BEACH	114	0.95%	(1,569)
STANTON	72	0.60%	(991)
TUSTIN	301	2.50%	(4,142)
VILLA PARK	17	0.14%	(234)
WESTMINSTER	314	2.61%	(4,321)
YORBA LINDA	75	0.62%	(1,032)
METRONET*	47	0.39%	(647)
CITY TOTAL	10,262	85.40%	(141,221)
OCFA TOTAL	1,503	12.51%	(20,684)
OCTA TOTAL	113	0.94%	(1,555)
OCL TOTAL	54	0.45%	(743)
IVC TOTAL	16	0.13%	(220)
SADDLEBACK COLLEGE TOTAL	18	0.15%	(248)
SAUSD TOTAL	50	0.42%	(688)
CITY/OCFA/OCTA/IVS/SAUSD TOTAL	12,016	100.00%	(165,359)
SHERIFF	1,910	44.64%	(49,577)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	219	5.12%	(5,685)
PROBATION	602	14.07%	(15,626)
CEO	0	0.00%	0
*HCA/ Environmental Hlth.	12	0.28%	(311)
*HCA/Correctional Medical Services	19	0.44%	(493)
*HCA/Emergency Medical Services	44	1.03%	(1,142)
*HCA/Bioterrorism	2	0.05%	(52)
*Community Svcs Prgm/Animal Control	105	2.45%	(2,725)
*JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT	229	5.35%	(5,944)
OC Public Works/Operations & Maintenance	399	9.32%	(10,357)
*OC Public Works/Transp. ISF/Fleet Mngmt.	26	0.61%	(675)
*OC PARKS/Operations	318	7.43%	(8,254)
*OC PARKS/HBP	55	1.29%	(1,428)
*OC DANA POINT HARBOR	13	0.30%	(337)
OCSD/COMMUNICATIONS	323	7.55%	(8,384)
*OC Waste & Recycling	0	0.00%	0
SSA	3	0.07%	(78)
COUNTY TOTAL	4,279	100.00%	(111,069)
GRAND TOTAL	16,295		(276,428)

WEEKLY MEMO 3/23/17

NEWS ARTICLES

GARDEN GROVE

Congressman complains about Homeland Security vehicle at Christ Cathedral

By Mark Garcia
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GARDEN GROVE » Rep. Lou Correa, D-Santa Ana, raised concerns Friday to Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly about photos of what appeared to be a vehicle from his agency "patrolling" at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove.

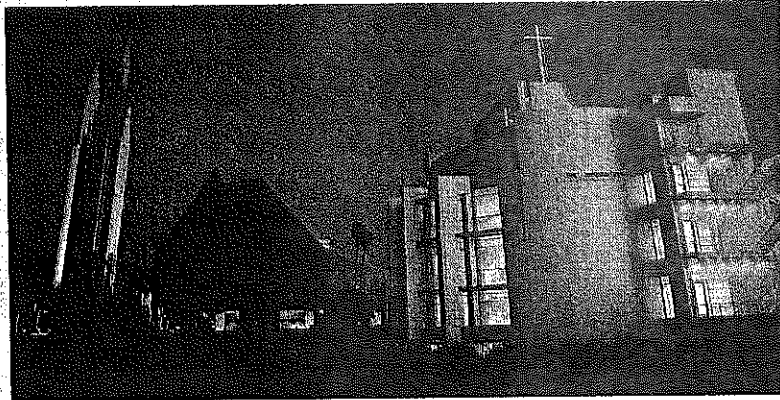


Correa

The congressman received the photos from the Diocese of Orange.

"Christ Cathedral is my church," Correa said. "I know what it looks like, and these

photos clearly show an ICE vehicle staking out the parking lot. This is despicable, and this behavior must end. It is intimidation, and it is wrong."



FILE PHOTO

The Christ Cathedral campus in Garden Grove.

ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said the vehicle shown in the photos "belongs to another agency, not U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

Andrew Scibetta, a spokesman for Correa, said it appears the vehicle was from the U.S. Customs

and Border Protection, another agency under Homeland Security.

"That's got us even more worried now," Scibetta said. "Why are they all the way up here patrolling a church?"

Diocese of Orange spokesman Ryan Lilyengren said the vehicle was seen on the Christ Cathedral campus on Feb. 17.

"In response to this incident, the Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, wrote a personal letter to (Kelly) expressing his concern about this situation," Lilyengren said. "Additionally, Bishop Vann issued organizational and legal guidance to the 62 parishes and 41 schools within the diocese regarding how to address the presence of ICE at our facilities. The message to Secretary Kelly and the guidance issued to Di-

ocesan sites was focused on ensuring that ICE respects the due process rights of individuals and our institutions."

Tani Cantil-Sakauye, the chief justice of the state Supreme Court, wrote a letter March 16 to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Kelly about reports that federal agents were "stalking" immigrants at courthouses.

"I am deeply concerned about reports from some of our trial courts that immigration agents appear to be stalking undocumented immigrants in our courthouses to make arrests," Cantil-Sakauye wrote. "Courthouses should not be used as bait in the necessary enforcement of our country's immigration laws."

BRAINIAC

Open streets, new flags and a spelling champ

We wrote about Garden Grove's third annual Open Streets event a few weeks back, but it's getting closer to April 1, when the city will block off 2.5 miles of downtown streets for the enjoyment of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Seemed time for a reminder that you can get out and about like a Flintstone — you know, through the courtesy of Fred's (or your) two feet — from 3 to 6 p.m. with nary a car allowed on the designated roads.

And, Brainiac has just learned, you can submit your best bicycling photos until April 1 for a chance to win a prize. All you need to do is go to the Facebook page for GG Open Streets and send



Peter Larsen
Brainiac

the photo in a private message, or tag it with GG Open Streets or #GGOpenStreets in a post, and the winner is the one that gets the most shares by the time the contest ends.

There aren't many entries there yet, so you've still got time, though our money is on the toddler on the pink tricycle with a yellow bucket on her head. I mean, how can she not win, right? It's entirely up to you, though.

A lot of the activities during Garden Grove Open Streets will take place around the city's historic Main Street, where after Saturday you'll see a whole lot of brand-new American flags on display.

BRAINIAC »

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Pack 75 and Troop 75 are holding a community flag-raising ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, during which they will replace all of the flags along Main Street.

The Scout troop has been in Garden Grove for 57 years, during which time it has turned out more than 120 Eagle Scouts.

They currently meet Wednesday nights at First Presbyterian Church.

The new flags were purchased by the Widdicombs, a longtime Garden Grove family who owned and operated McDonald's here for even longer — 60 years, in fact.

Finally, Garden Grove Unified School District has new Spelling Bee champion.

Brandon Tran, a fifth-grader at Patton Elementary, took home the trophy last week after correctly spelling "mnemonic," which most of you probably couldn't spell and don't know what it means. We're just saying not ev-

everyone can be like Brandon or Brainiac, don't take it too hard.

Brandon bested a couple of other speller fellers, including Jeremy Nguyen from Sunnyside Elementary School who finished second and Tommy Nguyen from Allen Elementary who took third.

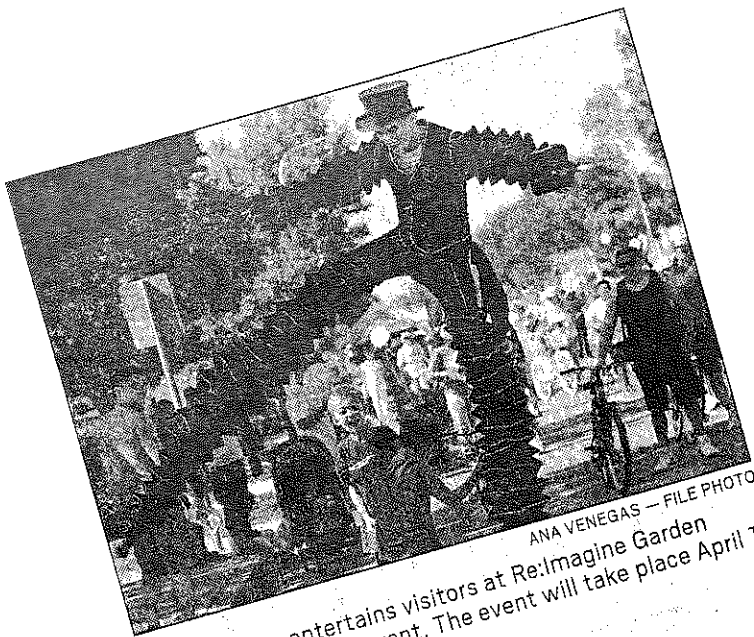
"Our young spellers demonstrated a tremendous level of focus and it was clear that a lot of studying went into preparing for this competition," said Lan Nguyen, Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education president, in a press release announcing the results.

The field was drawn from all 43 elementary schools in the district, each of which sent their champions after school spelling bees were held in January.

Oh, and just so you don't have to look it up: "Mnemonic, noun. A device such as a pattern of letters, ideas, or associations that assists in remembering something."

You know, the kind of thing that might help you remember how to spell a whole lotta different words.

Register
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ANA VENEGAS — FILE PHOTO
A stilt walker entertains visitors at Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets event. The event will take place April 1.



Photos by Loreen Berlin

Above left, Kurt Faller and Carla Salmon of Garden Grove dance to music by "The Serenaders" during a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the senior center. Above right, she's 101 years old and feeling lucky! Emma Murray of Garden Grove enjoys a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Seniors sing songs of splendor on St. Patrick's Day

By Loreen Berlin
Feeling lucky?

A bunch of senior citizens – including a 101 year old – sure were last Friday.

The Garden Grove Senior Center is always a happening place, as there's a wide variety of daily activities and holiday extravagan-

zas.

Last week, 130 seniors were treated to "The Serenaders" live band for dancing and some special munchies and lunch in the tradition of the Irish as part of a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

It's a fact that everyone becomes just a little Irish around St. Patrick's

Day and joins in the fun of drinking Irish-type drinks and dressing in green from head to toe.

Even Emma Murray, who turns 101-years old on March 31, was on hand to sit and enjoy the music with her friends.

Therese Sliter, 85, said she attends all of the events. She was

wearing 100 percent green – her hat, dress, vest and shoes.

"I pinned a green vest on the back of my dress so I'd be green front and back," she said with a smile. "I'm having so much fun; I come to all of the special events."

Assistant Supervisor Dana
see HOLIDAY, page 7

HOLIDAY:

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Saucedo said the senior center has been doing St. Patrick's Day activities for many years and that it's an event that is well received.

"The seniors go all out to dress up," said Saucedo.

"St. Patrick's is one of our most popular parties and is always highly attended," said Program Director Lori Ochoa.

As always, along with Garden Grove residents, there are many who attend from surrounding cities because news has spread that Garden Grove has great activities.

The seniors are from an era of ballroom dancing and so they don't sit dances out; they get up and dance every dance. There's line-dancing for those without

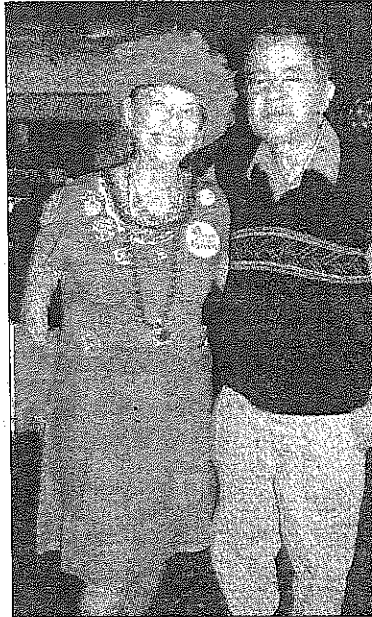


Photo by Loreen Berlin

Therese Sliter and Marcos Chavez celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

partners, too.

Human Services Division Director Juan Medina said the special events fill up fast. Easter is next, then Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, the Strawberry Ball and Father's Day, followed by the 4th of July.

Seniors looking for daily, weekly and monthly activities, along with senior excursions, can find fliers in the Senior Center lobby.

For information about H. Louis Lake Senior Center, call 714-741-5253 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

4 hurt in crash

Four people were reported injured Sunday afternoon, March 19, in a collision involving eight vehicles on the 22 Freeway.

The crash was reported at 2:22 p.m. in the eastbound lanes near the Euclid Street Interchange.

The Garden Grove Fire Department transported two adults to local hospitals as trauma patients and two others, an adult and a child, with minor injuries, authorities said.

Eastbound traffic backed up on the 22 as California Highway Patrol officers investigated the collision and removed vehicles from lanes. The cause of the collisions was under investigation.

The CHP also was investigating a report that a vehicle may have fled the scene of the crash.

Garden Grove

The City Council this week tabled a discussion about implementing credit card fees for payments to the city, including for utilities. The council wanted staffers to do more research. The fees would go to the company that processes payments.

Chris Haire
714-796-6979
chaire@scng.com

Register
March 17, 2017

Garden Grove

The city and Republic Services, Garden Grove's trash collector, will give residents free compost from 8 to 10:30 a.m. April 8 at the Public Works Department, 13802 New Hope St., as a thank you for participating in the green waste recycling program.

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Register
March 21, 2017

Garden Grove

The city's new Animal Care Services is up and running, and available to answer questions about services and issues such as stray animals or pets left unattended in vehicles. Staff members are available all day. Information: 714-741-5565

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Register
March 18, 2017

Garden Grove

The public can review laptops, luggage, jewelry, purses and other stuff stolen from vehicles and recovered by police from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 5. A filed police report will be required to retrieve items. Information: ci.garden-grove.ca.us

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Register
March 22, 2017

Garden Grove

Endologix, a medical equipment manufacturer, will award scholarships to the first- through third-place winners of science fairs from Bell, Fitz and Jordan intermediate schools, part of Garden Grove Unified School District, at a Science Fest Showcase on March 28.

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Register
March 20, 2017

Garden Grove

Brandon Tran, a fifth-grader at Patton Elementary School, won the Garden Grove Unified School District's 30th annual Elementary School Spelling Bee last week. He successfully spelled "mnemonic" to beat out the top spellers from the district's other 42 elementary schools.

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Register
March 23, 2017

DAVID HANSEN

Parades reveal character of our cities

There are two types of parades: those that focus on a single cause and those that don't. The those that don't are always more interesting because they are randomly fun.

They are the ones that have clowns and cowboys and out-of-town marching bands. They have waving dignitaries perched on convertibles and earnest nonprofits handing out earnest informational fliers.

Children line the streets waiting for hard candy, horses and furry costumes.



These annual community parades somehow fill a cultural hole. It's as if it takes a year for a city to slowly disconnect, and the parade is the Elmer's glue that patches people together like a rough-hewn human tapestry.

Orange County has 34 official cities, and 18 of them have annual parades. That's 18 examples of hyper-local personality.

Despite the assumption that the O.C. is a uniform sea of suburbia, nothing could be further from the truth.

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade is different from the La Habra Corn Festival Parade. Strawberries versus corn ... duh.

Even cities that are next to each other — and have parades on the same weekend — are different. The Dana Point Festival of Whales Parade always has a save-the-ocean theme for its weekend-long event, while the Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade, despite its patriotic name, is a catch-as-catch-can parade that lets just about anyone in — as long as there is flair and preferably glitter.

Each city's parade reflects its culture and history.

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The oldest parade is believed to have started in 1904 as part of the Huntington Beach Fourth of July celebration. The city wasn't even incorporated until 1909, so the event was organized by real estate promoters wanting to attract investors.

Another unusual early parade started four years later in Newport Beach. Yes, the Christmas Boat Parade. While it's not your traditional parade down Main Street, you have to admit it's pretty cool and in a class by itself.

According to historians, John Scarpa, "an obscure Italian gondolier," and Joseph Beek, a developer trying to promote Balboa Island, started the tradition on July 4, 1908, with nine vessels illuminated by



Los Angeles Times file photo

WANDA BROWN of Santa Ana takes a ride downtown on a tractor as she participates in the Tustin Tiller Days Parade. Tiller Days have been a regular event in Tustin since 1957.

Japanese lanterns led by Scarpa's gondola.

Like many community parades and festivals, it wasn't until after World War II that it really took off.

The only other documented pre-World War II parade in Orange County is

the Anaheim Halloween Parade. Every other parade started after 1945.

According to organizers, the Anaheim parade was first held on Oct. 30, 1924. Some 20,000 people gathered on Center Street to watch a 45-minute proces-

sion led by baseball superstars Babe Ruth and Walter Johnson.

"Halloween has held special magic for the people of Anaheim," according to the website anaheimhalloweenparade.org. "A nighttime pageant of ghosts, goblins, jack-o'-lanterns, and witches stretching a mile and a half through the darkened streets of downtown, the annual Anaheim Halloween Parade has become a Southern California family favorite."

While Anaheim trends toward the theatrical, Tustin, which started its Tiller Days festival in 1957, gives a nod to the city's agricultural roots.

San Juan Capistrano started the Swallows Day Parade in 1958, and as the name suggests, it honors the migratory birds.

Placentia started its

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parade and festival in 1964 primarily as a way to help nonprofits raise money.

Surprisingly, Santa Ana, despite being one of the oldest cities in the county, has only had a consistent annual parade since 1979, the Fiestas Patrias Parade. That was the same year Seal Beach started its Christmas parade.

Rounding out the list of O.C. cities, Westminster started its Tet Parade in the early 1980s.

Fullerton's Founders Parade started in 1983, and newer cities like Lake Forest and Laguna Niguel began community parades in the 1990s.

Villa Park's parade is interesting. The city has a Christmas festival that includes a boat parade on dry land.

Regardless of the theme, city parades are almost always quirky and memorable. If only in some small way, there is usually an experience that sticks with you.

The look on the face of the young child who is simply thrown a piece of candy. It's that easy.

The care of the clowns, not wanting to have anything out of character.

The discipline with which the bands play their music.

Maybe our connectedness is rooted in these reminders. We belong because others show us their humility and pride.

They show us the way, one step at a time.

DAVID HANSEN is a writer and Laguna Beach resident. He can be reached at hansen.dave@gmail.com.

THE CITIES AND THEIR PARADES

- Westminster Little Saigon Tet Parade, started 1980, held Feb. 4, 2017
- Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade, started 1967, held March 4, 2017
- Dana Point Festival of Whales, started 1972, held March 4, 2017
- San Juan Capistrano Swallows Day Parade, started 1958, held March 25, 2017
- Garden Grove Strawberry Festival and parade, started 1958, held May 28, 2017
- Fountain Valley anniversary parade, started 1957, held June 24, 2017
- Huntington Beach Fourth of July parade, started 1904, held July 4, 2017
- Lake Forest Fourth of July parade, started 1991, held July 4, 2017
- La Habra Corn Festival parade, started 1948, held early August
- Santa Ana Fiestas Patrias, started 1979, held September
- Fullerton Founders Day Parade, started 1983, held late September
- Tustin Tiller Days and parade, started 1957, held late September
- Placentia Heritage Festival, started 1964, held early October
- Anaheim Halloween parade, started 1924, held Oct. 28, 2017
- Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade, started 1999, held Dec. 9, 2017
- Seal Beach Christmas Parade, started 1979, held early December
- Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade, started 1908, held mid-December
- Villa Park Santa Tour and Boat Parade, started 1998, held mid-December

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THE STRAWBERRY ROYALE was a popular item at an earlier Strawberry Festival. Since 1958, the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Assn. has held its Strawberry Festival on the Village Green, between Euclid and Main streets in downtown Garden Grove.

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March 17, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AND
GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PROPOSED FY 2017-18 ACTION PLAN
FOR THE USE OF HUD FUNDS

The City of Garden Grove is an Entitlement City in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)/Homelessness Prevention programs.

On April 3, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., the Garden Grove Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, to consider the FY 2017-18 Action Plan, covering the period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. This Action Plan will allocate approximately \$2.5 million in new HUD funds, and reallocate approximately \$140,000 in unexpended and unprogrammed funds from prior years.

On April 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council will also hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, to consider the FY 2017-18 Action Plan. Opportunity for Public Review and Comment

From March 24, 2017 through April 25, 2017, the proposed FY 2017-18 Action Plan will be available for public review during regular business hours at the Community and Economic Development Department, located in City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Following adoption, the final Action Plan will be submitted to HUD and will remain available for public review throughout the program year.

Written and verbal comments will be accepted by the Community and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2017. If you wish to comment verbally, you are particularly encouraged to attend the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission's meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. City Council will then hold a Public Hearing and consider adoption of the final Action Plan at its Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 25, 2017. Please direct any questions or comments to Allison Wilson via 714-741-5139, allisonj@garden-grove.org, or 800-735-2929 (TDD to voice).

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC
City Clerk

Date: March 15, 2017
Publish: March 17, 2017

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017, AT 6:30 P.M., OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS IT MAY BE HEARD, TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE MATTER DESCRIBED BELOW:

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-005-2017

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-005-2017 RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT 16 UNITS THAT INCLUDE TWO (2) WORK-LIVE UNITS AND 14 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS WITH TANDEM FORMAT PARKING. THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 15332 IN FILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

PROJECT LOCATION: 11222 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD
SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, EAST OF EUCLID STREET

CASE NUMBER: DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-005-2017

ZONE: CC-3 (CIVIC CENTER - 3, MIXED USE)

On February 16, 2017, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution Nos. 5880-17 and 5881-17 and recommended City Council approve Development Agreement No. DA-005-2017. The City of Garden Grove has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted pursuant to CEQA.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the City Council Public Hearing, or write a letter, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the project as outlined above. If you challenge the project in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the hearing will be given to the City Council prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the City Council at the time of the meeting. Further information on the above matter may be obtained from the Planning Division of the Community and Economic Development Department, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, or by telephone at (714) 741-5312.

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Juan Medina (714) 741-5423
H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Thursday, March 23, 2017

SPRING CELEBRATION AT GARDEN GROVE SENIOR CENTER

Garden Grove seniors are invited to the fun-filled Spring Celebration that includes refreshments, dancing, and entertainment. The event will take place at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, A Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Lunch will also be available for a suggested donation of \$3.50 per person.

"The Serenaders" will provide live music.

For additional information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5423 during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
NEWS

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Timothy Throne (714) 741-5789
CalHOME Program Administrator

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR MOBILE HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Openings are available for the Mobile Home Improvement Program until October 1, 2017. The City of Garden Grove will offer assistance on a first come, first serve basis. The program assists low-income applicants, through forgivable loans to residents who qualify, to rehabilitate their mobile home.

In order to qualify for the program: the mobile home must be in Garden Grove, applicant must occupy the mobile home throughout the life of the loan, and meet current income requirements.

All repair and rehabilitation work must meet Garden Grove Municipal Code and Uniform Building Code standards. At a minimum, imminent health and safety hazards must be eliminated, as determined by the sole discretion of the City.

The program is funded by CalHOME through the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

For more information, please call (714) 741-5789 or visit the City's website at <https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commdev/neighborhoodimprovement/HomeImprovement>

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Liên hệ: Kim Huy (714) 741-5200
Giám Đốc Dịch Vụ Cộng Đồng

Thứ Hai, 20 tháng 3, 2017

TÊM NHIỀU CHƯƠNG TRÌNH VÀ THI TÀI TRÊN MẠNG TRUYỀN THÔNG XÃ HỘI TRONG LỄ HỘI OPEN STREETS TẠI GARDEN GROVE NGÀY 1 THÁNG TƯ

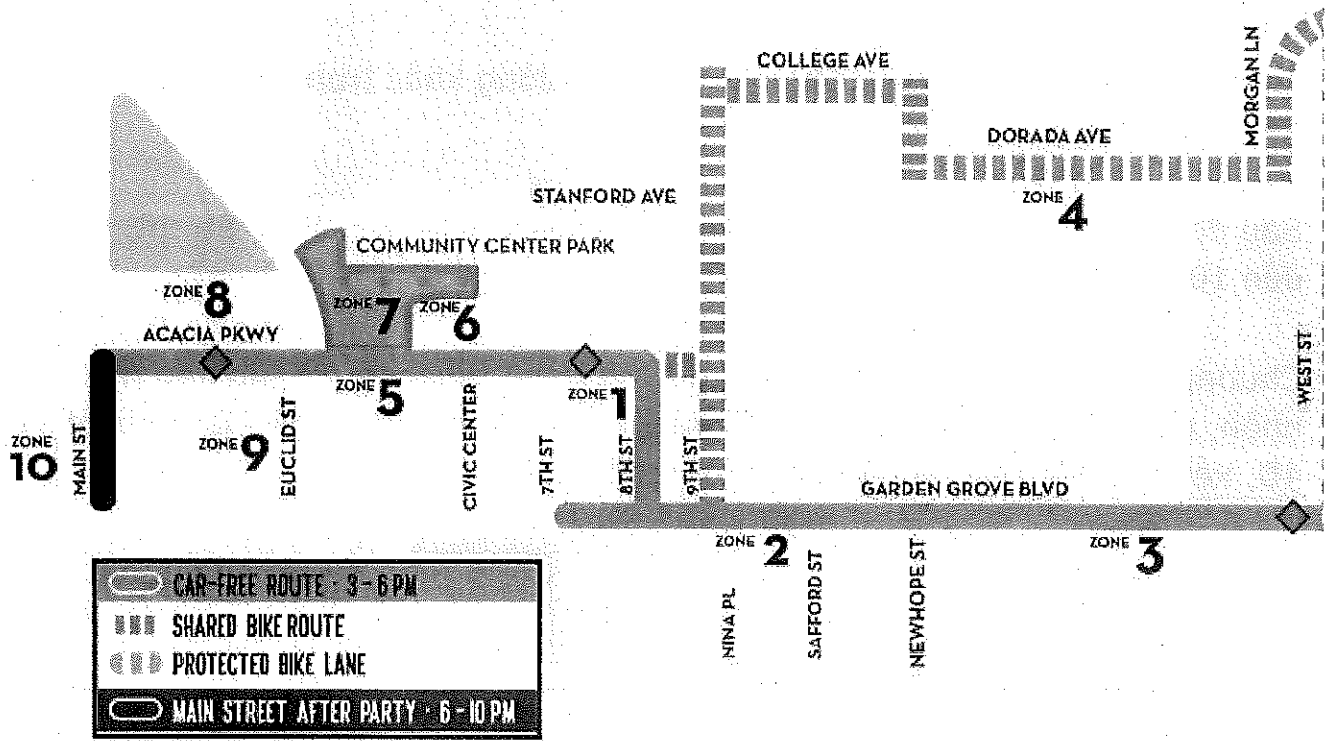
Hãy mang vào đôi giày đi bộ, xe đạp và ván trượt bánh xe, rồi tận hưởng những chương trình hoạt động giải trí miễn phí suốt dọc 2.5 dặm lộ trình vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 1 Tháng 4 năm 2017, từ 3:00 giờ chiều đến 6:00 giờ tối. Đường Garden Grove sẽ cấm xe hơi, và mở ra cho tất cả các hình thức hoạt động vận chuyển không động cơ như đi bộ, đạp xe, trượt ván bánh xe, và hơn thế nữa. After party sẽ tiếp tục trên đường Historic Main Street, từ 6:00 đến 10:00 giờ tối.

Các tuyến đường kéo dài từ Garden Grove Boulevard tại Đường West, đến Đường Acacia Parkway và Historic Main Street. Các khu vực và các chương trình chính của các hoạt động và các cuộc diễn hành tương tác gồm có:

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Garden Grove tổ chức 'Open Streets' vào ngày 1 Tháng Tư

March 21, 2017



ZONE HIGHLIGHTS

Pick up an event guide at a Passport Station for a complete listing of activities, and a chance to win prizes!

- Passport Station
- ZONE 1** | Cottage Industries Garden Party
Learner Bikes
- ZONE 2** | Orbitrons
Wine at 9th
E-Bike Demos
- ZONE 3** | Zip Lines
Beach City Pops
- ZONE 4** | Neighborhood Greenway
- ZONE 5** | Surrey Bike Rentals
Food Truck Court
SK& Open Streets
- ZONE 6** | Anaheim Ducks Street Team
Boys & Girls Clubs Sports Zone
Race Train Depot
- ZONE 7** | Giant Adirondack Photo Op
Recess Revolution
- ZONE 8** | Rock Wall
4-D Interactive Chalk Art
Fixie Bike Races
- ZONE 9** | Dog Agility Show & Expo
- ZONE 10** | Classic Rock Band "The Answ
Beer Garden
Strolling Performers

Bản đồ các đường bị đóng dành cho "Open Streets." (Hình: Open Streets Garden Grove)

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức "Open Streets" vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 1 Tháng Tư, trên một số con đường, thông cáo báo chí của thành phố cho biết.

"Open Streets" là ngày hội dành cho người đi bộ và đi xe đạp vui chơi trên đoạn đường dài 2.5 dặm, không có một chiếc xe hơi nào.

Thành phố cho biết, "Open Streets" sẽ bắt đầu từ đường West, qua đại lộ Garden Grove, và qua đường Acacia.

Ba đường này sẽ bị đóng, cùng với một số đường khác trong khu vực, từ 3 giờ chiều đến 6 giờ chiều.

Sau đó, "After Party" sẽ được tổ chức trên đường Historic Main Street, từ 6 giờ chiều đến 10 giờ tối.

Chương trình bao gồm nhiều chương trình nghệ thuật, được sắp xếp một cách vui nhộn, cùng các trò chơi đu dây đặc sắc, trò leo tường đánh đá, nghệ thuật vẽ phi 4D, xe bán thức ăn, các giải thưởng và nhiều trò chơi khác.

Cũng vào lúc 6 giờ chiều, đèn trên đường Historic Main Street sẽ được bật sáng, thời, có một ban nhạc trình diễn các chương trình sống động, gần một khu vực kiosk bia.

"Open Streets" được tổ chức Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) tài trợ. Đây là tổ chức đại diện cho sáu quận hạt và 191 thành phố, trong đó có 10 triệu cư dân, với mục đích làm cho đời sống ở miền Nam California ngày càng trở nên đáng sống hơn.

Mọi chi tiết, xin vào trang nhà www.ggopenstreets.com, hoặc theo dõi @ggopenstreets trên Facebook. **(Đ.Đ.)**

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Nhiều Chương Trình, Thi Tài Trên Mạng Xã Hội Ngày 1/4 Trong Lễ Hội Open Streets Tại Garden Grove

21/03/2017 00:00:00



Bích chương.

Hãy mang vào đôi giày đi bộ, xe đạp và ván trượt bánh xe, rồi tận hưởng những chương trình hoạt động giải trí miễn phí suốt dọc 2.5 dặm lộ trình vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 1 Tháng 4 năm 2017, từ 3:00 giờ chiều đến 6:00 giờ tối. Đường Garden Grove sẽ cấm xe hơi, và mở ra cho tất cả các hình thức hoạt động vận chuyển không động cơ như đi bộ, đạp xe, trượt ván bánh xe, và hơn thế nữa. After party sẽ tiếp tục trên đường Historic Main Street, từ 6:00 đến 10:00 giờ tối.

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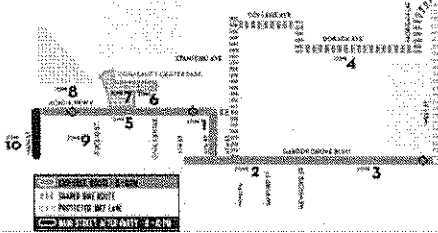
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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Garden Grove City Hall shared GG Open Streets post
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Don't forget to bring a #GGOpenStreets ad or sticker, from local community newspapers, to the event, April 1st, for a special giveaway!
 #GardenGrove Go Human Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Garden Grove Police Department Garden Grove Fire Department Garden Grove Public Works Department



GG Open Streets added 2 new photos.
 20 hrs · 🌐

Have you picked up a local community newspaper within the past two weeks?
 We're encouraging YOU to bring the ad or sticker (pictured below), from the Orange Co...
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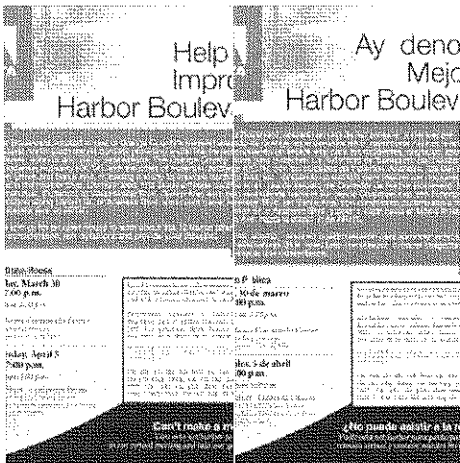
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Garden Grove City Hall added 2 new photos.
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#GardenGrove, we need your help!

OCTA, in partnership with the Cities of Garden Grove, Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Fullerton, is leading a study to improve transit options in the Harbor Boulevard Corridor area. A public open house is set for Thursday, March 30th, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue.



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Garden Grove City Hall shared Garden Grove Unified School District's post.

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Congrats to Garden Grove Unified School District's newest Elementary School Spelling Bee Champ, Brandon Tran!

Tran correctly spelled the deciding word, mnemonic.

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Garden Grove Unified School District added 8 new photos.
March 21 at 11:47am · <#>

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mnemonic - was the winning word in the district's 30th annual Elementary School Spelling Bee! Congrats to all of our fantastic spellers. To see the results, visit: <http://www.ggusd.us/apps/news/article/587168>

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Garden Grove City Hall

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The 91 Freeway is now fully opened!

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91 Freeway will be fully open soon after years of construction

After three years of closures and construction, commuters on the 91 Freeway in Corona will finally see some relief.

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Parking Spaces Become Little Parks in Garden Grove

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Garden Grove City Hall added 4 new photos.
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The Road Ahead...

Members of the City's Accident Reduction Team (WART) made a visit to the seniors at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center last Friday. The special Senior Operation was a lesson on safe driving and how anyone, at any age, can be a safe driver by practicing simple road rules.

Always #stayalert and help keep #safeststreets in #GardenGrove. Garden Grove Police Department



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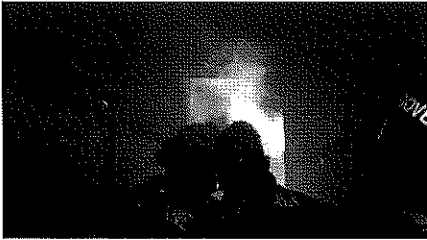
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PUBLIC VIEWING EVENT FOR STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED FROM VEHICLE BURGLARIES

On Wednesday, April 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Garden Grove Police Department will host a public viewing for stolen property related to vehicle burglaries stringing from January 2016 to February 2017. -- <https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/police/property-viewing>



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Amyl Polovina, Maria Gonzalez and 18 others

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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Sherry M. Mendoza (1) · March 29 at 5:50am · 49

The City and Republic Services are hosting a free Compost Giveaway to residents on Saturday, April 8th, 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., at Garden Grove Public Works Department, 13802 New Hope Street!

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<https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/CompostGiveaway>

COMPOST GIVEAWAY

April 8, 2017
8:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
(or until compost runs out)

GARDEN GROVE PUBLIC WORKS YARD
13802 New Hope Street, Garden Grove

Republic Services together with the City of Garden Grove will be giving away **FREE** compost to residents to say thank you for participating in our green waste recycling program. Because this event is so popular, we have a "while the supplies last" and a limit of 60-pounds per household. No plastic bags please.

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Restaurant Week in Garden Grove

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Published by Misy M Mendoca [P] · March 17 at 9:00am · 🌐

Happy St. Patrick's Day. #GardenGrove!

The City and Garden Grove Police Department want to remind everyone to be safe tonight - don't drink and drive.

Whether you've indulged a little or a lot, law enforcement wants to remind everyone that drinking and driving is a crime —you put yourself and others at risk and the consequences are often fatal... See More

DUI Enforcement this St. Patrick's Day Weekend | City of Garden Grove

St. Patrick's Day has become one of the nation's favorite holidays to celebrate and party. Unfortunately, too many people are taking to the roads after drinking, making the holiday one of our most dangerous.

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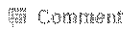


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Garden Grove City Hall: Animal Care in Garden Grove

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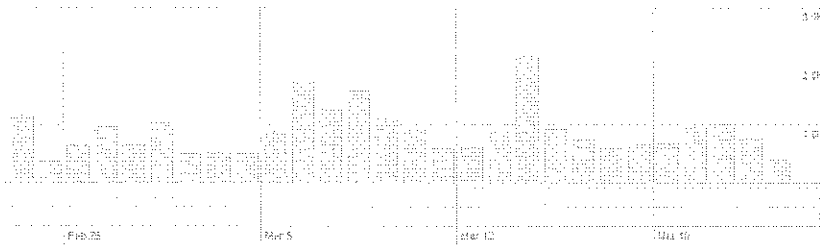
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 23, 2017

1. Calendar of Events
2. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated March 16, March 17, March 20 and March 23, 2017.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 23, 2017 – April 12, 2017

Thursday	March 23	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		10:30 a.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Anaheim Garden Walk Excursion, Senior Center
Tuesday	March 28	Noon- 2:00 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County, 10602 Chapman Ave. Suite #200, Garden Grove 92840
		5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	March 31		City Hall Closed
Saturday	April 1	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Disaster Preparedness Program hosted by Garden Grove C.E.R.T Team Class 3 – Medical Operations I & II North Net Fire Training Center 2400 E. Orangewood Ave., Anaheim 92806
		3:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	3 rd Annual Open Streets Event Civic Center Events – 3:00-6:00 p.m. West St. from Garden Grove Blvd. to Acacia After Party – 6:00-10:00 p.m. Downtown Main St.
Wednesday	April 5	1:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Trade Connect Introductory Workshop hosted by Economic Development - 1:00-4:30 p.m. Networking Reception - 4:30-5:30 p.m. Community Meeting Center, AB Room
Thursday	April 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Tuesday	April 11	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	April 12	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber

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Senator Roth Continues Efforts to Secure Equitable Financing for Recently Incorporated Cities

SB 37 Passes Out of Senate Governance and Finance Committee, Moves to Appropriations

California cities appreciate Sen. Richard Roth (D-Riverside) for his undaunted efforts to right a wrong. Despite having previous bills rejected by Gov. Jerry Brown, he is back again this year with [SB 37](#), which restores funding stability to four recently incorporated cities — Eastvale, Wildomar, Menifee and Jurupa Valley. These cities have experienced severe financial hardship since 2011 when the state swept all remaining shares of city vehicle license fee (VLF) revenues. The League commends the Senator for his tenacity and leadership on this effort. The Senate Governance and Finance Committee on March 15 [passed SB 37 7-0](#), sending it to the Senate Appropriations Committee. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Senate Republicans Select Senator Bates to Succeed
Senate Republican Leader Fuller**

Leadership Transition Scheduled for April 12

[Senate Republican Leader Jean Fuller](#) (R-Bakersfield) will step down from her role on April 12. Senate Republicans on March 14 elected [Sen. Patricia “Pat” Bates](#) (R-Laguna Niguel) as Sen. Fuller’s replacement. Sen. Fuller, who has served as Republican leader since September 2015, terms out of office in 2018. Elected to the Senate in 2014, Sen. Bates will not term out of office until 2022. *For more, see Page 2.*



**California Air Resources Board Extends 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update
Comment Period**

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) has extended the comment period for the draft 2030 Scoping Plan. ARB will be soliciting comments from stakeholders, including local governments, until April 1. Comments may be submitted electronically on [ARB’s website](#). The ARB board will meet June 22 – 23 to consider Scoping Plan implementation. *For more, see Page 3.*

'SB 37' Continued from Page 1...

The four Riverside County cities were particularly hard hit due to prior legislative tinkering with local revenue sources, and were much more reliant on the VLF than all of California's other 478 cities. Here's why. Prior to 1998, cities had three sources of revenue: property tax, sales tax and VLF revenue. (VLF originated as a local property tax levied on vehicles until the state standardized collection in 2004.) Fast forward to 1998 — during this good-budget year for the state some legislators became enamored with the idea of "cutting the car tax" from 2 percent to 0.65 percent with promises to backfill local agencies for their losses with shares of property tax from schools. This leads to more recent history.

As state budget difficulties returned in the early 2000s legislators began to question the backfill to local agencies. The lawmakers also balked at the notion of allowing the triggers to be pulled to allow VLF to be collected at its previous level of 2 percent. An agreement was reached in 2004, allowing all cities and counties in existence on that date to swap dollar-for-dollar the amounts owed to them as VLF backfill for increased shares of local property tax for schools. Proposition 2004 solidified this agreement.

This fix, however, left a major policy issue unresolved: there was no factor in the "swap" to address future incorporations or annexations. VLF had been previously allocated to cities on a per-capita basis. That meant that as new cities incorporated or otherwise added population they received increased shares of this pool of funds. These allocations also were a smart-growth incentive: more people in your city meant more revenue.

In 2006, the League worked with then-Assembly Member John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) to fashion AB 1602, which addressed this problem by providing permanent increased shares of a small pool of remaining VLF to newly incorporated cities and cities that annexed inhabited areas. When the Legislature swept all of these funds in 2011 as part of a budget solution, cities that had recently incorporated or annexed territory in heavy reliance of these funds were severely harmed, much more so than cities able to take advantage of the swap because they existed prior to 2004.

SB 37 resolves this problem for the four cities with a statutory formula that provides cities that incorporated between 2004 and 2012 with shares of property tax to offset the amount of vehicle license fee revenue they would have received. In future years the amount will be adjusted according to the same rules applied to other cities. In short, these cities will be treated equally with all other cities.

Restoring needed funding and avoiding the potential disincorporation of these new cities also provides long-term policy benefits to the state. Many of these funds will go to restore funding to local police and enhance public safety. Land use incentives should be considered as well. The four affected cities are located in one of the fastest growing regions of California. City land use patterns are urban and dense and their future growth is regulated by local agency formation commission (LAFCO) policies. In contrast, unincorporated development patterns are typically less dense and not regulated by LAFCO. This is a problem that the state cannot continue to ignore when considering the interaction between city and county growth patterns and reducing carbon emission — where growth occurs actually matters.

SB 37 would restore and stabilize funding for the affected cities and their residents with policy benefits to both local public safety and compact growth. The League appreciates Sen. Roth's unwavering commitment to this important matter.

The bill language, League's support letter and a sample support letter cities can use are available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging SB 37 into the search function.

'Senate' Continued from Page 1...

A social worker by profession with local government roots, Sen. Bates came to public service through her community volunteer engagement. She championed Laguna Niguel's campaign for cityhood and was elected its first mayor upon incorporation in 1989. In 1998 after serving four terms as mayor and later a Laguna Niguel City Council member, she won her election to represent parts of Orange and San Diego county voters in the Assembly. Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger appointed then Assembly Member Bates to the Little Hoover Commission during her tenure in the Assembly. She then returned to local government in 2007 when she was elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

In the Senate, Sen. Bates has served as vice chair of the Appropriations and Business, Professions and Economic Development committees as well as a member of the Environmental Quality and Transportation and Housing committees. She has also served on the Joint Legislative Budget and Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management and several other subcommittees, select committees and caucuses.

With her local government background, Sen. Bates has a long history of supporting the protection of local revenues and land use authority. Her office has always had a welcoming open door to League representatives and a strong concern for city issues.

The League of California Cities congratulates Sen. Bates on her election and looks forward to working with her as the Republican leader.

'Scoping Plan' Continued from Page 1...

Under existing law, the Scoping Plan must be updated at least every five years. The most recent update was issued in 2014. ARB initiated the current Scoping Plan Update in order to comply with Executive Order B-30-15, which required the Scoping Plan to be updated to reflect the midterm greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. Gov. Jerry Brown signed SB 32 (Pavley) earlier this year to codify the executive order.

Recent ARB Auction Proceeds

The ARB has released its most recent auction results in February that showed lower than expected generated revenue. The auction generated about \$8 million in revenue, which is significantly lower than past auctions that have generated \$364 million. Lawsuits challenging the cap and trade system are widely considered a contributing factor to the auction proceed volatility. It is also important to note, that only approximately 17 percent of the allowances offered for sale were purchased in the February auction. This auction fits into the recent trend of fluctuations in Cap-and-Trade auctions over the last year. More specific information on auction proceeds and expenditures can be found in the 2017 annual report to the Legislature on Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds.

Important Next Steps

The League will continue to provide additional information on the Scoping Plan as it becomes available and encourages cities to weigh-in on questions or concerns to the ARB by April 10.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$30.4 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in La Habra and Buena Park

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

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of \$30,425,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Cypress Villa Apartments in La Habra and Emerald Gardens Apartments in Buena Park.

About Cypress Villa Apartments

Cypress Villa Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 72 multi-family affordable housing apartments by Cypress Villa 2016 LP. The project sponsor is KDF Communities. Cypress Villa

will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide apartments to low-income residents in La Habra.

CSCDA and KDF partnered with Citibank and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide the \$11,600,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Cypress Villa. The financing of Cypress Villa will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

About Emerald Gardens Apartments

Emerald Gardens Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 110 multi-family affordable housing apartments by Emerald Park 2016 LP. The project sponsor is KDF Communities. Emerald Gardens will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide apartments to low-income residents in Buena Park.

CSCDA and KDF partnered with Citibank and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide the \$18,825,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Emerald Gardens. The financing of Emerald Gardens will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

These projects will undergo an extensive interior and exterior renovation ensuring that residents have an updated, safe, and affordable community to call home for years to come.

Background

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

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LEGISLATION AND POLICY AFFECTING CALIFORNIA CITIES

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No Place Like Home Advisory Committee Schedules First Meeting for March 23

League Continues Advocating for Affordable Housing Funding and Streamlined Planning; Opposes By-Right Proposals

The 2017 legislative session is at full steam with over 2,000 measures introduced in the first year of the two-year session. Of those, nearly 200 measures are focused on the housing supply and affordability crisis gripping many communities across the state. The League of California Cities® has been a proactive advocate in the Legislature's deliberations of the available solutions to the housing crisis. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Sponsors AB 636 to Help Cities Improve Annual Transportation Reporting Timelines

Bill up for First Hearing on March 20 in the Assembly Transportation Committee

The League is sponsoring Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin's [AB 636](#) to help improve the quality and integrity of data reported by cities and counties to the State Controller's Office. Scheduled for its first hearing on March 20 in the Assembly Transportation Committee, the measure allows local governments to submit their annual expenditure reports for streets and roads within seven months of the end of their fiscal year. *For more, see Page 3.*



Bills in Committee and Legislative Hearings of Interest March 20 – April 5

The legislative policy committee schedule is ramping up and the League is tracking numerous bills affecting cities. The League is working on its legislative bills of interest to cities, which will be published once available. *For more, see Page 3.*

Continuing to support increased state financial support and additional incentives and local financial tools to address the affordability of workforce housing and increase the availability of affordable housing, the League is advocating for the following measures:

SB 540 (Roth) Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone

League-sponsored [SB 540 \(Roth\)](#) aims to streamline housing approvals and construction. One challenge local developers face is complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which can be a lengthy process that creates delays and uncertainty.

Under SB 540, cities and counties could identify priority housing areas within a community where enhanced planning, necessary environmental reviews and public engagement would occur at the front end. By focusing on workforce and affordable housing in areas close to jobs and transit, the additional streamlined process would encourage developers to propose projects that address affordable housing needs and climate protection goals. SB 540 is awaiting a hearing date.

For more information on SB 540, please see "[Senator Roth's SB 540 Creates Blueprint for More Housing Construction](#)," *CA Cities Advocate*, March 14, 2017.

SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act

[SB 2 \(Atkins\)](#) creates a new source of funding for affordable homes through a recording fee on certain types of real estate documents, excluding sales of residential and commercial property. The fee will generate hundreds of millions of dollars annually and 50 percent of the proceeds will be allocated to local governments to address housing needs at the local level.

The Senate Governance and Finance Committee on March 15 voted 5-2 in favor of SB 2, which now awaits its Appropriations Committee hearing date.

Mill Valley Mayor Jessica Sloan testified in support of SB 2. "Housing for all of our residents improves our communities, our safety, and our local economies," said Mayor Sloan. In her remarks, Mayor Sloan focused the committee's attention to the loss of state and federal monies for affordable housing over the past decade and highlighted SB 2 as a "critical measure that will assist the construction of affordable housing and help provide for the housing needs of this generation and the next."

SB 3 (Beall) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018

[SB 3 \(Beall\)](#) authorizes a \$3 billion general obligation bond to fund affordable housing programs and infill infrastructure projects. Proceeds from the last state housing bond, passed a decade ago, have been expended, and other state and federal funding sources, except for modest amounts of tax credits, have slowly eroded or have been discontinued. SB 3 is set for its second hearing on March 22 in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

For more on SB 2 and SB 3, please see "[Affordable Housing Bills Pass out of Senate Transportation and Housing Committee](#)," *CA Cities Advocate*, March 3, 2017.

All That Glitters is Not Gold

While the League is focused on supporting measures that assist cities with creating supportive climates for the construction of affordable and workforce housing, other measures are seeking to remove local discretionary land use authority and strip residents of their right to participate.

SB 35 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Affordable Housing: Streamlined Approval Process

[SB 35 \(Wiener\)](#) pre-empts local discretionary land use approvals of multi-family housing developments and accessory dwelling units by having all such approvals be considered "ministerial." Under SB 35, a ministerial permit approval eliminates opportunities for public review, excludes project-level environmental review, and removes local parking requirements. Eliminating

opportunities for public review of these major development projects goes against the principles of local democracy and public engagement.

Although it may frustrate some developers to hear concerns about traffic, parking and other development impacts, those affected by such projects have a right to be heard in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee. Not having such outlets will increase public distrust in government. SB 35 awaits a hearing date after clearing the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on March 2.

The League remains committed to developing and supporting realistic solutions to the housing crises.

Next Steps

Members are encouraged to submit position letters on housing bills.

The League's position letter along with sample position letters for each bill can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging the bill number into the search function for SB 2, SB 3, SB 540 and SB 35.

'AB 636' Continued from Page 1...

Cities will save time and cut costs under AB 636 through the improvement of the quality of final data submitted to the Controller. Under existing law local agencies are required to submit street and road expenditure reports to the Controller within 90 days of the close of the agency's fiscal year.

Most agencies operate on the fiscal year that runs July 1 – June 30 and the Controller requires that this information is submitted by October. Most audits can take up to six months to complete, which means that local agencies on this schedule may not have complete data by October. The issue is more complicated for local agencies that operate on the federal fiscal year calendar (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) often do not have correct data in October. This results in local agencies submitting potentially incomplete information in October which can cause confusion to the public and additional work for local agency staff. AB 636 aligns the reporting deadlines to fit each city's needs by giving all cities seven months to submit their reports after the end of their fiscal year.

AB 636 builds upon the successful approach taken by AB 341 (Achadjian, 2015), which received bipartisan support.

Next Steps

The League encourages all cities support this simple time and cost saving fix to reporting timelines. To find a copy of the bill language, the League's support letter and a sample support letter go to www.cacities.org/billsearch and plug in AB 636 into the search function.

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Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The Senate and Assembly publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the California Channel.

Bill language and the League's position letters and sample letters can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging the bill number into the search function.

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

March 20

Assembly Transportation Committee, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **AB 636 (Irwin)** Local streets and roads: expenditure reports. *League position: Sponsor.*

March 21

Assembly Health Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **AB 285 (Melendez)** Drug and alcohol free residencies. *League position: Support.*

March 22

Senate Governance and Finance Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **HOT SB 3 (Beall)** Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018. *League position: Support.*

Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 2040

- **SB 63 (Jackson)** Unlawful employment practice: parental leave. *League position: Oppose.*

March 27

Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- **AB 181 (Lackey)** Taxation: renters' credit. *League position: Support.*

March 29

Senate Governance and Finance Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **SB 139 (Wilk)** Harmful substances: local regulation. *League position: Support.*

April 4

Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 3191

- **HOT SB 649 (Hueso)** Wireless telecommunications facilities. *League position: Oppose.*

April 5

Assembly Local Government Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- **AB 852 (Grayson)** Planning and zoning: general plan: report. *League position: Sponsor.*

League Supports AB 1326 to Address Increase in Theft Crimes in the Wake of Proposition 47

Measure Scheduled to be Heard March 28 in the Assembly Public Safety Committee

The League of California Cities[®] on March 9 issued a support letter on AB 1326 by Assembly Member Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove). This measure addresses the ongoing increase in theft crimes since voters in 2014 approved Proposition 47, which increased the threshold for grand theft, a felony, from \$450 to \$950 per incident.

Prop. 47 has had the unintended consequence of incentivizing career criminals to take advantage of criminal justice reforms meant to prevent low-level offenders from receiving lengthy jail sentences. This class of offenders now find it possible to steal up to just under \$950 worth of merchandise with little concern for the limited consequences (misdemeanor convictions carry little, if any, incarceration time), which are greatly outweighed by the potential financial gain of recurring thefts.

AB 1326 allows law enforcement authorities to aggregate the monetary value of property stolen by an individual over the course of a year, and authorize felony prosecution if that monetary value meets the \$950 threshold. This measure addresses increased incidents of both individual shoplifting and organized retail theft operations responsible for the loss of millions of dollars in retail merchandise statewide, which entail a corresponding hit to local sales tax revenues.

According to the California Police Chiefs Association, statewide data collected from over 300 municipal police departments showed that California's property crime rate increased 7.26 percent

in 2015, compared with 2014. The rate change for the rest of the U.S., however, **decreased** 4.77 percent — a difference of over 12 percent. Only nine of 50 states reported property crime rate increases during the time period, with Hawaii being the only state with a higher rate and product loss than California.

According to the California Department of Justice, the value of stolen property in 2015 was just under \$2.5 billion, an increase of \$287.8 million (or 13.2 percent) over 2014. That represents the largest year-over-year increase in at least 10 years. These statistics are further corroborated by similar business trends regarding shoplifting.

Next Steps

AB 1326 is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Public Safety Committee on Tuesday, March 28. The League encourages all cities to support this critical public safety measure.

The full bill text, the League's support letter and a sample support letter cities can use is available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging AB 1326 into the search function.

League Engages on Public Safety

The League's Strategic Goal #4 for 2017 is to address the public safety impacts of reduced sentencing laws and provide cities the tools and resources needed to respond to these changes in statewide criminal sentencing policies.

In keeping with this goal, the League has taken a support position on three public safety bills. If passed into law, these bills will have a direct benefit to cities.

The League encourages cities to join the League in supporting these measures. Links to each bill will provide the full text and status. Sample letters are also available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging the bill number into the search function.

- SB 75 (Bates) adds to the list of violent felonies defined in the California Penal Code. This measure will address concerns about the universe of non-violent second-strike felons who will be eligible for — but are not guaranteed — parole under Proposition 57.
 - AB 1326 (Cooper) addresses the ongoing uptick in theft crimes since Prop. 47 by allowing law enforcement authorities to aggregate the monetary value of property stolen by an individual over the course of a year, and authorize felony prosecution if that monetary value meets the \$950 threshold. It also addresses increased incidents of both individual shoplifting and organized retail theft operations responsible for the loss of millions of dollars in retail merchandise statewide, which entail a corresponding hit to local sales tax revenues.
 - AB 27 (Melendez) formally classifies a series of sex offenses as violent felonies. It restricts discretion on the part of prosecutors and judges to treat a range of sex crimes less seriously than they may deserve, and ensure more appropriate sentencing.
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No Place Like Home Advisory Committee Schedules First Meeting for March 23

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has announced it has scheduled the first No Place Like Home Advisory Committee Meeting. It will be held March 23 in Sacramento.

Supported by the League, the No Place Like Home program will fund the construction and rehabilitation of up to 10,000 units of supportive housing for California's chronically homeless men, women and children. Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed FY 2017-18 budget proposes to allocate an initial \$262 million for this purpose.

Meeting Details

March 23, 9:30 a.m. to noon
HCD
2020 W. El Camino Avenue, 4th Floor, Room 402A/B
Sacramento, CA 95833

HCD has set up a conference line for people to participate remotely. The number is (888) 808-6929 and the participant code is 2637436.

No Place Like Home webpage features the agenda, background materials and other resources.

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Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey and Los Angeles Council Member Joe Buscaino Join Other Local Government Leaders and Representatives from Business and Labor to Urge Passage of Transportation Funding Package
Resounding Message was "Fix our roads"

At the tail end of Monday morning's commute, local government, state government, labor and business leaders came together on a busy street in Los Angeles for a press conference to drive the message home that California needs a transportation funding deal. April 6 is the deadline set by Gov. Jerry Brown, Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-South Gate) to pass a transportation funding package.

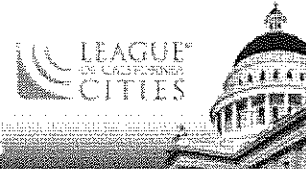
This past winter 2017 showed once again how desperate California's transportation infrastructure needs are as roads crumbled under the weight of heavy rains, mudslides and falling trees. The message came loud and clear that infrastructure must be regularly maintained to prevent small problems from becoming larger and more expensive to fix. For far too long, California has neglected regular road maintenance and upkeep and the Fix Our Roads Coalition has been holding media events to talk with reporters about the dire status of local streets and roads.

The Fix Our Roads Coalition did a live stream of the event on Facebook.

The coalition, of which the League of California Cities® is a founding member, supports a transportation funding package that would raise at least \$6 billion annually. That is what is needed to begin to make a dent in the enormous backlog of transportation maintenance and improvement projects. At the same time, Fix Our Roads is also recommending accountability provisions to give taxpayers confidence that new revenues will be spent on transportation projects only. Sen. Jim Beall's (D-San José) SB 1 and AB 1, a companion measure by Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley), are both supported by Fix Our Roads.

Monday's speakers included:

- Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti;
- California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly;
- Los Angeles City Council Member Joe Buscaino;
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis;
- Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey;
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Steve Nissen;
- Los Angeles Department of Public Works Board President Kevin James; and
- Southern California District Council of Laborers Business Manager Armando Esparza.



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Imperial County Tops in Local Road Project Awards

City of Commerce, Windsor, San Diego and Los Angeles County Also Recognized

The County Engineers Association of California and the League of California Cities® Public Works Officers' Institute today announced the winners of the 2017 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards at their annual spring meeting in San Diego. The five winners, two counties and three cities, were recognized for their extraordinary efforts to preserve and improve the overall quality of the local streets and roads system. Imperial County is the overall winner with the city of Commerce, the town of Windsor, the city of San Diego and the county of Los Angeles also winning in specific categories. Full descriptions of the winning projects and finalists can be found at www.cacities.org/2017LSRAwards. For more, see Page 2.



Arvin Mayor Jose Gurrola, Wasco Council Member Alex Garcia and the Fix Our Roads Coalition Hold Bakersfield Press Conference to Urge Legislature to Pass Transportation Funding Package

The Longer They Delay, the More We Pay

Local government, state government, labor and business leaders once again held a press conference to call on legislators to pass a transportation funding package. Thursday's event in Bakersfield was the second of three being held by the Fix Our Roads this week. Another will be held on Friday in Fresno. For more, see Page 3.



REMINDER: 2017 Helen Putnam Call for Entries

Submit Entries by April 13

There are still a few weeks to prepare your city's entries for the 2017 Helen Putnam Awards for Excellence. For more, see Page 4.

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

"Local governments really do have this 'can-do' spirit, especially when facing difficult conditions," said Jay Spurgin, president of the League of California Cities Public Works Department and the public works director for the city of Thousand Oaks. "We see it on a daily basis, but I don't think the general public recognizes it. So it's good to celebrate some of these achievements in a more public fashion."

"This year, with all the storm damage to our local streets and roads, it's even more important to recognize the need to provide adequate resources for our transportation projects, as well the value that these projects provide to our local communities," said John Presleigh, president of the County Engineer's Association and the Santa Cruz County public works director. "The public and policy makers need to know that when we have the resources, we can provide the highest level of service on our streets and roadway systems for our local communities."

Overall Winner

Imperial County: Salton City Roadway Project

Imperial County is committed to improving the overall quality of its road system in the most cost-effective, environmentally beneficial and safest manner. In keeping with the county's commitment, the 2.8-mile Salton City Roadways project employed a sustainable engineering approach that strengthens or recycles existing on-site materials instead of the more costly and more environmentally detrimental remove and replace construction method.

This project achieved the following impressive environmental benefits:

- Sixty-seven percent recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) usage, recycling 11,043 tons of existing asphalt assets;
- Conservation of 24,774 tons of non-renewable aggregate resources;
- Landfill avoidance of 13,594 cubic yards of subgrade soils;
- Elimination of 4,701 heavily loaded trucks exporting and importing materials to the project site, along with their associated wear and tear on roads, traffic congestion, fuel, oil, energy usage; and
- Greenhouse gas emissions cost savings of over \$1 million.

The Salton City Roadways project is an example of how the expertise of public works engineers helps solve the financial and environmental challenges with asphalt pavement infrastructure.

Efficient and Sustainable Road Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Projects

City of Commerce: Eastern Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project

Not a traditional pavement rehabilitation design and construction project, the work on Eastern Avenue involved extensive coordination with local businesses to ensure the roadway remained open and took into account the impact on the community. The city executed the project with a limited budget and condensed timeframe using an environmentally sustainable and cost-effective approach. Originally estimated to cost Commerce \$2.3 million, the project ultimately totaled \$1.5 million by using reclaimed asphalt concrete pavement instead of traditional techniques for the project. Saved resources were then invested in additional street rehabilitation projects that improved quality of life for residents.

Complete Streets Projects

Town of Windsor: Old Redwood Highway Improvement Project

Bell Village, the developer of Oakmont Senior Living, initiated the Old Redwood Highway improvement project, which is a model of a successful public-private partnership with benefits for

the greater local community. Oakmont agreed to make improvements to the entire width of the Old Redwood Highway for the full length of the project. The town of Windsor agreed to reimburse Oakmont for the non-project side of the highway improvements in the form of development impact fee credits.

Old Redwood Highway now features green bike lanes, extra wide sidewalks, two roundabout-controlled intersections, LED streetlights, reverse angle parking, elevated walkways to protect the root structure of some of the heritage oak trees, stormwater drainage units and two pedestrian activated rectangular rapid flashing beacon warning systems at crosswalks. This complete street project's innovative features significantly improve safety and access for the pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles, which will benefit residents and visitors well into the future.

Safety or Intelligent Transportation System Projects

City of San Diego: Mira Mesa Phase 1 Adaptive Traffic Control System

Activated in summer 2016, Mira Mesa Phase 1 adaptive traffic control system is the city of San Diego's most complex system deployment designed to improve traffic flow, reduce travel times, lower greenhouse gas emissions and enhance safety in a traffic-congested area. The InSync traffic control system was already in use at nine intersections on Lusk Boulevard where the technology reduced travel times by 24 percent, stops by 61 percent and fuel consumption by 24 percent. These results led the city to install InSync at an additional 11 intersections, including three controlled by Caltrans, for the Mira Mesa Phase 1 project. The project employs high capacity Ethernet radios with HD video transfer capabilities to bridge communication gaps between several signals. Completed by San Diego's Special Projects Team in less than two months, Mira Mesa Phase 1 is an example of inter-agency cooperation that established a future framework for city of San Diego/Caltrans projects.

Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Projects

County of Los Angeles: Bridge Capacity System

Collaborating with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works developed an innovative, cost-effective and user-friendly program for California regulatory agencies to process oversize overweight transportation (OOT) permits.

The partnering agencies created the web-based Bridge Capacity System (BCS) to streamline the review process. BCS provides local regulatory agencies an efficient process to comply with OOT permit requirements that protect existing bridges, ensure public safety, and improve the sustainability of local bridges. Its functionality can verify inputted weights of a permit vehicle against the load carrying capacity of all bridges on a route and check bridge clearances to prevent truck collisions with superstructures. Staff of any engineering experience can conduct a highly technical review in a quick and effective manner. The BCS functionality helps reduce the probability of over usage to preserve and protect our local bridges for commuter safety and the program collects data from the most highly crossed bridges to analyze mitigation and funding needs for future bridge maintenance.

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Gov. Jerry Brown, Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-South Gate) set an April 6 deadline to pass a transportation funding package. The clock is ticking before the Legislature adjourns for its spring recess and the Fix Our Roads Coalition, of which the League is a founding member, is sending a clear message to Sacramento: "The longer they delay, the more we pay."

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Thursday's speakers included:

- Arvin Mayor Jose Gurrola;
- Wasco Council Member Alex Garcia;
- Kern County Supervisor Leticia Perez;
- Orville Thomas, director of Government Affairs, California Alliance for Jobs;
- John Spaulding, executive secretary of the Building and Construction Trades Council for Kern, Inyo, and Mono Counties; and
- Sharri Bender Ehlert, District 6 director, Caltrans.

'Helen Putnam' Continued from Page 1...

Each year the League of California Cities[®] honors outstanding work in member cities across the state through the League Partner-sponsored Helen Putnam Awards for Excellence. If your city has done remarkable, innovative work in any of the 12 categories listed below now is the time to get your deserved recognition. It is an opportunity to thank your employees and collaborators, gain the appreciation of your residents and feel proud of outstanding contributions made to better your city.

The award recognizes the successes of California cities as demonstrated by beneficial innovations, resourceful efficiencies, improved public service, and overall enhanced public trust and support. The award also provides a great opportunity to have a community celebration of the good work your city is doing.

Does your city have an outstanding program that delivers efficiency, quality service and innovation? Enter your program at www.helenputnam.org to compete for the recognition it deserves.

Award categories include:

- CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration Award;
- Community Services and Economic Development;
- Economic Development through the Arts;
- Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement;
- Health and Wellness Programs;
- Housing Programs and Innovations;
- Internal Administration;
- League Partners Award for Excellence in City-Business Relations;
- Planning and Environmental Quality;
- Public Safety;
- Public Works, Infrastructure, Transportation; and
- Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government.

Additionally, your city can receive the President's Advocacy Award. This prestigious award honors a distinguished program or individual that best advocates for the League's annual strategic priorities. One outstanding winner may be chosen from the 12 categories.

Your city must be a member of the League of California Cities to apply. To qualify, simply demonstrate that your city offered a program or service that has proven measurable and successful within a minimum of one year of actual implementation. Particular attention and credit is given to applications specifically advancing the League's strategic priorities at www.cacities.org/priorities, which are determined each year by the board of directors.

Online entry deadline is Thursday, April 13. Submit your application online at www.helenputnam.org.

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

Register Now for the Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum and Advanced Leadership Workshops in June

Join the League of California Cities® in June for the Executive Forum and the Advanced Leadership Workshops. Registration is now open for two excellent back-to-back opportunities for Mayors and Council Members of all tenures. The [Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum](#), taking place in Monterey on June 28–29, will be followed immediately by the [Advanced Leadership Workshops](#) on June 30. There is a separate registration for both events.

June 28–29, Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum

This conference is designed for elected officials and staff who are interested in cutting-edge approaches to challenges facing cities. Learn about a wide range of topics, including affordable housing, voter outreach, technology, council-manager relations, legislative issues, and disaster preparedness. Discover more by viewing the [agenda and full list of educational sessions](#). Register for the [MCM Executive Forum](#) on the League website.

June 30, Mayors and Council Members Advanced Leadership Workshops

For those of you who wish to stay for more education on Friday, then the Advanced Leadership Workshops are for you! Choose between two informative workshops:

- City Finances — What You Need to Know; or
- Exceptional Council for Exceptional Times: Creating a Governance Culture of Civility and Purpose.

Both will be held between 9 a.m.–3 p.m. and come with breakfast and a working lunch. Class size is limited to 120 participants. Review the [announcement and workshop information](#), and decide which workshop to attend.

Register online for the [MCM Advanced Leadership Workshops](#). Early registration is recommended as space is limited.

For more information about the Mayors and Council Members events, please visit the [League website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Caitlin Cole](#).

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$29.6 Million in Tax-Exempt and Taxable Bonds for Guidance Charter School located in Palmdale

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

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of \$29,580,000 in tax-exempt and taxable bonds for Guidance Charter School located in Palmdale.

About Guidance

Guidance opened its doors in 2001 and is one of the oldest charter schools in California. Enrollment currently consists of approximately 704 students covering grades K-12. Guidance provides a rigorous educational program that emphasizes the development of basic skills in

reading, writing, speaking and computation; development of a repertoire of problem-solving skills, through understanding of technology with a development of global perspectives. Guidance is accredited by The Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

CSCDA partnered Piper Jaffray and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide the \$29,580,000 in bonds for Guidance. The bonds will be used to acquire and construct an 87,000 square foot educational facility building which will be completed for the 2017–18 school year. The site will house the middle school (grades 6–8) in a separate building on one side of the campus and the high school (grades 7–12) in another building on the other side of the campus. Both schools will share common resources located in the center of the campus, including a library, gymnasium, cafeteria, administrative offices, swimming pool, playing fields and visitor/teacher parking.

Background

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

BOE Increases HUTA Rates for Next Fiscal Year

The state Board of Equalization (BOE) adopted staff recommendations and adjusted the price-based motor vehicle fuel tax and diesel fuel tax rates. This is effective July 1, 2017.

These actions were required to comply with provisions of the 2011 Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Swap which replaced the state sales tax on gasoline with a per gallon excise tax designed to be revenue neutral over time. This component of Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) revenues to state highway and local streets and roads programs has declined precipitously since the inception of the swap, largely due to the cost of fuel but exacerbated by the fuel swap mechanism. Reforming and stabilizing this tax system is a key component of all of the transportation funding reform proposals under discussion.

The BOE's Feb. 22 action increases the motor vehicle fuel tax by \$0.019 per gallon to \$0.297 per gallon effective July 1, 2017. The excise tax rate on diesel fuel will not change from the current rate of \$0.16 per gallon.

These rate changes were anticipated by the state Department of Finance (DOF) in the Gov. Jerry Brown's 2017–18 proposed budget released in January. DOF's statewide fuel tax collection estimates are the basis for the city-by-city and county-by-county estimates that were released last month. Therefore, the HUTA estimates released in January already take into account this action of the BOE and may be used for budget purposes.

The full updated (March 15, 2017) HUTA FAQ with city-by-city and county-by-county estimates are available through [CaliforniaCityFinance.com](#).

Recent Federal Uniform Grants Guidance Addresses Contracting With Nonprofits *State Controller Issues Letter Highlighting 2 CFR-200 Uniform Grants Guidance*

The state Controller recently issued a [letter](#) to cities and counties designed to increase awareness of federal regulations affecting contracting with nonprofits that were adopted in 2015.

While the prospects of continued federal funding remain challenging, the Controller's letter highlights provisions known as Uniform Grants Guidance (2 CFR 200) that outlines allowable

practices for the reimbursement of administrative, direct and indirect costs incurred by nonprofit organizations in the delivery of services funded through federal dollars.

The regulations replace a number of previous Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars that addressed monitoring and management of grant recipients. In addition to addressing the areas of monitoring and management, the regulations impose new requirements with respect to risk assessment and payment of indirect costs (overhead or administrative services) of the nonprofit. Prior to these regulations, a nonprofit's indirect costs were not required to be paid and the allegation is that some agencies did not provide for these costs to be paid or paid them at a rate that was not sufficient for the nonprofit to fully cover these costs.

Under the new regulations, cities are "pass-through entities" and nonprofits receiving the grants are "sub-recipients." The regulations require that the pass-through entities include funding of the nonprofit's reasonable indirect costs at a minimum of 10 percent of the nonprofits total direct contract costs. The pass-through entity can agree to a higher rate but cannot require the nonprofit to accept a lower rate. There are two exceptions: where the nonprofit has negotiated a rate with the federal government or there is a specific rate in the federal statute that created the funding source. The negotiated or statutory rate applies in these two cases.

It is difficult to assess the financial impact on cities as this would appear to vary from grant to grant and from nonprofit to nonprofit. However, it appears clear that the intent of the regulations is to provide for reimbursement at the 10 percent rate at a minimum. Because previously this was not a requirement, cities administering federal grant funds may have varying reimbursement practices.

Cities that receive federal dollars and contract with nonprofits for the delivery of services with those funds should review the Controller's letter and the recently revised federal requirements.

Webinar on State Treasurer's California Business Incentives Gateway for Cities and Counties Scheduled for March 29

The State Treasurer's Office, in collaboration with the League of California Cities[®] and the California State Association of Counties, will be hosting a webinar on the California Business Incentives Gateway (CBIG) on March 29 at 10 a.m. Register at treasurer.ca.gov/cbigwebinar.asp.

CBIG is a single, online application where business owners can find tax credits, fee waivers, training grants, loan guarantees and many other pro-business job growth tools.

Cities and counties are currently being invited to upload descriptions of their programs to CBIG, which in turn will link interested businesses back to local incentive programs. The more local regions that participate, the more valuable the site will be for businesses and economic development professionals. And there is no cost for cities, counties and state agencies to put their business incentive programs on CBIG.

The State Treasurer's Office launched CBIG in December. It is California's first digital marketplace aimed at pairing businesses with the thousands of economic development programs and incentives offered by state and local governments.

Contact the Treasurer's staff at cbig@treasurer.ca.gov or call (916) 651-0260 for additional information on how CBIG can help your city reach more people looking for business opportunities.
