

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

**April 28, 2016**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

None.

• **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

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**NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLES**

# Parole denied for man convicted in 1983 beating death

The next hearing to decide whether David Eugene Hayes, 53, will be released from prison is set for 2019.

By **SCOTT SCHWEBKE**  
STAFF WRITER

Parole was denied Tuesday for a 53-year-old inmate convicted of the 1983 beating death of a man who gave him a ride in Garden Grove,

the Orange County District Attorney's Office said.

David Eugene Hayes will next be eligible for parole in 2019, prosecutors said in a statement. Hayes was sentenced to 17 years to life in prison for second-degree

murder. He is at the California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi.

The state Board of Parole determined that Hayes would pose an unreasonable risk to the public because of his "tumultuous social history, incarceration history and antisocial behavior," prosecutors said.

Hayes and an accomplice hit David Martinez, 34,

whose wrists were bound with a nylon cord, repeatedly with their fists.

Hayes took \$37 from Martinez's pockets and drove him several miles before leaving him in an orange grove.

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## Seal Beach police seek witnesses to motorcycle crash

By **LOUIS CASIANO JR.**  
STAFF WRITER

**SEAL BEACH** • Police are asking witnesses to a motorcycle crash Sunday that critically injured a 62-year-old man to come forward.

The man, a Garden Grove resident, was traveling on Seal Beach Boulevard near the I-405 north on-ramp just after 9:30 p.m. when he crashed, Seal Beach police Sgt. Michael Henderson said.

"What we're trying to determine is if another vehicle was involved," he said.

The rider was taken to UCI Medical Center, where he remains in critical condition.

Witnesses told investigators that a dark-colored truck was seen in the area at the time of the crash.

No other details were released.

Anyone who witnessed the crash is asked to call the Seal Beach Police Department at 562-799-4100.

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# Seniors dance the night away at first-ever prom

H. Louis Lake Senior Center hosts event, crowns prince and princess



Photo by Loreen Berlin

Seniors surround the newly-named Prince Al Shrader and Princess Hope Galvez, center, during the recent Senior Prom at H. Louis Lake Senior Center in Garden Grove.

**By Loreen Berlin**

Garden Grove seniors experienced a romantic evening last Friday at the first-ever “Senior Prom” dance, sponsored by Monarch HealthCare, at the newly-renovated H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

Dance music was provided by the senior’s favorite 5 Star Band and dinner and beverages were served.

During the upcoming Strawberry Ball — as part of the annual Strawberry Festival — a new senior king and queen will be installed, chosen for their volunteerism throughout the community. The current reigning 2015-2016 king and queen are Hazlette “Tsuki” Tsukiyama and Yolanda Montano.

This weekend, a new tradition was started: naming a prince and princess, which was done by the seniors at the center.

Happy to accept the honor and beaming as they were crowned

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Photo by Loreen Berlin

**Prince Al Shrader gives Princess Hope Galvez a kiss during their royal dance at the Senior Prom.**

## PROM:

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are Prince Al Shrader and Princess Hope Galvez.

"I'm really glad that our friends decided we were the ones to select as prince and princess," said Galvez. "This is most exciting."

"This is a lot of fun — and it's over my head," Shrader smiled, motioning to his large red crown.

"The idea of a prince and princess was just for fun," said Senior Center Director Juan Medina.

Medina said the evening quickly sold out and so they will increase the number next year to 100 attendees, keeping it intimate in size and yet fun for everyone attending. "This is our first 'night' dance and we intend for it to become an annual event," said Medina. "With it selling out, we figured it would be very successful."

The evening's ball was the last event the current king and queen will preside over before the next royalty are named.

"Being king for the year has been really good," said Tsu-

kiyama. "I've met a lot of nice people and this year has gone by quickly," adding that as the king and queen, they help on Wednesdays in the dining room and work with the 50/50 raffle and other events during the year.

Cal State Fullerton students volunteered during the evening, assisting wherever they were needed.

"Seeing everyone happy tonight made me happy," said volunteer Peterson Pham.

"I love being here tonight; it was so fun with the live band and the dancing and photo booth and voting for the prince and princess," said volunteer Kristine Diaz. "And the photo booth was so priceless and so neat."

"It was such a fun time and one of the older dancers taught me how to dance; it was so much fun getting to dance with him and others and with the single ladies too," said volunteer Frankie Pacheco.

## District boasts five Gold Ribbon Schools

The Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) is proud to announce that six of its schools have been named Gold Ribbon Schools and recognized by the state for making tremendous gains in implementing academic content and performance standards for all students.

District schools to receive this exceptional recognition are Hazard, Parkview, Peters K-3, Peters 4-6, Stanford and Sunnyside schools.

"We are honored that the state has recognized GGUSD schools with Gold Ribbon awards for successfully implementing rigorous academic standards using innovative strategies that help all of our students grow," said Linda Reed, district Board of Education trustee.

"These schools shine as bright beacons for others, putting forth an exemplary effort to ensure that every student is ready for 21st century college and careers," said Tom Torlakson, state superintendent of public instruction.

As part of the state application process, school site teams described a model program at their

schools including standards-based activities and best practices that can be replicated by other schools.

The model programs highlighted by district Gold Ribbon Schools include: 1) The School-Wide Technology Training Model (SWTTM), also known as "The Tech Squad" at Hazard Elementary School, which provides professional development and training to staff and students to promote technological proficiency in classrooms throughout the school; 2) Parkview Elementary School's model program called "Impact Future Success" focuses on parent engagement, campus safety and demand for technology; 3) Panda Power Hour-Early Intervention Model at Peters Elementary School addresses the needs of at-risk students and supports the enrichment of high achieving students with targeted language development and literacy instruction; 4) The "Teacher Collaboration Fostering Critical Listening and Speaking Skills" model at Stanford Elementary School is a higher-functioning collaborative process for teacher instruction of the new state standards.



Courtesy photo

Eisenhower Elementary School students ran laps around the school to show their support for kindergarten teacher Jami Marseilles, who set a world record as the first female bilateral amputee to complete the Boston Marathon. Students watched the marathon at the school and tracked Marseilles' progress, as shown here.

# Eisenhower educator overcomes challenges

## Jami Marseilles becomes first female bilateral amputee to complete Boston Marathon

Eisenhower Elementary School students cheered for kindergarten teacher Jami Marseilles recently while their beloved teacher set a world record as the first female bilateral amputee to complete the Boston Marathon. After completing the marathon, Marseilles threw the first pitch at a Boston Red Sox game.

Eisenhower students used a mobile application to track her progress as a way to run the marathon with Marseilles. Separated by grade level, students ran a lap

around the school each time Marseilles completed checkpoints in Boston at the 10K, half, 30K, 35K, 40K and finish.

Marseilles lost her legs to frostbite more than two decades ago when her car became stuck in a snow embankment and she and a friend were stranded for more than a week.

She ran the Chicago Marathon to qualify for the Boston race, an important accomplishment that allowed her to show support for the victims who lost their limbs

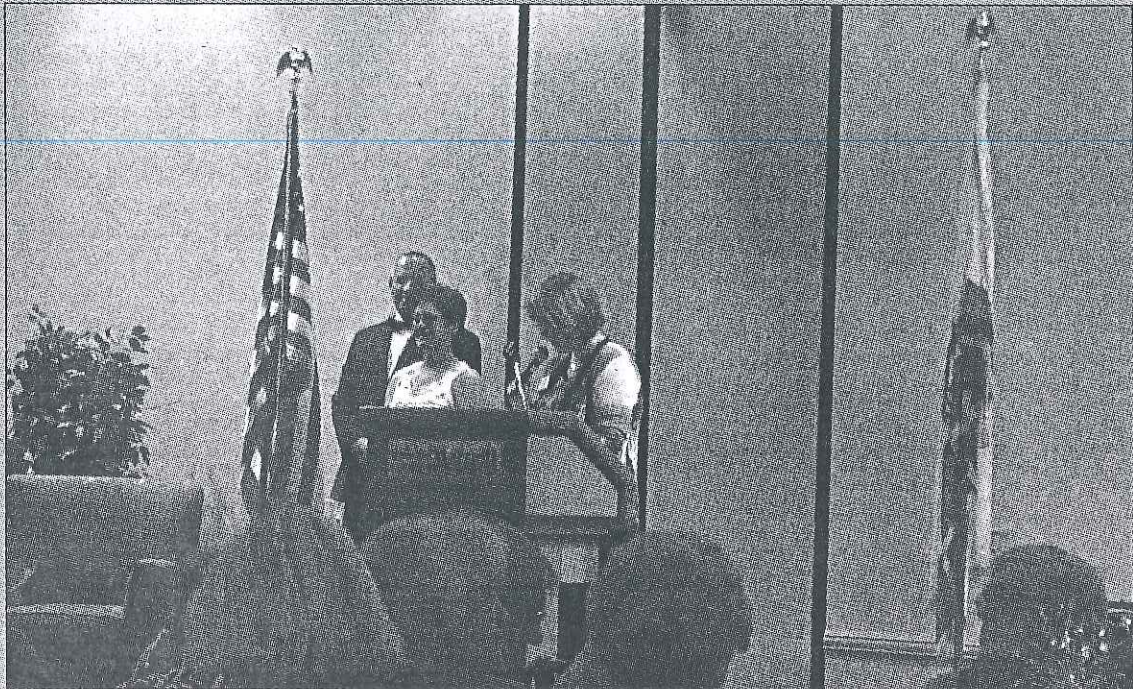
in the Boston Marathon bombing three years ago.

"Jami is the type of teacher who inspires and motivates every student she meets," said George West, Garden Grove Unified Board of Education president. "She is a living example of perseverance and what it looks like to overcome life's most challenging obstacles."

Marseilles has run five half marathons and numerous other races as well as participating in the U.S. Paralympics.

Her colleagues and students at Eisenhower helped her practice her pitch so she'd be successful at the Red Sox game.

## PTA president earns her Silver Spoon



Courtesy photo

Andrea Perez, president of the Garden Grove Unified School District's Council of PTAs, received a Silver Spoon award from the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce for her exemplary record of community service and volunteerism. Perez, center, was presented with the recognition for her work with The Lamp Lighter Guild of CHOC Children's Hospital during the chamber's 53rd annual Silver Spoons Award event April 17. "This is a well-deserved honor; Andrea has contributed countless hours providing leadership to help increase parent engagement at our schools," said Lan Quoc Nguyen, district Board of Education trustee.



# Event to raise \$\$\$ for mental health services

Luncheon & Fashion Show scheduled for May 2

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen encourages the community to help support mental health services for youth by attending the Lamp Lighter Guild Luncheon & Fashion Show, benefitting the new pediatric mental health unit at Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

The event takes place on Monday, May 2, from 11:30 a.m. to

2 p.m., at the Anaheim White House, 887 S. Anaheim Blvd. in Anaheim. Cost is \$40 per person.

"Garden Grove recognizes the importance of supporting youth in all aspects. Ensuring the mental health of our young people should be a cause that every Orange County community supports and takes part in," said Nguyen.

In addition to dining at the award-winning Anaheim White House, the event will feature a tea-room style spring fashion show featuring designs by Draper's & Damon's. The fashions will be modeled by Miss California and former Miss Garden Grove Bree Morse, along with current Miss Garden Grove Raena

Ramirez and her court.

All proceeds will go to the Medication Room in the new Mental Health Unit at CHOC to help fulfill the Guild's pledge of \$25,000.

The Lamp Lighter Guild, located in Garden Grove, was established in 1962 by community volunteer and supporter Beverly Singer, along with Dorothy Lake, wife of Garden Grove's first mayor, H. Louis Lake. Singer remains an active member of the Guild, along with her husband, Mel Singer, who has practiced pediatric cardiology at CHOC since it opened in 1964.

For more information about the event, visit <http://www.choc.org/giving/guilds/lamp-lighter-guild/> or call 714-333-7128.

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### **E-waste Drive**

Garden Grove Unified School District's Santiago High School is hosting a free E-waste Drive to help members of the community safely recycle unwanted and old electronics.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Santiago High School, 12342 Trask Ave. in Garden Grove.

The event was organized by the school's Student Sustainability Council (SSC) to coincide with several school-wide events focused on Earth Day which was April 22. The SSC works to educate the student body on sustainable living opportunities to help preserve Earth's integrity for future generations.

Items that will be accepted as E-waste include televisions, monitors, computers, telephones, cell phones, cameras, video cameras, printers, scanners, speakers, radios, BluRay/DVD/CD and VHS players, CDs, VHS tapes, floppy discs, printer cartridges, keyboards, computer mice, hard drives, CD or floppy drives, computer RAM, electrical cords, power supplies, motherboards, soundcards, graphic cards, computer processors and projectors.

Items that will not be accepted include refrigerators, washers, dryers, ovens, microwaves, toasters, lights, light bulbs.

For more information, visit <http://www.santiagosscc.org/>.

### **Fire ravages home**

Firefighters were dispatched to a residential structure fire in the 12500 block of Morningside Avenue last week.

The first-arriving crew reported a first floor apartment fully engulfed in fire, and extending into the second floor. Firefighters initiated an attack of the fire and a search for residents. It was later confirmed all residents were evacuated.

The fire was confined to the first floor apartment with a knockdown announced within 10 minutes. The unit above the fire sustained smoke damage. No residents or fire personnel were injured.

Due to the destruction, eight residents from two families were displaced. The Red Cross was requested to respond for assistance. An investigation of the fire revealed the cause of the fire to be unspecified electrical, with damage estimated at \$150,000 and \$40,000 to contents.

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# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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

**GG Kiwanis to meet**  
The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 714-892-7267.

**Cartoonist lessons offered**  
Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The

next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

**School Board to meet**  
The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.  
**Ready, young Rembrandts?**  
Elementary and preschool students are eager to learn and a joy to teach. Your young artist will learn to draw using our step-by-step process in this class, held on Tuesdays at the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster. Give your child a head start in being handwriting-ready by developing his/her fine motor skills. There will be new lessons each week at the preschool and elementary level. Students ages 3-5 meet at 3:15 p.m. and ages 6-12 meet at 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov).

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE \* INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

• THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., MAY 19, 2016

**INTERPRETATION OF USE NO. IOU-109-2016  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-069-2016**

Pursuant to the requirements of Planned Unit Development No. PUD-105-76, a request for an Interpretation of Use to determine compatibility between the proposed ambulance service and the existing Planned Unit Development (PUD 105 76), in conjunction with a Conditional Use Permit request to operate a new 3,600 square foot ambulance service business, Shoreline Ambulance, within an existing facility located at 12882 Valley View Street, Suites 12, 13, and 14. The site is at 12882 Valley View Street in the PUD-105-76 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-072-2016  
INTERPRETATION OF USE NO. IOU-001-2016**

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the operation of a 4,647 square foot billiard hall, Duy Tan Billiard, in a portion of the tenant space previously occupied by the Can Restaurant and Club. Also, Interpretation of Use approval to determine the compatibility between the proposed billiard hall and the existing zoning classification. The site is at 14241 Euclid Street #C101-104 in the PUD-104-81/88 Rev. 90 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Sections 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and 15301 – Existing Facilities.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-074-2016**

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an approximately 21,567 square foot grocery store with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is at 9901 Chapman Avenue in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-071-2016**

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing 9,120 square foot restaurant/banquet facility, Golden Sea Chinese Seafood Restaurant and Banquet, with live entertainment and an original State Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" (On-Sale, Distilled spirits, Beer and Wine, Eating Place) License. The site is at 9802 Katella Avenue in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-073-2016**

A request for Conditional Use approval to operate a new funeral home, within an existing approximately 19,460 square foot office building, which will include a mortuary and crematory. The site is at 13272 Garden Grove Boulevard in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, including the initial study and the documents used in the preparation of the initial study, and all documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review at the Garden Grove City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway. If you wish to review and comment on the above listed projects, you may do so by submitting your written comments to the City of Garden Grove Planning Services Division beginning April 27, 2016 and ending May 18, 2016. Please reference the case number with all correspondence.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on May 19, 2016. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
PROJECT NO. 7369

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids to furnish material, equipment, and labor for Project No. 7369 "MWD INTERCONNECT AND PRV FACILITIES REHABILITATION" will be received in the City Clerk's Office, Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. The Engineer's estimate on this project is around \$380,000 dollars.

The MWD Interconnect and PRV Facilities Rehabilitation consists of furnishing of all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and all incidentals necessary for the rehabilitation of three (3) MWD Interconnect Vaults and two (2) PRV Vaults. The rehabilitation will include all necessary sand blasting, scraping, patching, repairing and painting of all appurtenances in and part of the vaults. Replacement of valves, hatches, and various fittings and appurtenances will be required. Replacement and painting of existing above grade cabinets and their respective housekeeping pads will be required.

The entire project will also require coordination with necessary agencies for the shut down and dewatering of necessary piping for work to be completed. Also required is the maintaining the existing water services during construction, reconstructing and reconnecting of water connections, traffic control, trench pavement resurfacing, removal and replacement of concrete flatwork, complete restoration of landscaping and irrigation systems including replacement of scrubs and trees damaged beyond salvage and turf, and appurtenant work.

The plans, specifications and contract documents may be purchased from ARC Reprographics for the price of Sixty-One dollars and Twenty-Seven cents (\$61.27). The price does not include tax or shipping if needed. The documents may be made available for "will call" or shipped directly to you. Please contact:

ARC  
17721 Mitchell North  
Irvine, CA 92614  
www.ocbinc.com  
949-660-1150 (ask for the Planwell Department)  
or e-mail your order to costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com

Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. and will be opened in the Engineering Conference Room 1 South, first floor, in City Hall.

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Mr. Samuel Kim, Project Engineer, (714) 741-5534.

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC  
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CITY HALL THIRD FLOOR TRAINING ROOM AT 11222 ACACIA PARKWAY, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE \* INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

• THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., MAY 12, 2016

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-075-2016

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the operation of an educational institution, Best Educational Institute, in an approximately 3,500 square foot tenant space, at 9240 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite Nos. 15, 16 and 17. The site is in the GGMU2 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 2) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-076-2016

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to continue operation of an existing 1,015 square foot liquor store, Happy Liquor, with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is at 8604 Garden Grove Boulevard in the GGMU2 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 2) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on May 12, 2016. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
PROJECT NO. 7279

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for providing labor, material, tools, equipment and transportation, and perform all the work required for City Project No. 7279 "IRRIGATION INSTALLATION ON MAGNOLIA STREET" will be received in the City Clerk's Office, Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

The following is a partial listing of work items:

- \* Removal of existing pop up sprinkler system and replacing with drip irrigation system;
- \* Installing new Calsense controllers for irrigation efficiency;
- \* During drip system installation, damaged landscaping will be replanted with native or drought tolerant plants and covered by mulch;
- \* Install Bio Clean Round Curb Inlet Filter within existing catch basins to remove 100% of trash and debris that flowing into the catch basins;
- \* Replacement of PCC sidewalk; and
- \* Other items not mentioned above that are required by the plans and specifications.

The plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained at Garden Grove City Hall on the first floor at the Building Permit Counter upon payment of a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee for each set of plans and specifications. This fee is not refundable. If requested by mail, add fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for mailing and handling charges, request shall be to the attention of Department of Public Works/ Engineering or call (714) 741-5192.

Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., and will be opened in Conference Room 1 South, first floor, in City Hall.

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Mr. Navin Maru, Project Engineer, (714) 741-5180.

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC  
City Clerk

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# CHANGING COURSE AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL

Catholic Diocese works to trim the price tag of renovating the iconic O.C. building.



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STAFF  
WRITER

Faced with major cost overruns in renovating the Christ Cathedral sanctuary, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange has moved to rein in the project's construction expenses and streamline operations at the sprawling

campus, church officials said this week.

The diocese bought the 34-acre campus for \$57 million in 2012 after

its former owner, the Rev. Robert H. Schuller's Crystal Cathedral Ministries, filed for bankruptcy.

Since acquiring the property, however, the diocese has suffered growing pains – including spending millions of dollars to repair and renovate existing buildings on the property, managing increased operational costs and handling the task of renovating an iconic Orange County building that attracts visitors from all over the world.

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## CHRIST CATHEDRAL CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

### FEB. 3, 2012

Escrow closes on the sale of Crystal Cathedral Ministries' 34-acre campus to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange for \$57.5 million.

### JUNE 9, 2012

The diocese renames the Crystal Cathedral as Christ Cathedral.

### FALL 2012

The Orange Catholic Foundation, the fundraising arm of the diocese, launches its For Christ Forever campaign.

### JULY 2015

The construction cost estimate for the cathedral renovation comes in at \$108 million. Bishop Kevin Vann appoints a construction task force to cut the project cost to \$72 million and forms a task force to cut the costs of running the 34-acre campus.

### DECEMBER 2015

The foundation tops \$110 million in fundraising, of which \$59 million is allocated for the cathedral renovation project. Foundation officials are optimistic about raising \$13 million more that is needed to complete the renovation without going into debt.

### EARLY 2016

A contractor begins reinstalling 10,000 panes that form the glass sanctuary.

### SEPTEMBER 2016

Design plans for the interior of the cathedral are expected to be completed.

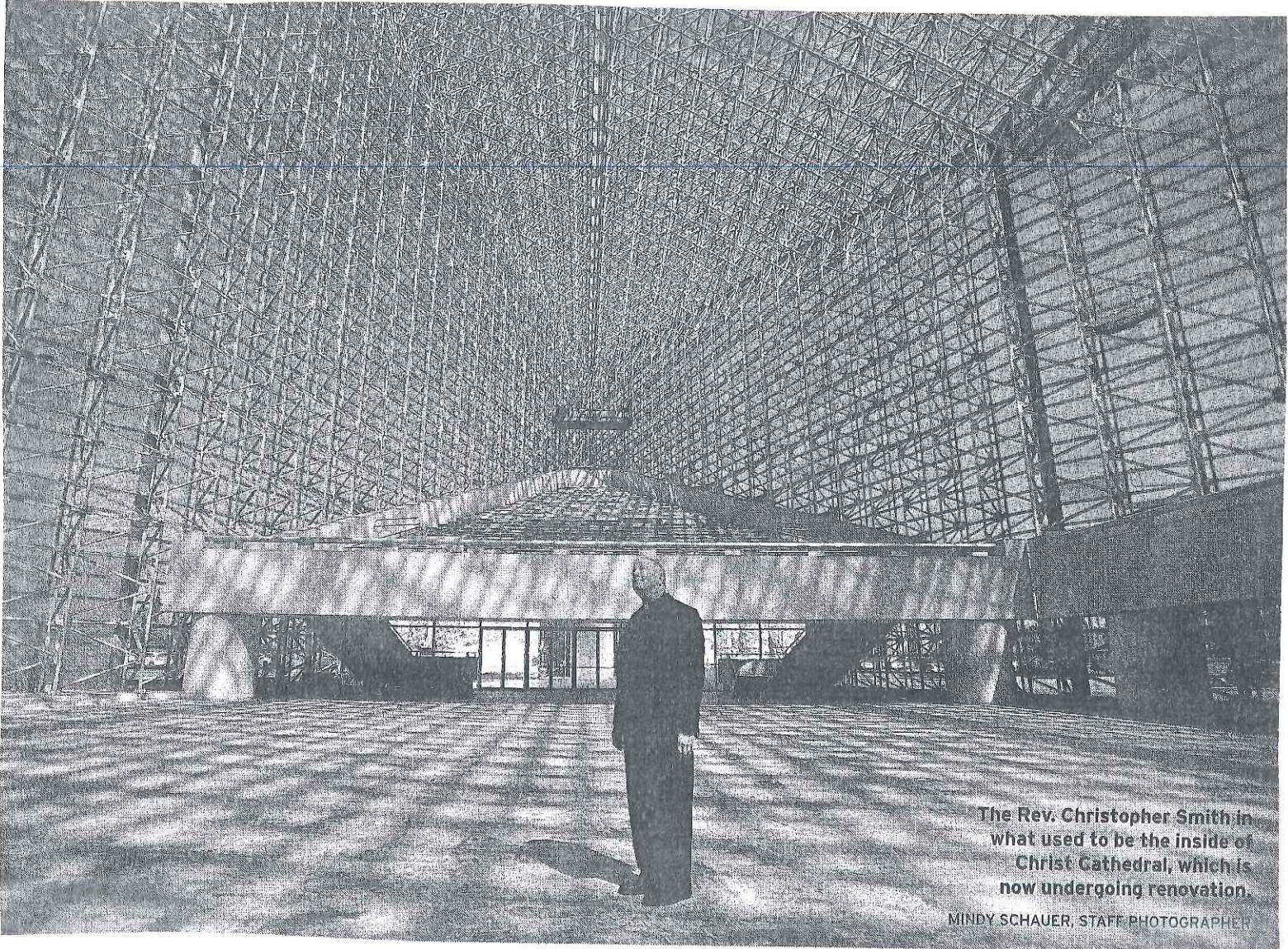
### SPRING 2017

Construction work is slated to begin inside the sanctuary.

### FALL 2018

Construction work is expected to be completed.

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**The Rev. Christopher Smith in what used to be the inside of Christ Cathedral, which is now undergoing renovation.**

MINDY SCHAUER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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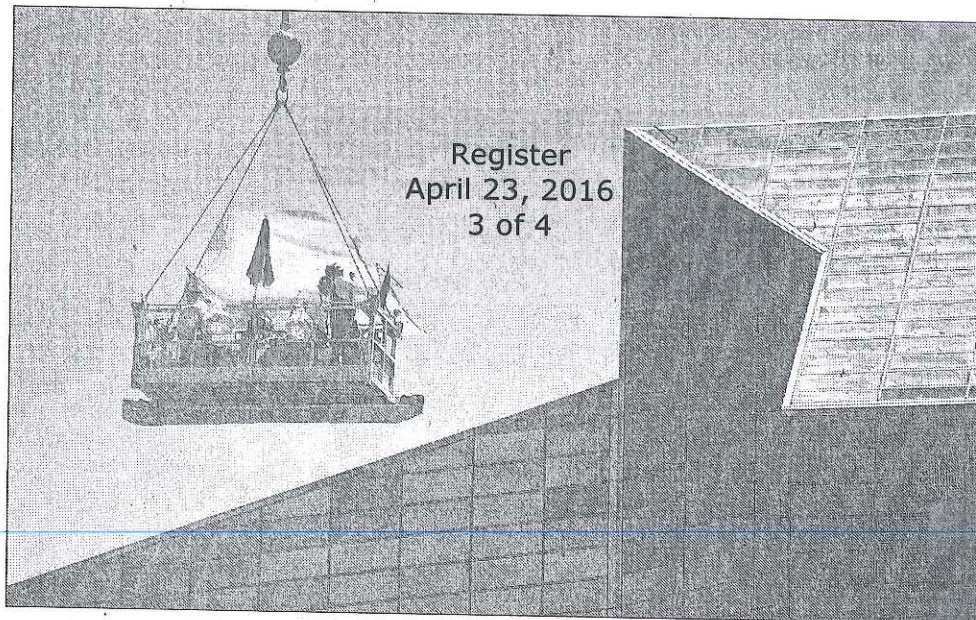
Some have suggested that Bishop Kevin Vann borrow from local parish programs, schools and priests' retirement funds to get the cathedral built. But that proposed reallocation of money raised concern among Orange County Catholic families who collectively shelled out tens of millions of dollars in the massive fundraising campaign to benefit the diocese.

"Despite the desires of some to have a shiny, almost new cathedral ready for worship as soon as possible with a 'damn the cost' mentality, the same folk are now learning that most people (you and me out here in the trenches) are fine with less especially if it keeps everything within budget," said Father Fred Bailey, pastor of Santa Clara de Asis in Yorba Linda.

Diocese officials say they have altered course in recent months after initially underestimating the cost of renovating the cathedral by more than \$40 million and during the last few months, under Vann's leadership, have undergone cost-cutting measures to get into better financial shape.

The bishop also created a construction task force in July to get renovation costs under control and reduce project costs from \$108 million to \$72 million, diocese officials said.

"It's not common for cathedrals to be purchased out of bankruptcy," said diocese spokesman Ryan Lilyengren. "The unprecedented and providential opportunity required a funding effort be launched before the due diligence and planning with regard to the renovation and construction could be completed."



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MINDY SCHAUER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Workers are lowered from their 15-story perch while working on Christ Cathedral's windows. They are reinstalling more than 10,000 glass panes during the renovation.

## UNPRECEDENTED FUNDRAISING

To help pay for the sanctuary's renovation, in late 2012 the Orange Catholic Foundation launched an unprecedented fundraising effort, the "For Christ Forever Capital Campaign."

In a county of about 1.3 million Catholics, 24,000 families participated in the campaign, said Cindy Bobruk, the foundation's executive director. The smallest donation was \$100 and the largest, \$20 million, she said.

The county's Catholics have donated \$110 million, of which \$59 million will go toward the renovation, she said.

The remaining funds already have been pledged to a number of other projects such as various endowment funds, tuition assistance for students in the county's Catholic schools, funding for improving technology in schools, Catholic Charities, priest retirement benefits and various outreach ministries, Bobruk said.

"We have a legal obligation not to touch the funds allocated for other programs," she said.

In July, estimates to re-

novate the glass sanctuary came in at \$108 million - about \$50 million more than the funds raised by the Orange Catholic Foundation for the project.

This discrepancy occurred because diocesan officials did not perform construction studies to determine how much money they should raise, officials said. The Orange Catholic Foundation had based its fundraising effort on a 2012 study of how much money it could raise, as opposed to how much money the renovation required.

Vann took action in July, appointing a construction task force to significantly scale down the project and capping the final budget at \$72 million. He also appointed a separate task force to bring down operational costs to run the campus. The diocese still is about \$13 million short of the final budget for a project it hopes to complete by fall 2018.

"We expect to raise the money needed to complete this project," Bobruk said.

In March, Vann disbanded a board whose members he had appointed to oversee the renovation project and convened a new board

made up of 10 members.

"The bishop was happy with the work done by the older board," said diocese spokesman Lilyengren. "The new board is just a reflection of where we are right now in the process. Its members have the specific skills and expertise to help see the project through to its completion."

## REINING IN COSTS

The biggest challenge to the renovation project has been to "maintain the spirit" of the iconic structure while keeping costs under control, said Richard Heim, a special volunteer adviser who is overseeing the project.

The design change that has helped bring down the price is the decision to "keep the bones of the building intact," he said.

"This is a glass cathedral built in a seismic zone," Heim said. "It's certainly strong and well-constructed."

Also, instead of buying stone for the interior from a quarry in Italy, officials will opt for stone that costs 30 percent to 40 percent less but could still produce similar aesthetic effect and durability.

Instead of going for a solid, marble altar, they've settled for long-lasting marble veneer.

There are several big-ticket items that remain, Heim said. As part of the renovation, the 78,000-square-foot cathedral will be completely air-conditioned. Workers are reinstalling the 10,000 glass panes atop the sanctuary, which will cost a little more than \$4 million.

"This is extremely important because we need to secure all the glass before we put millions of dollars worth of work underneath it," said Heim, who heads the California division of Clark Construction.

Other major expenses include metal ceiling panels that will control the level of sunlight that enters the building, lighting fixtures and audio-visual equipment, he said.

Although not part of the construction costs, the Hazel Wright organ has been refurbished in Italy at a cost of \$2 million and is on a ship making its way to Orange County. The organ will be stored until the cathedral is renovated.

The complete renovation design is expected to be finalized by September.

Heim said he values the opportunity to be a part of this project.

"You rarely get a chance to build out a cathedral," he said. "Everyone is anxious to be a part of this journey and make their contribution."

### **RUNNING A LARGE CAMPUS**

At 34 acres, the Christ Cathedral campus is much larger than the 15-acre Marywood campus in Orange where the diocese operated for decades.

"I feel that these substantive changes to the construction plan and operations of the campus were needed to ensure the many diverse and essential ministries of our diocese are maintained and well-funded, while we continue to transform our new cathedral," Vann said in an email.

When the diocese took over the campus, the buildings were lacking maintenance and needed repair, said Father Christopher Smith, rector and episcopal vicar.

The first step was to repair the Arboretum and get it ready for St. Callistus parishioners, who moved in to Christ Cathedral from their church in Garden Grove.

The Arboretum had to be retrofitted and air-conditioned, and even the walls and glass had to be replaced, costing the diocese about \$7 million, Smith said.

In addition, millions were spent to renovate the offices in the Tower of Hope building and the school, Christ Cathedral Academy, he said.

Now, on any given Sunday, about 11,000 people worship at the Arboretum with services held in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese.

"The goal is to maintain a campus that welcomes all, as we build on Rev. Schuller's legacy," Smith said.

### **LOCAL PARISHES CONCERNED**

The burgeoning cost of renovating the cathedral has spread concern around the diocese, which is home to about 62 individual parishes or neighborhood churches.

"The local parish is where Catholic life thrives," said Bailey, who is a member of the new board overseeing the renovation project. "This is where weddings, baptisms and funerals take place."

Bailey says he does not want to see renovation efforts take precedence over needs of local parishes and programs.

His congregation "reacted with shock and dismay" when they heard about the underestimation of funds needed, renovation getting out of hand and the bishop having to shoot down requests to borrow from individual parish coffers and from pension and retirement funds set aside for priests.

Many of his congregants and others have written to the bishop airing their concerns, Bailey said.

In an April 10 newsletter to his parish, Bailey expressed shock that the diocese had not based initial renovation costs on "serious study or professional recommendations, but on quick guesses ... which were grossly wrong."

"Like, millions and millions of dollars wrong," Bailey wrote.

Bailey added he is comforted by Vann's leadership and efforts to rein in costs.

"It is slowly coming under control," he said. "And that's the good news."

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Free recycling:** Santiago High School, 12342 Trask Ave., is holding a free e-waste drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 so people can recycle unwanted electronics. The school will accept televisions, computers, cellphones, printers and CDs. It won't accept refrigerators, washers, microwaves, batteries or vacuums.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
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April 22, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Appointment:** The City Council will consider today appointing Lac Tan Nguyen, a former Los Angeles County math teacher, to the Planning Commission. Nguyen also served one term as a commissioner for the advisory board of the Sanitary District of Garden Grove.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
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April 26, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**District elections:** The City Council on Tuesday will hold its second, and likely final, public hearing on which map the city should use to create voting areas when it moves to district elections in November. The city will end up with six voting districts, with each selecting its own council member; the mayor will be elected by voters citywide.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979

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April 23, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Best schools:** Bolsa Grande, La Quinta, Pacifica and Rancho Alamitos high schools – all part of the Garden Grove Unified School District – recently received silver medals and national and state rankings from U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools list.

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April 27, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Records requests:** The city has received an average of 63 public-records requests per month since it began posting requests on its OpenGov web page in April 2015. The city averages 5.5 days to provide the requested documents. The most requests are for the Fire Department, at 26.1 percent.

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April 25, 2016



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

Monday, April 25, 2016

### **GARDEN GROVE COLLEGE GRADUATES' RECEPTION TOMORROW**

Members of the media are invited to attend the fourth annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception. The invitation-only gathering will take place on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., in the Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and members of the Garden Grove City Council will recognize 27 Garden Grove graduates for their academic accomplishments in higher education.

Garden Grove Fire Chief Tom Schultz will speak and make a special presentation.

Following the reception the graduates will be recognized at the regular meeting of the Garden Grove City Council at 6:30 p.m., held in the Council Chamber.

Photos will be made available to media on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

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VIỆTBÁO

## Garden Grove Bỏ Phiếu 5/5: Bàn Đồ 1 Của Cô Kim Nguyễn

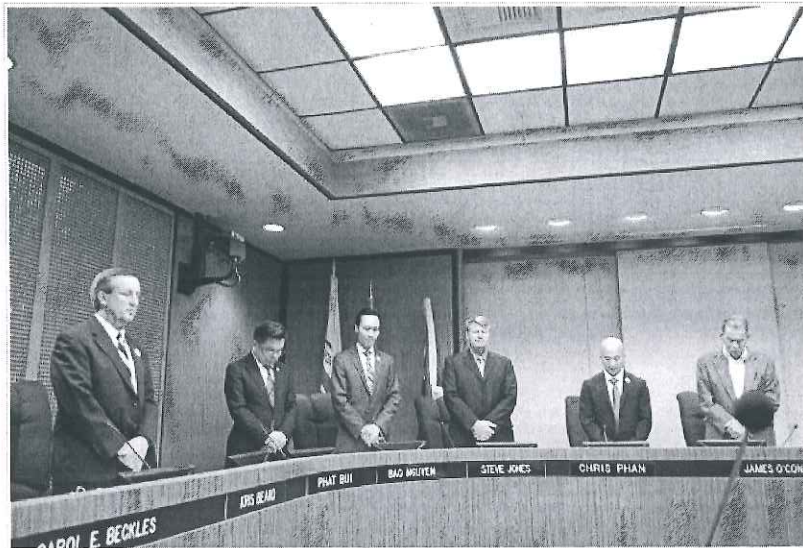
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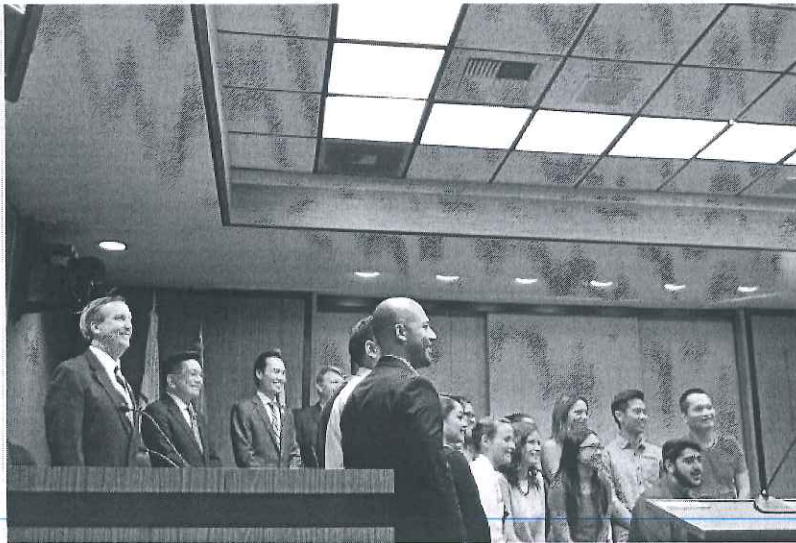
Garden Grove (Bình Sa) -- Vào lúc 6 giờ 30 chiều thứ Ba ngày 26 tháng 4 năm 2016 trong phiên họp thường kỳ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove, đây cũng là phiên họp cuối để biểu quyết việc chọn bản đồ phân vùng.

Hội Đồng Thành Phố gồm có: Ông Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn; Phó Thị Trưởng Steven R. Jones cùng các Nghị Viên Christopher V. Phan, Phát Bùi, Kris Beard.



Trong cuộc họp của Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove.

Đặc biệt trong phiên họp này rất đông cư dân người Mỹ gốc Việt, người Mỹ và rất nhiều người từ các cộng đồng Latino tham dự và phát biểu ý kiến theo nguyện vọng của mỗi người. Sau khi lắng nghe những ý kiến của cư dân tham dự. Tiếp theo, Hội Đồng Thành Phố thảo luận và biểu quyết. Mở đầu ông Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn đề nghị Hội Đồng Thành Phố ủng hộ bản đồ số 1 với sự đồng ý của Nghị Viên Chris Phan. Trong khi đó, Nghị Viên Kris Beard đã nói ông thấy bản đồ số 1 cũng tốt nhưng ông thích bản đồ số 4 nhất vì bản đồ đó có thể sẽ gặp ít chống đối hơn từ các cư dân trong vùng central Garden Grove, đa số là gốc Mỹ trắng. Vì có 2 đề nghị khác nhau nên Hội Đồng Thành Phố đã bỏ phiếu để lấy kết quả chung cuộc. Đầu tiên đưa ra biểu quyết bản đồ số 4 trước và kết quả là Nghị Viên Kris Beard và Steve Jones đồng ý chọn bản đồ Số 4, kết quả có 2 phiếu thuận và 3 phiếu chống đó là: Nghị Viên Phát Bùi, Nghị Viên Chris Phan và Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn. Với kết quả trên nên Bản đồ số 4 không đủ số phiếu chấp thuận.



*Trong cuộc họp của Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove.*

Tiếp theo, Hội Đồng Thành Phố tiếp tục bỏ phiếu cho đề nghị Bản Đồ Số 1 của cô Kim Nguyễn và lần này bản đồ số 1 đã nhận được số phiếu đồng ý là 5/5.

Với kết quả trên, như vậy là Bản Đồ Số 1 của cô Kim Nguyễn mà qua các kỳ họp trước đây đã được hai cộng đồng Việt và Latino ủng hộ, nay đã được Hội Đồng Thành Phố chấp thuận và thông qua để áp dụng cho việc phân chia địa hạt bầu cử của thành phố kể từ tháng 11 sắp tới này.

Buổi họp kéo dài đến 11 giờ đêm mới kết thúc.



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## HĐTP Garden Grove chọn bản đồ Kim Nguyễn

(VienDongDaily.Com - 27/04/2016)

Bài THANH PHONG

GARDEN GROVE - Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove trong buổi họp thường lệ vào lúc 6 giờ 30 chiều Thứ Ba, 26.4.2016 với sự hiện diện đầy đủ gồm Thị Trưởng Nguyễn Quốc Bảo, Phó Thị Trưởng Steve Jones, Nghị viên Phát Bùi, Nghị viên Chris Phan và Nghị viên Kris Beard đã bỏ phiếu 5/5 quyết định chọn bản đồ số 1 do cô Kim Nguyễn vẽ.



Anh Đỗ Tân Khoa phát biểu trước Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove (Thanh Phong/Viễn Đông)

Phòng họp Hội Đồng Thành Phố, 11300 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove tối nay không còn một ghế trống, nhiều người phải theo dõi diễn tiến cuộc họp trên màn ảnh truyền hình từ phòng bên cạnh. Số người Mỹ bản xứ đến rất sớm và khá đông để ghi danh phát biểu, một số đồng hương Việt Nam cũng đến sớm nhưng chưa vội nộp phiếu phát biểu cho thư ký thành phố, chờ cho các người Mỹ và Mỹ Tây Cơ nộp phiếu xong, người Việt mới nộp và ngồi hồi hộp chờ đợi. Buổi họp khai mạc lúc 7 giờ 15, giải quyết một số vấn đề của thành phố, mãi đến 8 giờ 30 mới bàn về việc bỏ phiếu chọn một bản đồ trong số các bản đồ đã được đệ trình, và các người đã ghi danh lần lượt được Thị Trưởng gọi tên lên phát biểu, mỗi người có 5 phút. Có khoảng 10 người Mỹ bản xứ, trong đó có 4 người ủng hộ bản đồ số 1 do cô Kim Nguyễn vẽ, các người khác chọn bản đồ số 3 do một người Mỹ vẽ. Sau đó đến lượt 7, 8 người Latino, trong đó có một linh mục lên phát biểu, tất cả người Latino đều ủng hộ bản đồ số 1 của cô Kim Nguyễn. Những người này nêu lý do họ ủng hộ vì họ thấy đây là bản đồ công bằng nhất cho các sắc dân. Sau người Mỹ Tây Cơ đến lượt người Việt. Người đầu tiên là bà Trần Thanh Hiền sau đó đến ông Phát Lưu, LS Nguyễn Quốc Lân, bà Vũ Lê Vinh, bà Nancy Nguyễn (mẹ cô Thu Hà), niên trưởng Nguyễn Văn Úc, anh Đỗ Tân Khoa, cô Thu Hà, ông Nguyễn Phục Hưng, bà Liên Trần, vợ ông Hưng, anh Billy Lê và cuối

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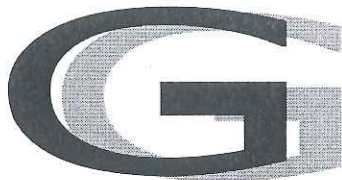


## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**April 28, 2016**

1. Calendar of Events
2. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated April 21, 25 and 26, 2016.





**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 28, 2016 – May 10, 2016

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Thursday	April 28		Casual Day – Baseball Theme
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday-Sunday	April 28-May 1		One More Productions presents "Always Patsy Cline", Gem Theater
Friday	April 29		City Hall Closed
Saturday	April 30	7:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	CPR, First Aid, and Automated External Defibrillator Training hosted by the Garden Grove CERT Team Contact <a href="mailto:thorpedj@yahoo.com">thorpedj@yahoo.com</a> for class locations
		10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	National Drug Take Back Initiative Pill Disposal at Garden Grove Police Department 11301 Acacia Parkway
Tuesday	May 3	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	May 4	9:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Grove Community Foundation And Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Willowick Golf Course
Thursday	May 5	10:00 a.m.- Noon	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's "Cinco de Mayo Celebration", Senior Center Dining Room
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Saturday	May 7	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
		8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Celebrity Radio Show", Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	May 10	8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Pechanga Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		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

April 21, 2016  
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## **League-Sponsored Bill to Address Placement of Alcohol and Drug Recovery Homes in Residential Neighborhoods Passes Assembly Health Committee**

*Sober Living Home Licensing Measure Also Passes*

AB 2403, a League-sponsored bill by Assembly Member Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) to help restore balance between residential character of neighborhoods and the availability of small licensed alcohol and drug recovery group homes, passed out of the Assembly Committee on Health Tuesday with a 15-0 vote. At the same hearing, the committee also approved AB 2255 (Melendez), also supported by the League, which would establish a process whereby sober living homes can apply for state certification. *For more, see Page 2.*



### **Bills in Committee: April 25-29**

With the Legislature's policy committees now in full swing, the League will begin regularly updating members on upcoming hearings on bills of interest to cities. A full listing of Senate and Assembly hearings is available online. Hearing times are subject to change. *For more, see Page 3.*



## **San Diego Releases Comprehensive Action Plan to Reduce Affordable and Market-Rate Housing Costs**

There is a great deal of talk these days about the housing affordability crisis, but San Diego leaders are working to implement a new plan to address it for both affordable and market-rate housing. The League's Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee received an overview of the plan recently from Richard Gentry, president and CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC). Entitled "Addressing the Housing Affordability Crisis in San Diego," it presents an 11-step action plan of primarily local actions that if implemented could reduce the cost of affordable housing construction by an estimated \$36,000 to \$174,000 per unit and reduce market-rate housing costs by \$23,000 to \$51,000 per unit. *For more, see Page 3.*

## **League Resolution Inspires Legislative Action**

AB 2403 is a product of a resolution passed by the League's General Assembly last October during the annual conference, sponsored by the city of Malibu. The resolution addressed a long-standing challenge facing many cities throughout California — how to maintain the character of residential neighborhoods while incorporating various group home facilities serving residents' needs, including people recovering from substance addiction.

Addressing overconcentration of such facilities is the key issue, and arises when businesses, using the exemption in state law provided to facilities housing six-or fewer, create multi-structure, campus-style facilities within a residentially zoned neighborhood. Such facilities change the character of residential neighborhoods bringing more traffic, noise and disruption akin to a hospital zone or busy commercial center. Also, undermined is the therapeutic environment for group home residents when a neighborhood loses its residential character and takes on a more institutional setting.

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## **AB 2403 Offers Balanced Solution**

Under AB 2403 cities and counties would be notified of state license applications for alcohol and drug recovery homes as well as have the opportunity to ensure that any two such facilities are separated by at least 300 feet, thus prohibiting overconcentration. This noticing and distancing provision is consistent with current California law for other types of group homes and would protect residential character of existing neighborhoods and avoid creating institutional settings which also undermine the therapeutic and recovery-oriented environment that a residential neighborhood can provide.

Although some of the bill's opponents have argued otherwise, this bill is consistent with the federal Fair Housing Act (FHA). Legislative counsel has opined that regulations that benefit the protected class do not violate the FHA. AB 2403 is consistent with such rulings in that it advances state policy favoring the residential/social care model by preserving the integrity of the therapeutic environment of the residential neighborhoods, a core component of the social care model of group homes.

To view the support and oppose discussion on the bill to get an idea of the larger dynamics on this issue, please watch the full video of AB 2403 being heard in the Assembly Committee on Health from April 19. The video starts with the author's presentation, followed by support testimony from Malibu Mayor Pro Tem Lou La Monte and representatives from the city of Malibu, along with other supporting witnesses testifying.

## **AB 2255 (Melendez) Addresses Unlicensed Sober Living Facilities**

While AB 2403 addresses overconcentration of licensed facilities, AB 2255 is aimed at improving the regulation of "sober living homes," which locate in residential neighborhoods but are not required to be licensed. Poorly-managed facilities can create significant disruption for adjacent neighbors and offer questionable levels of care to individuals seeking recovery. AB 2255 would establish a process whereby sober living homes can apply for state certification, which can help improve the quality of such facilities for both residents and neighbors.

## **Next Steps**

AB 2403 and AB 2255 both move to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. The League urges cities to support these measures. A sample letter, along with the League's support letter and the bill text, for each bill, can be found at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch). Plug in AB 2403 and AB 2255 into the search function to access these materials.

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'Hearings' Continued from Page 1...

Additional information about the important bills the League is tracking is available in the [2016 Hot and Priority Bill List](#). Published on April 15, this list will continually be updated throughout the remainder of the Legislative Session. Bill language and any available position letters on legislation can be found through the bill search function on the [League's website](#).

### Monday, April 25

Assembly Committee on Banking and Finance, 3:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 127

- **AB 2693 (Dababneh) Contractual assessments.** *League position: Oppose.*

### Tuesday, April 26

Assembly Committee on Judiciary Committee, 9 a.m. State Capitol, Room 447

- **AB 2296 (Low) Digital signatures.** *League position: Support.*

### Wednesday, April 27

Assembly Committee on Appropriation, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **AB 2228 (Cooley) Code enforcement officers.** *League position: Support.*

Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- **AB 2492 (Alejo) Community revitalization.** *League position: Support.*

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

- **AB 2557 (Santiago) Zoning regulations: interim ordinances.** *League position: Oppose.*

Senate Committee on Health, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **SB 1283 (Bates) Substance abuse; structured sober living homes.** *League position: Support.*

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### 'Housing Plan' Continued from Page 1...

The action plan resulted from including an objective in SDHC's 2014-16 agency-wide Strategic Plan that read: "Ensure that the most effective and cost-efficient business practices are in place to create and preserve quality affordable housing" in the city of San Diego. The agency agreed that while San Diego needs affordable housing for low-income workforce families, it also needs housing affordability for the middle class.

After spending much of 2015 studying the issue, it became clear the housing affordability crisis had broader and more significant impacts to all sectors of the city, including:

- San Diego has an affordability gap of \$2.4 billion, or 2.5 percent of the city's Gross Domestic Product. If housing were available at an affordable cost to all San Diegans, city households would have \$2.4 billion more in disposable income to spend in the local economy, creating jobs and supporting local businesses.
- A lack of affordable inventory is causing long commutes and congested freeways, contributing to Greenhouse Gas emissions.
- As prices escalate, the threshold of income needed to avoid homelessness rises, potentially pushing more people on the streets.

The report was presented on Dec. 9, 2015 to the San Diego City Council's Smart Growth and Land Use Committee, which voted unanimously to direct city staff to work with SDHC to explore how the report's recommendations could be crafted into city ordinances or advocated at the federal or state levels. San Diego City Council committee members described the report as a "common sense" way of lowering construction costs.

The eight city and three state and federal recommendations in the action plan at-a-glance include:

1. **Set Goals.** Have the San Diego City Council set annual goals for housing production, with a scorecard to track progress in meeting the goals.
2. **Incentivize 80/20 Developments.** Introduce tax rebates and exemptions to encourage 80/20 developments, in which 80 percent of units are at market-rate and 20 percent are affordable. This could reduce the cost of the affordable housing by \$56,000-\$85,000 per unit.
3. **Defer Fees Until Occupancy.** Defer development fees, permit fees and other fees until after construction, saving up to \$2,000-\$6,000 per unit.
4. **Shrink Parking Requirements.** Reduce parking requirements for housing developments by using alternatives such as tandem parking and car-sharing programs, saving up to \$5,000-\$10,000 per unit.
5. **Rethink Mixed Use Requirements.** Reduce requirements on developers, where applicable, to include commercial space in multifamily complexes, which could save \$11,000-\$19,000 per unit.
6. **Free Up More Land for Development.** Open more vacant or underutilized land for development, which could reduce the cost of affordable housing by \$27,000-\$39,000 per unit.
7. **Streamline Permits.** Shorten the permit approval process by allowing conceptual reviews of discretionary building permits, self-certification, online permitting, etc., to save \$5,000-\$9,000 per unit.
8. **Use Master EIRs.** Approve Master Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), which can reduce the time and expense of reviewing individual EIRs, saving \$3,000-\$6,000 per unit.
9. **Reform CEQA.** Reform the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to reduce duplicative lawsuits, require disclosure of identity of plaintiffs, and allow technical errors to be corrected without invalidating project approvals.
10. **Align State Housing Policy Oversight.** Align the state government's oversight over housing policy, which is now split between five agencies.
11. **Increase State and Federal Funding.** Increase state and federal resources such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care to address homeless and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to support the development of affordable housing.

[The full report is available online.](#)

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## **U.S. Communities Holding Summit on April 28 in Fresno to Educate Local Government Agency Officials on Program's Cost-Saving Benefits**

*Additional Summits to be held in Rancho Cucamonga and Dublin*

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, on April 28 in Fresno, is hosting a free regional event to learn how to save time and money through U.S. Communities program.

During this three-hour event, you will be able to network, ask questions and share feedback as you:

- Learn when to use cooperative contracts;
- Connect with other local agencies currently using cooperative purchasing and find out what is working for their organization;
- Learn about the online e-commerce marketplace;
- Meet your local U.S. Communities program manager; and
- Connect with 12 of U.S. Communities' 40 suppliers to learn about and receive their lowest overall government pricing for these products and services:
  - Facilities
  - Office and school solutions
  - Technology
  - Safety and security
  - Specialty

This educational event will be of special interest to:

- Parks and recreation officials;
- Public works directors;
- Facilities managers;
- Fleet managers; and
- Procurement officers.

### **Event Details**

Thursday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meeting will be held at the Fresno Unified School District at 4480 N. Brawley Ave in Fresno.

Register online. Lunch will be provided.

### **Future Summits Scheduled**

U.S. Communities will be holding summits in Southern and Northern California:

- May 24: Rancho Cucamonga at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. Registration now open.
- June 8: Dublin. Information coming soon.

### **About U.S. Communities**

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

Learn more about U.S. Communities at [www.uscommunities.org/lcc](http://www.uscommunities.org/lcc).

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### **Bills Regulating Use of Body Cameras Advancing; League Engages to Ensure Balance between Local Control, Transparency and the Public's Right to Know**

Body cameras were a major topic in two legislative policy committee hearings this week in Sacramento with the League monitoring both closely before the board of directors adopts official positions at its upcoming meeting on April 27. This technology, which is being utilized by many law enforcement agencies throughout the country and in California, can serve to both protect the public and peace officers. The two bills, [AB 2611](#) (Low) and [AB 1957](#) (Quirk), address various aspects of how body camera recordings are used and under what circumstances those recordings may be release to the public.

#### **AB 2611**

The Assembly Committee Privacy and Consumer Protection passed AB 2611 on April 19, sending it next to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. This bill would significantly expand an exemption under the California Public Records Act (CPRA) for investigatory or security files created by law enforcement agencies, protecting from disclosure any audio or video recording created during an investigation, intelligence-gathering operation, or security procedure. It will apply to data gathered by body cameras, dashboard cameras, drones, and mobile cell phone towers called Stingrays.

The League acknowledges that the bill protects the privacy of law enforcement officers and their families and could protect cities against significant compliance costs. However, AB 2611 lacks clear guidelines for law enforcement on how the exemption should apply to stingray technology, which enables law enforcement to control mobile wireless devices. The measure expressly

includes within the scope of the exemption video or data depicting great bodily injury to, or the death of, a police officer in the line of duty.

AB 2611 would also remedy a deficiency in the CPRA, which lacks privacy protections for victims who are also witnesses, nor does it reflect the latest technologies such as body cameras or dashboard camera in the context of the release of information.

The challenge lies in the fact that as written, AB 2611 could be subject to a rather broad interpretation as to what data should fall within the scope of the exemption. The general public and the Legislature have previously raised issues with the degree to which state and local law enforcement are capable of unfettered, warrantless intelligence gathering via devices such as Stingrays. This technology is capable at a minimum of blocking cellphones, intercepting and reading emails and texts and draining the batteries of mobile devices to render them inoperative. Concerns have been voiced from within the law enforcement community that definite regulations should be placed on their use of this technology.

### **AB 1957**

The Assembly Committee on Judiciary on April 19 passed AB 1957, sending it to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations next.

AB 1957 would require state and local law enforcement agencies to make body worn camera footage available 60 days after the commencement of an investigation into misconduct that uses or involves that footage. The measure is in response to an incident in the city of Chicago in 2014 when an officer shot and killed an armed suspect who was running away in pursuit. Dash camera footage from several police vehicles was withheld for 13 months but was later released after demands from independent investigators and public watchdog groups were made. After the public release of the footage the officer was then charged with second degree murder and the police chief was terminated. In the wake of this and other similar incidences across the nation pro body camera transparency policy trends are becoming more and more prevalent.

While the League supports transparency and the public's right to know, concerns have been raised regarding a two provisions of the bill. The judicial review section of the measure would take away local authority to determine when a video is released, who and what is redacted from body cam footage. In addition, there is a problematic provision that would require video footage to be released 60 days from the commencement of an investigation of the incident. This is troubling because 60 days may not be an adequate amount of time for a full investigation to be completed — disclosure of evidence may deny due process, taint and investigation or lead to civil litigation for the public agency in question.

Under the CPRA, public records must be open to inspection at all times during the office hours of a state or local agency and that the public has a right to inspect any record. Existing law exempts from the disclosure requirements records of complaints to, or investigations conducted by, or records of intelligence information or security procedures of, law enforcement agencies, including the Attorney General and state or local police agencies.

### **Next Steps**

The League board of directors will be examining both bills next week during its meeting on April 27. Once official positions are taken, the League will post letters online.

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### **2017 City Managers Department Meeting Call for Proposals Now Open** *Deadline to Submit Ideas is June 6*

The League of California Cities® is now taking submissions for session proposals and speakers for the 2017 City Managers Department meeting which will be held Feb. 8-10 at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. The call for proposals offers a chance to share best practices, innovative approaches, as well as research and information with managers at their largest annual gathering in California.

This conference is geared toward California city managers and others in the profession and focuses on current issues and timely topics to assist officials in their daily roles and operations within their city.

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

Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind. Ideas need to be fully completed and submitted through the online proposal form by Monday, June 6 to be considered by the committee.

There is a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. The League recommends that proposals are first written in a word-processing program and then pasted into the online form.

A "Topic Suggestions" has been added to the proposal guidelines which are areas of current interest to this group.

Visit [www.cacities.org/citymanagersproposal](http://www.cacities.org/citymanagersproposal) for additional information and to submit ideas.

If you have any questions please contact [Dayna Casper](mailto:Dayna.Casper@cacities.org) at (916) 658-8227.

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## **California City Solutions: Gilroy's Task Force Steers Youth Away from Gangs**

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. The city of Gilroy's South County Youth Task Force was submitted in 2015 for the CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration award category.*

The city of Gilroy formed the South County Youth Task Force (SCYTF) as a collaborative effort of participating agencies to provide positive, supportive alternatives to gang recruitment of youth in South Santa Clara County. Task force members include a diverse range of private citizens, representatives from city, county and state government, local community-based organizations, schools, parents, faith community and local law enforcement. With initial primary funding from several local agencies and school districts, the program has been expanded by three consecutive grants. The regional program is making positive, quantifiable inroads into steering at-risk youth towards positive alternatives to gang involvement.

Southern Santa Clara County has become a target for recruiting young gang members. This area encompasses the cities of Gilroy (population 51,000), Morgan Hill (population 38,000), the unincorporated area of San Martin (population 7,000) and a largely unpopulated rural area. One-quarter of Gilroy's residents were born outside the United States, primarily Mexico and 43 percent speak a language other than English in the home. One in five Morgan Hill residents is foreign born. Local schools experience high truancy, suspension and expulsion rates, and low graduation rates. This set the stage for unsupervised youth with lots of unstructured time and poor job prospects.

Gang activity has had a negative and growing impact on the cities and surrounding communities. Between 2011 and 2012, many leaders from South County's largest gang were removed from the streets through two successful regional law enforcement operations totaling more than 150 arrests. Gilroy's violent crime rates dropped by 4 percent in 2012 and non-violent crime by 16 percent. Gang crime in unincorporated rural areas, however spiked by 36 percent in 2012, with 43 percent of the 51 incidents perpetrated by youth ages 15-19.

Gilroy has the most validated gang members of any city in the Santa Clara County per capita, with 975 documented gang members and associates. Intensifying the local gang situation are returning/older gang members as a result of AB 109. Since the 2011-12 arrests, local gangs have been heavily recruiting youth to fill their ranks.



The city's post-arrest crime decrease disappeared, replaced with a 20 percent spike in violent crimes in 2014. The bulk of supportive social services and resources are located in San Jose, about 30 miles north of Gilroy. This requires a three-plus hour multi-transfer round trip by public transportation at \$6 per person for those seeking services.

SCYTF determined early on that CalGrip would be the only meaningful funding source to achieve the needed prevention and intervention services to South County. While economies are slowly rebounding from the Great Recession, South County cities lagged behind the rest of the county as residents were particularly hard hit by unemployment and foreclosures.

Gilroy received its first CalGrip grant for 2011-13, which totaled \$250,000. The funds were used to put infrastructure in place, form a regional policy team and develop a Strategic Plan. Additionally, case management services were provided to 30 youth, with 150 youth participating in group support activities.

A second CalGrip grant, totaling \$500,000, was awarded for 2014-15. This provided financial resources to develop a technical team which provides programming, parent support and training, two full-time intervention workers, one full-time probation officer, and one full-time SCYTF coordinator. New partnerships were also developed with the Gilroy Foundation and the Gilroy Rotary Club.

Another initiative developed was Safe Schools, Safe Streets and Safe Youth, which included development of a crisis response and communication protocol aimed at preventing and de-escalating incidences of violence on and around school campuses. This initiative also increased communication with parents, family and the community, evening socialization with targeted youth, evidence-based support groups, engagement in community activities and the inclusion of the faith-based community.

As a direct result of the success and accomplishments realized under the first two grants, a third CalGrip grant, totaling \$1,500,000 was awarded for 2015-17. Primary goals under this grant are:

- To prevent gang involvement in hot spot neighborhoods and schools by increasing pro-social opportunities for youth and their families;
- To intervene early with high-risk youth and intervene intensively with gang impacted youth by increasing opportunities for these youth for positive futures; and
- To reduce gang activity and climate with chronic offenders by working with high-risk/gang-involved individuals to reduce negative behaviors.

Additional goals are to develop new community-based partnerships, provide seed money to organize faith-based collaborations, provide new evidence-base, culturally responsive trainings and financial support for community policing efforts.

Agencies that contribute financially to SCYTF include the cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill, Santa Clara County, the Gilroy Unified School District, the Morgan Hill Unified School District and the Gilroy Youth Task Force.

The project has several goals and measurable objectives to achieve.

The South County One Neighborhood Empowered (ONE) Project. This initiative has qualitative and quantitative goals and specific quantifiable objectives. The project design reflects three overarching goals guided by SCYTF's Strategic Plan:

1. Improve/increase service coordination and effectiveness;
2. Expand and enhance support services for youth in multiple "hot spots;" and
3. Change systems and improve capacity and expertise of Community Based organizations, law enforcement, parents, faith-based organizations, youth and school personnel with evidence based programming.

ONE has engaged a third-party evaluation team, Community Crime Prevention Associates (CCPA) that is nationally known and recognized for its experience evaluating community and crime prevention efforts. CCPA has evaluated and assisted the San Jose Gang Task Force to

improve its operation and effectiveness for 28 years, and the Santa Clara County Juvenile Probation Department for 18 years. The CCPA evaluation scope covers three areas:

1. Effort (what inputs and activities produce effects);
2. Effect (what happens as a result of the inputs); and
3. Results (change over time).

CCPA employs a survey of adolescent developmental assets and evaluates each service activity on a quarterly basis for goals met, and indicates corrective actions as needed.

Key ONE project level process and success indicators include but are not limited to numbers of participants and staff (for each program and collectively), number and type of primary, secondary and tertiary services available as a result of the ONE project, units of service delivered, cost per unit of service, client length of participation and completion rates, percentage of goals achieved by individual participants, truancy and expulsion rates, number of referrals and rate of successful enrollment for service delivery. ONE will also do comparative annual reviews of key gang crime indicators for the targeted hot spots.

The services put into place under this program have begun to yield results with 85 percent of participating students increased their participation at school and 92 percent increased their ability to choose friends who make positive choices. In six months, more than 1,800 contacts were made at the street and school level with gang involved or high risk youth. More than 150 unduplicated youth have been served with tailored intervention services.

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## **Is Limiting Public Engagement and Local Land Use Discretion the Appropriate Solution to Expedite Housing Development?**

*Market Factors and Lack of Resources are Contributing Factors*

With the first round of legislative policy hearings nearing completion, one area of legislative focus is readily apparent: reducing public engagement and local land use discretion to expedite the construction of new housing. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **League Gears Up for 2016 Legislative Action Day**

*Hundreds of City Officials in Sacramento on April 27 to Lobby*

Every April brings hundreds of city officials to Sacramento as part of the League's Legislative Action Day. This year, Rancho Cucamonga Mayor and League President L. Dennis Michael will be welcoming the delegates for a legislative briefing. The annual event focuses on the organization's legislative priorities and top bills and is an opportunity for mayors and council members to meet with their legislators face to face in the Capitol. *For more, see Page 3.*

The question we need to ask, however, is whether reducing or even removing public input and local discretion over land use matters is the right medicine for the housing shortage. Alternatively, are there better ways to increase housing supplies without removing the public from these important land use decisions that permanently define a community's character?

What a difference a few years make. Seven years ago the nation and state were in a deep recession, caused in part by speculation-fueled overbuilding of housing, especially single-family housing with subprime mortgages. Foreclosures were everywhere, unemployment topped 12 percent, and housing prices bottomed at less than half of former values.

Now the economy has rebounded in many of our coastal cities, but single-family housing construction still lags. Contributing to this are the remnants of the last crisis, causing many former homeowners to be cautious, a tighter credit market for home loans, and uneven job growth. Affordable housing production has declined as well after the Legislature opted to eliminate local redevelopment agencies in 2011. In California the Central Valley and Inland Empire regions are still recovering, contrasted against another technology-fueled boom in the Bay Area and other locations along the coast.

The coastal economic boom means those areas are attracting new workers, many with high-level technical skills demanding high wages and stock options. Equipped with higher salaries, and recognizing the quality of life in these locations, these new residents are driving up property values and displacing existing residents. Housing developers seeking to respond to this demand and build housing within these areas are frustrated that the local land use process includes substantial community input that delays their speed-to-market or imposes additional conditions and mitigation requirements to respond to the concerns of those already living there. Some advocating for more housing scornfully dismiss local residents that attend public forums to discuss projects, and how they may affect community character, traffic, noise and other issues, as "NIMBY's".

In past periods of economic boom, California produced around 200,000 housing units per year, with about 70 percent of those units single-family. Given some of the market limitations affecting single-family housing, this year's production is expected to be around 100,000 units with about one-half higher density-multifamily. Policy makers in Sacramento, facing concerns about escalating housing costs and viewing reports stating that the state needs up to 1.5 million more units to satisfy demand, are proposing to limit community discretion and input to expedite delivery of more units.

While housing production should be expedited where possible, legislators should also pause to consider the value and role played by public input in shaping the quality of life and unique aspects of a neighborhood or location that new residents and developers find attractive. The residents who participate in land use hearings do so because they care about their communities and have a longer-term commitment to a place than a developer that builds and moves on. While "public engagement" is often described as a desired policy goal, how does it work when public participation on a developer's proposal is dismissed as a mere hindrance? Cutting off public input may have other policy consequences as well, including expanding pressure for more local voter growth control measures.

### **How to Get More Housing, Especially Higher-Density Housing in Job-Rich Coastal Areas?**

This is the policy question of the hour. In addition, there are many bills that try to be helpful by providing funding for affordable housing, help first time home buyers save for housing and ensure limited funds go further.

Some of the bills supported by the League include the following:

- **AB 2734 (Atkins)** Dedicates portion of state savings from RDA elimination for affordable housing.
- **AB 2817 (Chiu)** Increases Low Income Housing Tax Credits from \$70 to \$300 million per year.
- **AB 1736 (Steinorth)** Allows future homebuyers to save for down payment tax free.

- **SB 873 (Beall)** Allows low income tax credits to be sold more efficiently, yielding greater value.
- **SB 879 (Beall)** Proposes a \$3 billion affordable housing bond.
- \$1.5 billion Assembly Democrat Budget proposal for affordable housing funding.

### **The Bills Seeking to Reduce Public Engagement and Local Discretion over Housing**

Depending on a community, the level of concern over these measures will differ, but what they have in common are prescriptive one-size-fits all edicts and other provisions intended to limit local authority and public input:

- **AB 2522 (Bloom)** Requires housing for households up to 150 percent of median income to be a permitted use by right (and thus not subject to CEQA) or discretionary review, other than design review.
- **AB 2557 (Santiago)** Declares the development of multifamily housing to not be a municipal affair, and prohibits a temporary planning moratorium from being enacted affecting a project of more than 30 percent multifamily units.
- **AB 2501 (Bloom)** Expands the law enabling developers to demand up to 35% greater densities and project concessions above existing zoning standards.
- **AB 2299 (Bloom)** and **SB 1069 (Wieckowski)** Reduce community control of parking and other issues affecting second units in single-family neighborhoods.
- **AB 2584 (Daly)** Empowers outside parties with no direct role or interest in a project to sue and collect attorney fees from local agencies over denials or conditions imposed on housing developments.
- **AB 1934 (Santiago)** Authorizes commercial developers to demand additional floor area and other concessions above existing zoning if residential units are built on same site.
- **SB 1318 (Wolk)** Limits future annexations if services are not delivered to adjacent disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

### **Next Steps**

Cities, counties, the residents they represent, environmental groups and others that value public engagement and local discretion on land use matters need to focus and engage in the housing-related discussion pending in the Legislature. While there are numerous measures aimed at enhancing affordable housing resources, others focus on removing local input and discretion.

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The opening general session, which will be held at the Embassy Suites, will cover a range of topics including the state budget, affordable housing, chronic homelessness and transportation funding.

Several legislative leaders will attend to brief city officials on their leadership priorities, including:

- Senate Republican Leader Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield);
- Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood); and
- Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles).

League staff has prepared fact sheets with talking points for city officials to use in their meetings with legislators. These will cover:

- Housing and Land Use;
- Addressing Chronic Homelessness;
- Transportation.

A copy of the agenda and these fact sheets are available on the League's website in advance of Legislative Action Day.

City officials will have several hours for meetings with their legislators before the afternoon panel discussion, co-sponsored by the League's Latino Caucus. This one-hour session, which will be held in room 126 of the Capitol, will focus on transportation funding proposals and will include a number of expert speakers, including:

- Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley), chair of the Assembly Committee on Transportation;
- California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly; and
- Manny Leon, principal consultant, Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

The day will end with the League's legislative reception, which will be held at Mayahuel on K Street. City officials are encouraged to invite their legislators to join them at this event.

### **Wear Denim on April 27 to Support Movement against Sexual Assault**

Legislative Action Day is once coinciding with Denim Day and city officials traveling to Sacramento are encouraged to wear denim in support of this global effort. The League's officers, board of directors and staff will also be in jeans to support the cause.

Denim Day is a day during Sexual Assault Awareness Month that people all over the world wear jeans as a way to protest what some allege can lead to sexual assault.

Denim Day started in April 1999, but its origins are in the Italian Legislature. The Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction because the justices believed that the fact that the victim had to remove her tight jeans for the rapist implied consent. The day after the ruling, female members of the Legislature came to work in jeans. The tradition continues to grow as normally suit-clad legislators, staff and lobbyists, leave their formal attire at home and instead wear denim.

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## Assembly Democrats Unveil \$1.3 Billion Affordable Housing Package

The Assembly Democratic Caucus on Monday, April 25 announced a one-time \$1.3 billion budget proposal to help address how California's affordable housing crisis hits the state's most struggling residents — working, lower-income families, the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. [Addressing affordable housing and chronic homelessness](#) is among the League's top three policy priorities for 2016 and the League is encouraged to see this proposal emerge as budget negotiations begin to take shape.

The details of this proposal were [released in a letter](#) from Assembly Member David Chiu (D-San Francisco), who serves as chair of the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development, and Assembly Member Tony Thurmond (D-Richmond) to Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian (D-Sherman Oaks), who serves as chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No.4 on Administration. The letter is signed by a number of other legislators.

The legislators maintain that investing one-time state budget surplus funds in affordable housing makes sense, and would create jobs as well as assist struggling households.

"While we continue to work on a permanent funding source for affordable housing in the state, Californians cannot wait," the legislators wrote. "Immediate action is needed. We need to make a strategic investment in this budget year to address our housing crisis."

In addition, Assembly Member Chiu issued a [press release summarizing](#) the proposal. Funding would be allocated in a combination of grants, development subsidies and tax credits.

The proposal focuses on five main areas:

- [Rental housing](#): \$300 million for housing tax credits and \$200 million for multifamily housing production programs for lower income working families;
- [Assisting Homeownership](#): \$200 million in funding grants to local agencies for assistance to workforce housing in the state's high-cost areas and \$200 million for the existing CalHome program;
- [Farmworker Housing](#): \$50 million for the Joe Serna Farmworker Housing Grant Program, \$25 million for farmworker housing tax credits and \$250,000 for the Napa County Farmworker Housing Centers.
- [Homeless Assistance](#): \$200 million for multifamily supportive housing, \$60 million for the Medi-Cal Housing Program, and \$40 million for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program; and
- [Seismic Retrofit](#): \$60 million in income tax credits for seismic retrofitting of "soft-story" buildings.

The Assembly proposal differs from Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León's (D-Los Angeles) [No Place Like Home initiative](#), which he announced in January. The League at its February board of directors meeting [took a support in concept](#) on the Senate proposal. The Senate proposal focuses primarily on constructing \$2 billion in housing for the mentally ill homeless, using Proposition 63 funds as a revenue source. However, the Senate proposal also seeks a four-year commitment of \$200 million per year in General Fund dollars to assist the homeless. Both legislative houses now have major proposals for affordable housing heading into budget discussions with Gov. Jerry Brown.

The League on April 26 sent in a letter of support for the Assembly proposal because its principles are consistent with the organization's policy priorities on affordable housing. The League looks forward to working with Assembly Member Chiu, Assembly Member Thurmond and other legislators on this important issue as it develops.

### **Next Steps**

Budget discussions will heat up in a few weeks after the Governor releases his May Revise in the second week of May. A hearing date on the Assembly proposal in the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 has not been set.