

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**May 14, 2015**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Allan Roeder, City Manager  
Members

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

None.

**II. 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.



ALLAN L. ROEDER  
City Manager

**Weekly Memo 5/14/15**

**NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLES**

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Actors from Orange County Children's Theater perform "Alice in Wonderland" at the Gem Theater.

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## *Through the looking glass,* INTO THE THEATER

Young actors will continue the run of its spring production, 'Alice in Wonderland,' this weekend at Gem Theater.

BY DAYNA DRUM • STAFF WRITER

Time-constrained rabbits and disappearing cats have temporarily taken over Garden Grove's Gem Theater as the Orange County Children's Theatre puts on its spring production of "Alice in Wonderland."

The play runs through Sunday. Audiences can expect a colorful performance full of singing and dancing against a whimsical stage background. The cast of more than 60 people has been set since the end of February, and rehearsals started early

March.

The Children's Theatre, established in 1969, is the oldest, continuously running youth troupe in Orange County. This is the group's first time performing Tim Nelson's rendition of the Lewis Carroll book.

All proceeds from the ticket sales will go toward future plays and educational workshops. The group's next show will be "Mary Poppins" in August at Huntington Beach High School.

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### IF YOU GO

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** The Gem Theater, 12852 Main St., in Garden Grove

**Costs:** \$14-\$17, depending on seat selection

**More info:** [occt.org](http://occt.org) or [boxoffice@occt.org](mailto:boxoffice@occt.org)

### TRYOUTS

If your child is interested in being in "Mary Poppins," auditions are scheduled for May 29 and 30 at Marina High School, 15871 Springdale St., in Huntington Beach. Information: [occt.org](http://occt.org).

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## THINGS TO KNOW

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BY CHRIS HAIRE | STAFF WRITER

### Startup Weekend's coming next month

Garden Grove is hosting its first Startup Weekend the weekend of June 5-7, joining hundreds of other cities across the world to bring entrepreneurs together to pitch and work through various business ideas.

On that Friday, participants will pitch their ideas and try to get others to join their teams. On Saturday and Sunday, the prospective entrepreneurs will work on customer development, building a viable product and learning startup methodologies. On Sunday evening, the teams will demonstrate their prototypes and receive feedback from experts.

Ticket prices vary, but Garden Grove residents can get in free with proof of residency.

The announcement of Startup Weekend comes at the same time Wallet Hub, a finance website, named Garden Grove 148th out of the 150 largest U.S. cities in a list of best places to start a business.

For more information, visit [sggardengrove.com](http://sggardengrove.com).

### Mayor Nguyen participates in Politico poll



Nguyen

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen was one of 21 city leaders across the country to participate in a recent Politico magazine poll about the political gridlock in Washington, D.C.

In the poll, 82 percent of the mayors, who spanned 12 states, said they had very little or no confidence in Washington lawmakers.

The poll was not scientific and participants leaned heavily Democratic, but respondents were still harsh in their assessment of politics in the nation's capital.



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This year's Strawberry Stomp 5K run and walk is at 8 a.m. on May 23.

### STRAWBERRY STOMP IS COMING UP

Sunday is the last day to register for the annual Strawberry Stomp 5K run and walk, a fundraiser for Garden Grove's Sister City Association.

The event is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on May 23.

The run will proceed along Acacia Parkway, Euclid Street and Chapman Avenue.

It costs \$35 to participate, \$30 if you are part of a group, \$20 for adults running with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove and \$5 for children under 17 who are with the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Last year, the event had 500 runners. The maximum amount allowed this year is 750.

To register, go to [strawberrystomp.com](http://strawberrystomp.com).

### Can you name Garden Grove's official city tree? Or its rose?

Did you know that Garden Grove has an official city tree? And an official city rose, too?

Well, it does.

When Garden Grove was incorporated in 1956, officials named the flame coral as the official city tree.

The flame coral gets its name

from its bright red or orange flowers and its branches, which often grow in a shape similar to sea coral.

The city's rose is the orange tropical rose, which, as the name states, has orange flowers and originates from tropical climates.



**HONORING OUR  
RETURNING VETERANS**

# 57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

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## LOOK WHO'S RIDING IN THE PARADE THIS YEAR!

Celebrity Grand Marshal  
**Sally Kellerman**  
*M\*A\*S\*H\**

Theme Grand Marshal  
**Lt. Col Patricia Murray**  
*California Air National Guard*

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# Police pay tribute to 'Fallen Five'

At last year's Call to Duty Police Memorial, then Captain Todd Elgin served as emcee for the annual service that pays respects to Garden Grove's five officers killed in the line of duty.

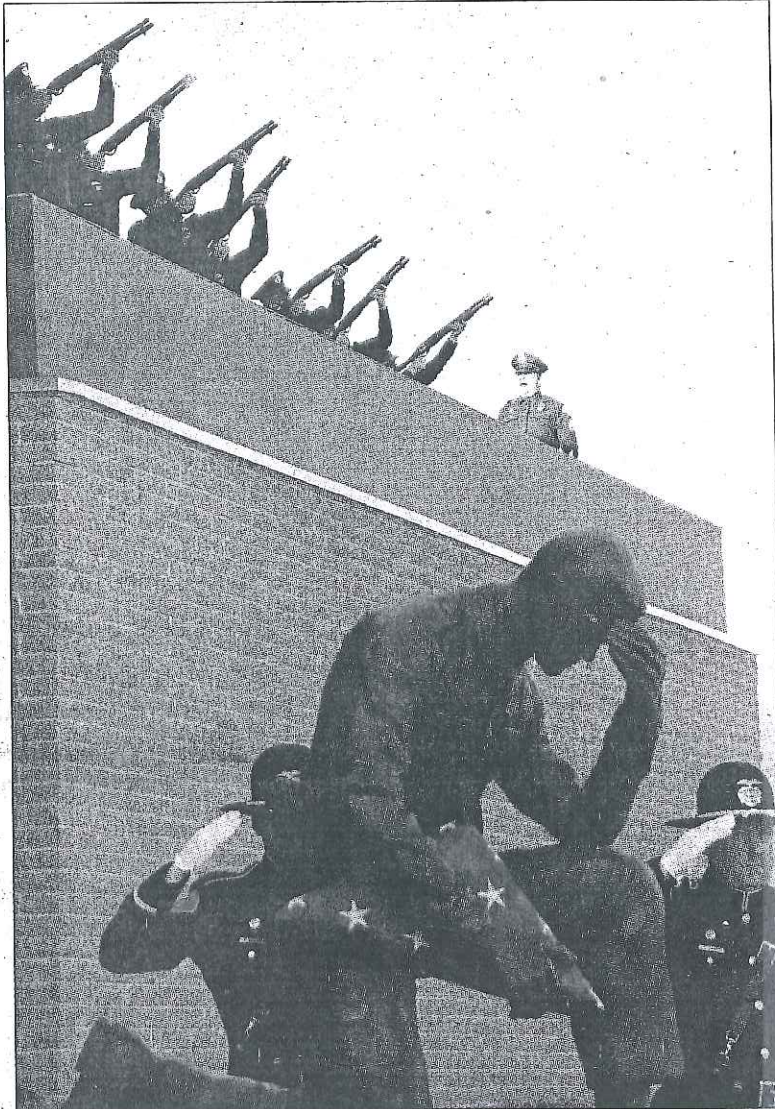
This year, Elgin returns to commemorate the event's 28th year, now as Garden Grove's newest chief of police.

The public memorial takes place on Thursday, May 14, at 5 p.m., in front of Police Headquarters, at 11301 Acacia Parkway.

Family, friends, colleagues, and law enforcement personnel throughout Southern California will join the community in honoring Myron Trapp, Andy Reese, Donald Reed, Michael Rainford, and Howard Dallies, Jr., known as Garden Grove's Fallen Five.

"While many of our department members didn't know these officers, there's a deep and timeless connection to what these five men stood for, and in what they believed. I see that every time one of my officers goes out on duty," said Chief Elgin.

This year's guest speaker is Clarke Paris, a U.S. Navy veteran and retired police sergeant for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. A decorated officer and recognized author on police issues, Paris created an award-winning documentary on police stress and suicide prevention called, "The Pain Behind the Badge" in 2007. Since then, he has presented seminars on



Courtesy photo

**A memorial to the "Fallen Five" stands in front of the Garden Grove Police Department.**

the subject to tens of thousands of police officers and military personnel.

The ringing of the Memorial

Bell for each of the fallen officers complements a stirring 21-gun salute, a riderless horse, and formal presentations to the surviving families. The Bolsa Grande High School Concert Choir will perform musical selections in honor of the occasion.

The following street closures will be in effect on May 14 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.: east and west bound Acacia Parkway, from Garden Grove City Hall to 9th Street; and Civic Center Drive, from Garden Grove Boulevard to Acacia Parkway.

For details on the memorial, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at 714-741-5901.

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# Event theme: Honoring Our Returning Veterans

## Garden Grove Strawberry Festival honors America's troops

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will honor 25 veterans in its May 23 parade.

Fifteen are from the U.S. Marine Corps, six from the U.S. Army, three were in the Army National Guard, and one is from the U.S. Navy. They will be joined by family members – 63 in all – in the parade and the festival will treat them to breakfast, lunch and wristbands for free carnival rides all day.

“The festival board chose Honoring Our Returning Veterans as this year's theme to recognize the sacrifices these brave men and women are making for our country,” said Festival Board President Steve Sanders.

Sgt. Priscilla Salazar will be attending with her husband Sgt. Frank Ortiz, a retired Army veteran with combat-related injuries. “I was a military police and a non commissioned officer and served 10 years in the Army National Guard with one combat tour in Afghanistan,” said Sgt. Salazar. “I was awarded numerous medals, but the one I keep special in my heart is the Navy-Marine Achievement Medal received while doing an all-female personal security detail of 22 VIPs, both Afghan woman and American female officers. “The couple's two daughters, ages 9 and 4, will also be enjoying the thrill of riding in a parade.

Along with Sgt. Salazar, two other women, both of whom also served in the Army National Guard, will be sharing the day with their young children: single mother of one, Pvt. Catherine Larson, and Pvt. 1st Class Alma Herta, who joined the National Guard two years ago, will be bringing her two girls, ages 9 and 4 along with her husband, Sgt. Hector Huerta who was in the Army for nine years and did three tours in Iraq. The fourth female veteran – and the only Navy veteran to be honored – is Operation Specialist First Class Lisa Kukula who was in the U.S. Navy for almost 10 years and was deployed to Afghanistan.

Although Sgt. William Wagner has moved away from Garden Grove, he says he still holds the city dear to his heart. He graduated from Rancho Alamitos High School and served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Army from 1966 to 1969. He received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained and now maneuvers well with a prosthetic leg. Wagner will be joined by another Vietnam veteran, SP4 Jorge Barragan.

“I will be riding to honor my 58,267 brothers that made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam, says Barragan. “They will be in my mind and heart forever.”

Another life-long Garden Grove resident, Army Cpl. Faustino Campa, Jr., graduated from Garden Grove High School in the class of 1997. He is a decorated vet who served a year tour in Iraq. Sgt. Daniel Salas was in the U.S. Army for five years with the 101st airborne division.

Garden Grove's proximity to Camp Pendleton played a role in bringing 15 U.S. Marines to the festivities, one of whom is the highest ranking officer to be honored, Battalion Sergeant Major Chuong T. Nguyen. Still in active service, Sgt. Maj. Nguyen's most recent deployment was for six months to Okinawa, Japan. “Our Battalion, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines – known as the First

of the First – served as one of the forward deployed forces for any contingencies which might happen in the Pacific theater,” he said.

He also was deployed twice to Afghanistan and once to Iraq and has received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal among others.

Another combat veteran who was honored among others for his valor by Dana Hills High School is Marine Cpl. Ryan Yells. He says while in Afghanistan's Helmond Province he participated in one of the biggest firefights of his deployment on his 21st birthday. While attending school he now works two jobs, one of which is at the South Orange County Veteran Center. Marine Sgt. Chris Merkle, who deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2003 to 2010, works at the North County Veteran Center. Both take time to serve the needs of fellow veterans.

U.S. Marine Cpl. Robert Nguyen will join his sister, State Sen. Janet Nguyen, in the parade. He served in the Operating Endurance Freedom (OEF) campaign during the Iraq War in 2003. Marine Cpl. Richard (Dray) DeLacoudray retired in April after 22 years with five overseas deployments as a RadarTech in support of both OEF and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). He was also in the U.S. Army Reserves as an MP. Garden Grove native Marine Staff Sergeant Jonathan Peterson, an honor training graduate, also served in numerous capacities, including in OIF and OEF, and

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is currently assigned as a Senior LAN Manager for the 1394th Transportation Brigade based in Camp Pendleton.

Camaraderie among Marines is legendary, says Sanders. “So it's no surprise that they keep close contact.” Such has been the case with Corporals A.J. Santos, Juan Estrada, Sixto Martinez and Sergeant Jake MacArthur who all served together for four years in Afghanistan. Santos, Estrada and Martinez were part of a unit that disassembled campsites that were set up throughout Afghanistan. They were trained to look for landmines and other suspicious objects while transporting these materials to campsites.

After their return, both Estrada and Martinez were responsible for teaching new Marines everything they learned while deployed. Sgt. McArthur is still on active duty. While in Afghanistan he was assigned to the 1st medical battalion providing aid and security to a medical unit that cared for wounded civilian and soldiers. U.S. Marine Corporals Louis Orta and Tyssen Rogers both served two tours in Afghanistan from 2008 to 2012, earned degrees as cardiopulmonary therapists and currently attend Westwood College pursuing business degrees.

Rounding out the parade, Marine contingent is Cpl. Francis Fernandez who was with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in Southeast Asia and served two tours in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He's joined by Sgt. Danny Kim who served a year in Iraq, and Lance Corp. Yovan Vivas who did a tour on Okinawa under Marine Forces Pacific, as well as in detachments to the Philippines and Thailand.

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# Police find themselves in the spotlight

Officer involved shootings have become a national issue. How are our local cops doing?



**Tony on the Town**

By **Tony Cheong**

Police officers — and their conduct — are all over the news these days.

We've seen the images of Baltimore burning as rioters protest the killing of a man by police that the coroner has ruled a homicide.

We've seen officer-involved shootings and ensuing protests in Ferguson, in New York City and other places.

There's no doubt that there are bad cops, just as there are bad journalists, bad teachers, bad

plumbers, etc. The difference, of course, is that if a plumber screws up, nobody gets dead. That's why we hold police officers to such a high standard. With much power comes much responsibility.

But there's another side to the story that isn't old often enough by the media.

There are good cops. There are brave, noble, highly-professional men and women in uniform who sincerely want to advance the cause of justice.

And... they put their lives on the line every day.

Which brings me to the "Fallen Five." Who are the Fallen Five? Myron Trapp, Andy Reese, Donald Reed, Michael Rainford, and Howard Dallies, Jr. They were Garden Grove police officers who died in the line of duty. The Police Department will them at an annual memorial that will include a 21-gun salute on May 14, in front of the department.

Other police are doing great work on our local streets. Take the Westminster Police Department, the first in the county to work with the Orange County He-

alth Care Agency when police are dealing with mentally ill people.

Westminster police officers, who regularly encounter mentally ill people on the streets (many of whom are homeless) are trained on how to deal with people suffering from certain mental illnesses.

In tense situations, they call the Health Care Agency, which sends out a mental health expert to help de-escalate confrontations.

And there's good news in Stanton.

In July, for the first time in about three years, Stanton will be getting a motorcycle police officer.

With the newly instituted 1cent sales tax, which got the city out of its years-long structural deficit, Stanton can now afford to have the Orange County Sheriff's Department bring in a motorcycle officer to patrol the town.

The City Council recently approved spending about \$28,000 to purchase a motorcycle from Huntington Beach Honda for the officer.

*Do you have a question, comment or news tip? You can reach Tony at [tonyontown@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyontown@yahoo.com).*

## Elks Club to host rock tribute

Music of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Neil Young and Cat Stevens will be highlighted

Are you a fan of classic rock and roll?

So are members of the Garden Grove Elks Club.

The club is hosting a classic rock tribute show on Sunday, May 17 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., featuring tributes to Creedence Clearwater Revival, Neil Young and Cat Stevens.

The Garden Grove Elks Club is at 11551 Trask Ave. in Garden Grove. The shows are appropriate for all ages.

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Creedence Clearwater Revival, Neil Young and Cat Stevens. Creedence Clearwater Revival left a deep imprint on rock history with hit songs such as "Born on the Bayou," "Bad Moon Rising" and "Who'll Stop the Rain."

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since 2001 as part of the award-winning Neil Deal, a tribute band to one of rock and roll's greatest songwriters. They play a mix of music by Neil Young, Crazy Horse, Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. Come hear hits like "Heart of Gold," "Ohio," "Cinnamon Girl" and more.

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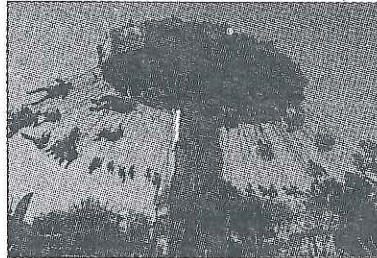
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# H. Louis Lake Center sells out May 5 fiesta

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## 110 celebrate Mexican holiday

By Loreen Berlin

In celebration of Cinco de Mayo day, Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center hosted a sold-out fiesta on May 5, from 10 a.m. to noon that drew 110 people.

Festivities ranged from tasty foods from south of the border that included chile rellenos, churros and flan to name a few, and dancing, along with live entertainment with DJ Armando Valencia.

The event was sponsored by Professional Health Care Services Inc, which is also new as a sponsor, according to Recreation and Human Services Coordinator Juan Medina, with the Garden Grove Community Services Department.

Also new this year was transportation that is part of the Senior Mobility program, where CYC

(California Yellow Cab) picked up and delivered 40 seniors so they could attend the Cinco de Mayo fun.

The next day, seniors participated in the "Happy Mother's Day" celebration sponsored by Scan Health Plan.

Coming up, Thursday, May 21, the City of Garden Grove will present the annual Strawberry Ball at the senior center where a Strawberry Days King and Queen will be selected to ride in the parade on Strawberry Festival parade on May 23.

During the Strawberry Ball, the King and Queen will be introduced, who are chosen as Senior Volunteers of the Year. There's going to be dancing with the "5 Star Band," and a prime rib dinner for the cost of \$25 (advance reserva-

tions are necessary).

And there's more: Saturday, May 23, a Strawberry Festival Parade Walk is set from 8:30 a.m. to noon; walkers are asked to arrive at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center by 8 a.m. to participate.

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival 2015 is "Honoring Our Returning Veterans."

Medina said the walk is designed so anyone can enjoy walking slowly and together along a two-mile stroll. For this activity, sign-ups are being taken at the front office.

"Hope to see everyone come celebrate Memorial weekend with us," said Medina.

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

## Seniors celebrate Cinco de Mayo



Photo by Loreen Berlin

A group of seniors at H. Louis Lake Senior Center enjoy a Cinco de Mayo celebration. See story on Page 3.

# Community Calendar

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## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Rock tribute

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## Taking on hate

The Garden Grove City Council has endorsed the mission of Take on Hate, a national grassroots movement that promotes positive images of Arab and Muslim-Americans.

Council members say they stand "with Americans, regardless of their ethnicity or religion, and stands against those who preach hate and incite violence."

Mayor Bao Nguyen brought the resolution before the council last week to promote positive attitudes in the city about Arab and Muslim-Americans, who, Nguyen said, have been victims of hate crimes in the wake of continuing unrest in the Middle East, and after America was attacked by Muslim extremists on Sept. 11, 2001.

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# College to host Global Women's Conference

## Event provides information, networking opportunities

Coastline Community College Foundation will host its third Annual Orange County Global Women's Conference on May 29 at the Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport.

Coastline Community College has campuses in Garden Grove and Westminster.

The goal of the 2015 OC Global Women's Conference is to help women of all backgrounds reach their greatest potential through mentoring, networking opportunities, and career workshops offered in this distinctive mentorship event dedicated to female empowerment.

The 2015 OC Global Women's Conference keynote speaker will be Parisa Khosravi, former senior vice president for CNN Worldwide. Conference participants include, the honorable consul general of Peru, Liliana Cino; Cynthia Abercrombie, executive vice president, chief risk officer, BANC of California; Rhonda Davenport Johnson, national director of retail sales & services, Comerica Bank; Gianna Drake-Kerrison, first vice president, wealth management, UBS Financial Services, Inc.; Silvia Ichar, founder/publisher, Para Todos Magazine; Carmela Ma, CCIM, CIPS, founder/president, CJM Associates, Inc.; Betty Uribe, Ed.D, executive vice president of California Bank and Trust; and the honorable Hamid Asghar Khan, consul general of Pakistan, Los Angeles.

This year's conference is titled, "Gaining Momentum," and will tackle key issues of today's women. Session topics include the cultural perception of women in international business, the spending power of women in today's economy, and catalyst for change: promoting diversity and

inclusion. This event will bring together prominent leaders from the worlds of business, politics, fashion, philanthropy, media, entertainment and the arts, in a full day of lively panels addressing important social issues, professional development, life skills, and leadership.

"The Coastline Community College Foundation is honored to host the OC Global Women's Conference for the third year in a row—we are gaining momentum," said Coastline Community College Foundation Executive Director, Mariam Khosravani. "The event will serve as a platform for all women and men to come together for meaningful discussions, collaboration, and thought leadership for the empowerment of women."

Last year, more than 400 guests attended the empowering conference, which included a keynote address from Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens, dance performances, fashion exhibits, mentoring workshops, and seven break-out sessions about change, mentorship, embracing life, diversity, reinventing careers, and the power and impact of women in the world.

Past conference participants included, Her Excellency Ambassador Dr. Wenwa Akinyi Odinga Oranga, consul general of Kenya; The Honorable Daiva Valerija Cekanauskas-Navarrette, honorary consul of Lithuania; Her Excellency Ambassador Liliana Tamara Cino de Silva, consul general of Peru; and The Honorable Alejandra Garcia Williams, consul of Mexico, Santa Ana.

Registration for the conference is open. For more information, visit the OC Global Women's Conference website: <http://oc-globalwomen.org/>.

# GG police detain hit-and-run suspect

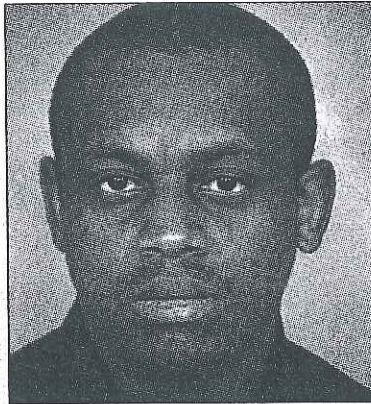
## Collision on Garden Grove Boulevard injures pedestrian

On May 4, the Garden Grove Police and Fire Department responded to the intersection of Garden Grove Boulevard and Benton regarding an hit-and-run accident that caused an injury.

A male Asian was walking on the east sidewalk of Benton near 10702 Garden Grove Boulevard, when he was struck by a 2000 white Ford Excursion that left the roadway and struck him, knocking him several feet in the air.

The SUV continued across the sidewalk and crashed into the building at 10702 Garden Grove Blvd., causing major damage to the building. The City of Garden Grove building inspector responded and red-tagged the building.

The driver fled the scene prior to police and fire arriving at the location. He was described as a male black, wearing a gray, hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans. The suspect fled south on



Courtesy photo

**Suspect Aaron Moreland**

Benton and officers were unable to locate him.

Officers checked with the register owner of the SUV and learned that it has been stolen earlier but had not been reported to police at the time of the accident.

The pedestrian sustained serious injuries but he is stable and currently admitted to UCI in the ICU unit.

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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 28, 2015

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-033-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new restaurant, Kobe House Sushi & Steak, at the former Shakey's Pizza Restaurant building, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is at 10742 Westminster Avenue in the C-2 (Community Commercial) 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 28, 2015 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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# County tries again on light rail

OCTA will seek design proposals for 4-mile line from Santa Ana to Garden Grove.

Light rail is angling for a comeback in Orange County.

Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido and other members of the board of the Orange County Transportation Authority board are championing a new \$250 million light-rail



**NICOLE KNIGHT**  
**SHINE**  
STAFF WRITER

line that would traverse a 4-mile stretch, primarily through Santa Ana. The OC Streetcar, as it is called, would ferry commuters, shoppers and tourists.

The project comes about a decade after a proposed 9.3-mile transit line — known as Centerline — was scrapped. Centerline would have run from Santa Ana to John Wayne Airport.

With endpoints in Santa Ana and Garden Grove, the new hop-on, hop-off line would stop at 12 stations, connecting riders to passenger rail at the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center.



JOSHUA SUDOCK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden Grove Mayor Pro Tem Steve Jones speaks during a press conference to celebrate the OC Streetcar, which would run between Santa Ana and Garden Grove.

On Monday, OCTA board voted to request proposals from firms to design the project.

Last week, the project gained acceptance into a federal program that makes it a candidate for up to \$125 million in funds.

Joel Zlotnik, an OCTA spokesman, said the balance would come from Measure M, the half-cent sales tax, and other sources, possibly the state.

He said \$90 million has already been set aside for

the project and added that Measure M brings in about \$30 million annually for similar projects that connect to Metrolink.

If all goes as planned, construction could begin in 2017, with the streetcars running in 2019.

Past efforts to build light rail failed without sufficient federal dollars.

The Centerline project, scuttled about a decade ago, was expected to run \$1 billion.

The expense is one reason that Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait, a member of the

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OCTA board, has consistently voted against OC Streetcar.

He said buses are more flexible to schedule and better at serving a low-income ridership.

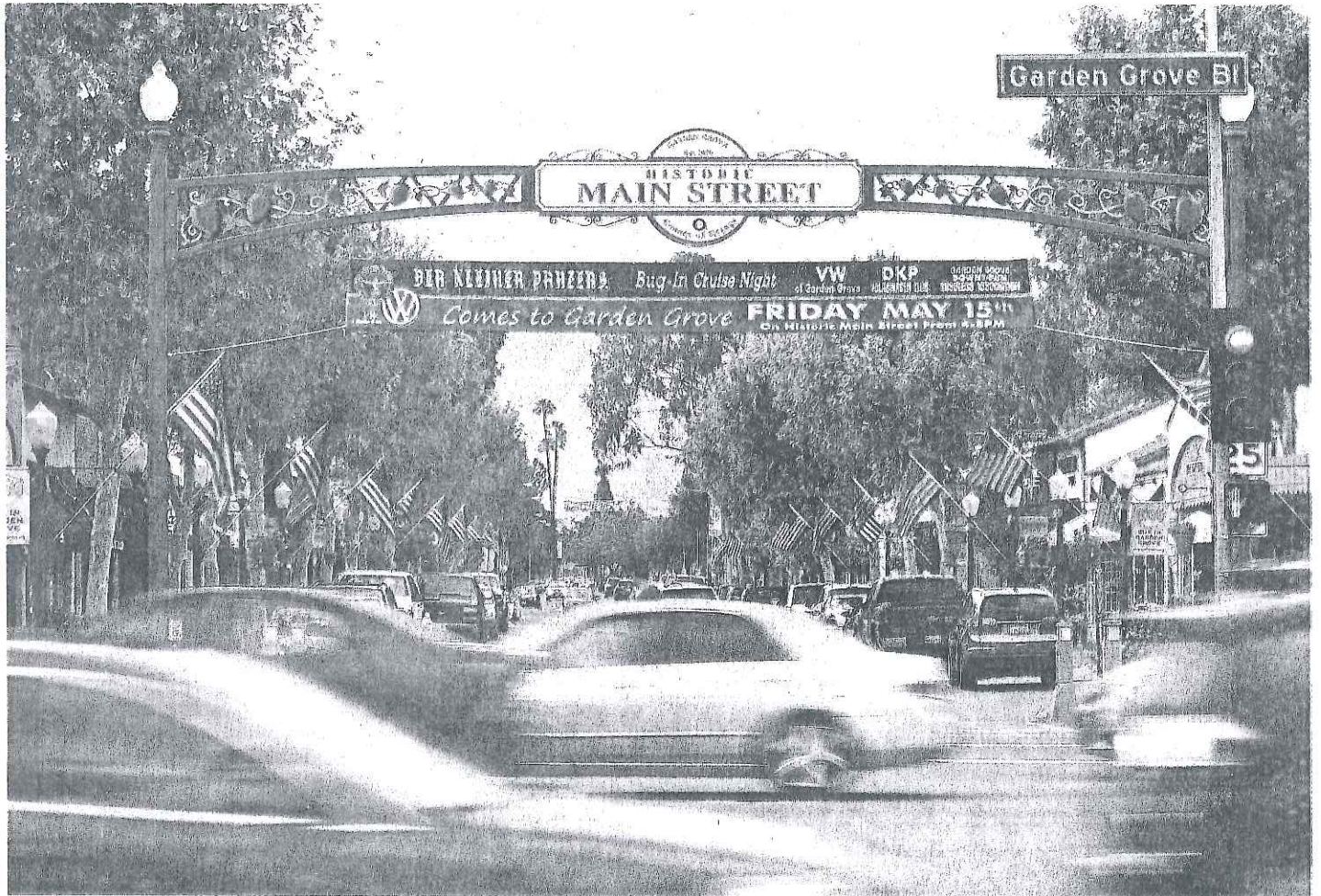
“Once you spend a couple hundred million dollars and light rail goes in, that’s it,” Tait said.

Pulido said the planned light-rail route, which would pass mom-and-pop storefronts and densely packed neighborhoods, could spark local revitalization.

Developers, he said, appreciate the certainty of fixed-route transit.

“People are going to want to come, they’re going to want to buy, they’re going to want to build,” he said.

***o.c. day trip***



*Photos by KEVIN CHANG*

Historic Main Street in Garden Grove offers a treasure trove of fun: Elvis memorabilia, a classic car show and enjoyable eateries.

BARBARA VENEZIA

# Garden Grove's historic artery

I first met Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen last year at the opening night of the OC Fair.

He wasn't mayor then, but I liked the newly appointed fair board member as soon he sat next to me at the board of directors dinner.

My husband, Stan Tkaczyk, is also a fair board member, which is why I was there.

At dinner, Nguyen figured out he knew me. Well, kind of.

Turns out as a kid he was a fan of the TV comedy cooking show I'd done with John Crean in the early 1990s, "At Home on the Range."

Talk about feeling old!

When I told him the shows could now be seen on YouTube, he lit up.

After he became mayor this year, I called him and asked him to show me around his city.

It was a beautifully clear night, and with my little rescue dog, Stasha, in tow, Nguyen gave us a walking tour of downtown Garden Grove's historic Main Street.

"Reimagine Garden Grove" is the city's new catch phrase, he told me as we met local shop owners on our tour.

Historic Main Street has the same village feel as Old Towne Orange, Tustin and downtown Santa Ana. Unique shops, restaurants and bars line the district.

But unlike Orange, Tustin and Santa Ana, Garden Grove's historic Main Street has yet to be fully discovered. As we walked, I was aware that more than a few empty storefronts were available to rent.

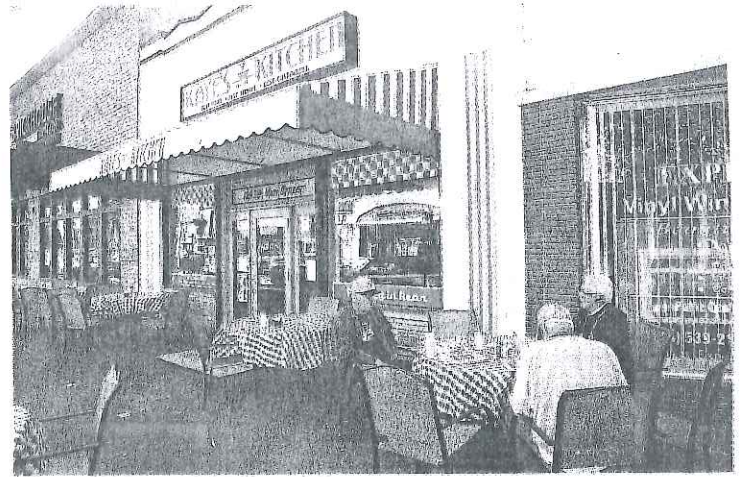
The mayor told me his downtown offers great opportunities for entrepreneurs, since rental rates there are less than in other established downtown areas in the county. There's also plenty of parking on the street and behind the stores.

So what did I discover on my walking tour?

Elvis Presley's spirit is alive and well, as I



Customers sip hot coffee at Kaye's Kitchen, a 1950s-style diner and the only restaurant on the street with outdoor seating.



found meandering into the Azteca Mexican Restaurant, 12911 Main St.

The place is covered in Elvis memorabilia from floor to ceiling. TV screens around the restaurant play the King's clips and movies, and impersonators appear regularly.

More than 2,000 items can be seen on the walls, in the display cases and on the ceiling. All the posters and autographs are original, according to the restaurant's website.

One thing that caught my eye is that Azteca offers Chasen's famous chili on occasion. The famous West Hollywood restaurant closed 10 years ago, and its chili was a favorite of mine.

The first Azteca Mexican Restaurant opened in 1957 on Garden Grove Boulevard, and in 1980 it moved to Main Street.

Another restaurant that looked like fun is the Brickhouse, 12941 Main Street.

The restaurant and lounge offers a unique bill of fare, like sticky barbecue ribs (\$10), which are Southern-styled ribs smothered in hoisin barbecue sauce and served on a bed of kimchi.

Also offered is mushroom toast (\$10) — sauteed wild mushrooms and roasted pork belly, Mornay cheese sauce and a drizzle of parsley oil served with slices of toasted French baguette. Soups, salads, burgers and flatbreads are also on the menu.

Kaye's Kitchen, 12939 Main St., is a '50s-style diner and the only restaurant along the boulevard with outdoor seating.

I suggested to the mayor that more eateries should do the same, thus making the street more pet-friendly.

So how does Nguyen plan on attracting businesses downtown?

One way is through events like the Sunday farmers market.

"It's getting people out and about and meeting their neighbors," he said.

And the newly formed Main Street Commission is key to business development for downtown.

Simply stated, businesses in the

downtown area pay "a little extra tax on the property," Nguyen said.

Those dollars can then be used by the commission to promote historic Main Street.

Garden Grove also holds the annual Strawberry Festival in the park at the end of Main Street, and the mayor says the tattoo

parlor and art gallery Black Umbrella has recently started holding evening art walks similar to those in Santa Ana.

Every Friday at 4 p.m., the street hosts a classic car show.

Nguyen hopes events such as these will continue to draw folks countywide.

Just 34 years old, Nguyen is Garden Grove's youngest mayor. He tweets and uses social media to keep residents up to date on his

activities and thoughts.

As his efforts to reimagine Garden Grove take shape, he certainly has his work cut out for him, but historic Main Street appears to be emerging as an O.C. hot spot.

For more information, visit [mainstreetgarden Grove.com](http://mainstreetgarden Grove.com).

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## Man arrested, released in hit-and-run

BY ALMA FAUSTO  
STAFF WRITER

A 30-year-old man was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of a hit-and-run this week in Garden Grove, but released Thursday, police said.

Aaron Moreland, 30, was released because prosecutors want to avoid the possibility of the suspect pleading guilty before the 43-year-old male victim dies, a possibility because he is in the intensive care unit of

UC Irvine Medical Center, Garden Grove police Lt. Bob Bogue said.

A little after 9:30 p.m. Monday, police said a pedestrian was walking on the sidewalk near Benton Street and Garden Grove Boulevard when he was hit by a Ford SUV. The car then hit a building in the 10700 block of Garden Grove Boulevard, seriously damaging it.

The driver fled on foot before officers arrived.

The next day, officers got

surveillance footage on the night of the crash from a nearby 7-Eleven. It shows Moreland going inside the store and buying alcohol before the crash, authorities said.

Officers later discovered the car had been stolen. Wednesday, the woman who reported the car stolen, Julie Andis of Garden Grove, went to the police station with her boyfriend: Moreland. He was arrested.

*City News Service contributed to this report.*

# Pools' allure masks dangers

### Four backyard incidents highlight importance of safety fencing.

The death of one child in Coto de Caza and critical injuries to three other children who wandered into



**SCOTT SCHWABKE**  
STAFF WRITER

This week's tragedies especially resonated with a 35-year-old Garden Grove

backyard swimming pools in Irvine, Placentia and the Tustin area underscored the dangers of unfenced pools.

father.

"It kind of kills you inside," said Max Gomez Sr.

In the fall of 2013, his 2½-year-old son Maxi wandered away from his mother, who was doing laundry. Maxi drowned in the family's unfenced backyard pool.

The family of five now has a fence around their pool. And Gomez has established a foundation to raise money for free swimming lessons for children



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Max Gomez Sr. and his wife, Michelle, fenced their Garden Grove pool after son Maxi, 2½, drowned in 2013.**

# POOLS

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unable to pay for them.

Even during a cool May week the allure of water drew children to a dangerous destination. None were in the pool swimming; each wandered into unprotected pools.

"They just want to play (in the water)," said Orange County Fire Authority Capt. Steve Concialdi. "They don't realize the danger of jumping in."

Already this year OCFA has responded to 17 drowning incidents resulting in nine fatalities.

Two deaths involved children age 4 and under, and most of the drowning calls have occurred in swimming pools, Concialdi said.

No agency has a specific count of the thousands of backyard pools that exist in Orange County.

However, nearly 4,500 swimming pools have been installed locally since 2010, figures from Utah-based research firm Constructions Monitor show.

In 2014, Orange County homeowners installed 829 pools.

This year, construction is on track for just under 900 pools, which would be the second-busiest year since the economic downturn.

While many Orange County homeowners fence their yards, they often fail to secure the perimeters around their pools, Johnny



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**The Gomez family started a memorial to their late son Maxi around the fireplace. He used to love to wear big glasses.**

Johnson, chairman of the Safer 3 Water Safety Foundation based in Tustin, said Friday.

"It's family members and guests who are in danger," he said.

A state law enacted in 2007 requires newly constructed or remodeled pools to be enclosed by a fence, wall, or barrier or equipped with a variety of other safety devices such as covers or alarms that detect entry into the water.

"The fence is the No. 1 choice and the most effective," Concialdi said.

Gomez now has a fence to keep his three children safely away from the pool.

And his grief has grown into generosity toward others.

He and his wife, Michelle, 34, have established Maxis Gift, a foundation that pays for swimming lessons, through Waterworks Aquatics in Huntington Beach, for children who can't afford them.

"We want to help others avoid the pain we are feeling in honor of our son," Gomez said.

So far the foundation has raised more than \$1,000 largely through a GoFundMe site at [gofundme.com/maxisgift](http://gofundme.com/maxisgift).

Staff writer Jeff Collins contributed to this report.

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## WATER SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

- Create barriers, such as covers, gates and motion detectors near pools
  - Assign an adult to supervise the pool/spa area or any other body of water, especially during social gatherings
  - Communicate pool safety measures with a baby-sitter and train the sitter in CPR
  - Have rescue equipment by the pool such as a lifesaving ring and shepherd's hook
- Source: Orange County Fire Authority

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Startup rankings:** Garden Grove has been ranked 148 out of the 150 largest U.S. cities for the best place to start a business by Wallet Hub, a finance website that publishes rankings on various quality-of-life subjects. The two cities Garden Grove is ahead of are Jersey City and Newark, both in New Jersey. Yonkers, New York, is 147.

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Click it:** The Police Department is joining with other law-enforcement agencies from around the country to step up enforcement against those driving without wearing seat belts from May 18 to May 31. The beefed-up enforcement is part of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Strawberry Ball:** Hazlette "Tsuki" Tsukiyama, a volunteer for the Police Department, and Yolanda Montano, a volunteer with the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, are the king and queen of the Strawberry Ball, a gala to honor senior volunteerism scheduled for 6 p.m. May 21 at the Community Meeting Center. This is the 40th anniversary of the ball.  
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May 13, 2015

### GARDEN GROVE

**Reality party:** The Garden Grove Drug Free Coalition is hosting a "reality party" for parents on Saturday afternoon so those with high-school children can see what happens at parties. There will be a 30-minute tour of a house where teens will simulate a party with drinking and drugs. Must RSVP to receive the address. Information: [ggdfc.ticketleap.com](http://ggdfc.ticketleap.com).  
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May 11, 2015

### GARDEN GROVE

**On air:** The Eternal World Television Network, which airs newscasts, theological roundtables and Mass to a potential 230 million-plus homes across 144 countries, will record its first show out of the Tower of Hope on the 34-acre Christ Cathedral campus Wednesday. The Tower of Hope is the network's first West Coast studio.

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May 14, 2015

### GARDEN GROVE

**Desalination talk:** Mayor Bao Nguyen will lead a community forum on the proposed Huntington Beach Desalination Plant at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. Experts on ocean desalination will answer questions. The plant is scheduled to open in 2018.



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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
**NEWS**

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Garden Grove Police Department

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

## **POLICE MEMORIAL POSTPONED**

Due to rain in the forecast, the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Call to Duty Police Memorial, scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, May 14, has been postponed. A new date for the memorial will be announced shortly. The City of Garden Grove apologizes for any inconveniences caused by the postponement. For additional information, please contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5901.

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Public Works Department

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

**CITY HALL CLOSED, NO STREET SWEEPING MEMORIAL DAY**

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015. No street sweeping services will be provided on the holiday. Streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days. Also, trash pick up will be delayed by one day.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375.

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Public Works Director

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Tuesday, May 12, 2015

**MAYOR TO HOLD FORUM ON PROPOSED BEACH CITY  
DESALINATION PLANT**

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen will lead a community forum to discuss the proposed Huntington Beach Desalination Project, currently in the late development stages. The public forum will take place on Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m., in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Local experts will be on hand to discuss and answer questions on ocean desalination. The experts will examine areas of concern arising from the conversion of seawater to drinking water through the removal of salt and other impurities via reverse osmosis.

The Huntington Beach Desalination Project, scheduled for operation in 2018, will be located adjacent to the AES Huntington Beach generating station, on Pacific Coast Highway at Newland Street. Poseidon Water, a Massachusetts-based water project development company specializing in public/private partnerships, is managing and financing the 11-acre, \$400 million project.

Members of the community are invited to attend and express their opinions on the project. For more information, please call (714) 741-5349.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, May 11, 2015

## **STATE TIGHTENS WATER RESTRICTIONS, CITY UNDER STAGE 2 WATER ALERT**

Just weeks after Governor Brown's April 1 executive order that mandated new regulations to achieve a 25% statewide reduction in water use, come tighter restrictions for water users. As a result, the Garden Grove City Council declared a Stage 2 Water Alert that went into effect on May 9, 2015. Garden Grove is required to cut water usage by 28%.

The Stage 2 Water Alert mandatory conservation measures include:

- Lawn watering and landscape irrigation limited to designated days, between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Washing cars or filling pools or spas also limited to designated days, only from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Commercial car washes are exempt.
- Designated days are based on an odd or even last digit of an address, corresponding to odd or even numbered days of the week.
- Restaurants are prohibited from serving water, except when requested.
- Operation of ornamental fountains or similar structures are also prohibited.

The City will send a written notice to those who are in non-compliance of the new mandates. Continued violations may result in the discontinuation of water service.

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State Tightens Water Restrictions, City Under Stage 2 Water Alert  
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The City continues to adopt further water-saving methods, in addition to shutting off water at all medians and replacing browned turf with drought tolerant plants and high-efficiency irrigation systems. Through the Municipal Water District of Orange County, the City offers residential and commercial rebates for water conservation devices, such as high efficiency clothes washers and toilets, turf removal, smart irrigation timers, etc.

Next week, the City will be mailing out letters to all Garden Grove customers informing them of the specific mandates. The letters will also be translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

More information is available on the City's website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water) or by calling the Water Services Division at (714) 741-5395. To report any water wasting activities, call the Water Services Division at (714) 741-5395.

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Director de Obras Públicas

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Miércoles, 13 de mayo de 2015

## **ALCALDE CONDUCIRÁ FORO SOBRE PLANTA DE DESALINIZACIÓN PROPUESTA EN EL CONDADO**

El alcalde de Garden Grove, Bao Nguyen, conducirá un foro para discutir el proyecto de desalinización de Huntington Beach, actualmente en las etapas finales de desarrollo. El foro público se llevará a cabo el martes, 19 de mayo, a las 6:00 p.m., en el Garden Grove Community Meeting Center (centro de reunión comunitario de Garden Grove), localizado en la 11300 Avenida Stanford.

Expertos locales estarán presentes para discutir y contestar preguntas sobre la desalación de océano. Los expertos analizarán las áreas de interés que surjan de la conversión de agua de mar, al agua potable, a través de la eliminación de sal y otras impurezas mediante ósmosis inversa.

El proyecto de desalinización Huntington Beach, previsto para la operación en 2018, se ubicará junto a la central eléctrica AES Huntington Beach, en las calles Pacific Coast Highway y Newland. Poseidon Water, una empresa de desarrollo de proyectos de agua especializada en asociaciones públicas/privadas y con sede en Massachusetts, está dirigiendo y financiando el proyecto de 11 acres, a un costo de \$400 millones.

Miembros de la comunidad están invitados a asistir y expresar sus opiniones sobre el proyecto. Para obtener más información, por favor llame al (714) 741-5349.

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# THÔNG TIN

## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

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Liên lạc: Bill Murray, (714) 741-5375  
Public Works

Thứ Tư, 13/5/2015

### **THỊ TRƯỞNG BẢO NGUYỄN MỞ BUỔI HỘI THẢO VỀ DỰ ÁN KHỬ MUỐI NƯỚC BIỂN**

Thị trưởng Thành phố Garden Grove Bảo Nguyễn sẽ có một buổi hội thảo cùng cộng đồng để thảo luận về dự án khử muối nước biển 'Huntington Beach Desalination Project', hiện đang trong giai đoạn phát triển. Buổi hội thảo cộng đồng sẽ diễn ra vào ngày Thứ Ba, 19 Tháng 5, lúc 6:00 giờ chiều tại Trung tâm Hợp Cộng đồng Garden Grove, tọa lạc tại địa chỉ 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Các chuyên gia địa phương sẽ có mặt để thảo luận và trả lời các câu hỏi về khử mặn trong nước biển. Các chuyên gia sẽ xem xét các mối quan tâm phát sinh từ việc chuyển đổi nước biển thành nước uống thông qua việc loại bỏ chất muối và các tạp chất khác thông qua quá trình thẩm thấu ngược (reverse osmosis).

Dự án Huntington Beach Desalination Project dự kiến sẽ hoạt động vào năm 2018, được nằm tiếp giáp với trạm phát AES Huntington Beach, trên đường Pacific Coast Highway tại góc Newland Street. Poseidon Water, một công ty phát triển dự án nước tại Massachusetts chịu trách nhiệm quản lý và tài trợ dự án \$400 triệu đồng trên khuôn viên 11-acre.

Xin mời cộng đồng đến tham dự và phát biểu ý kiến về dự án. Để biết thêm thông tin, vui lòng liên lạc (714) 741-5349.

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Thuộc Sở Cảnh sát

Thứ Hai, 11/5/2015

### LỄ TƯỜNG NIỆM VINH DANH NHỮNG CẢNH SÁT GARDEN GROVE ĐÃ HY SINH VÌ CÔNG VỤ

Sở cảnh sát Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức buổi lễ tưởng niệm vinh danh các cảnh sát đã hy sinh lần thứ 28 vào lúc 5:00 giờ chiều ngày Thứ Năm, 14 tháng 5, 2015, để tưởng niệm cho năm cảnh sát viên từng hy sinh vì công vụ. Buổi lễ sẽ được tổ chức tại Sở cảnh sát Thành phố, địa chỉ là 11301 Acacia Parkway.

Khách mời của buổi lễ năm nay sẽ có sự hiện diện của cựu chiến binh Hải quân Mỹ Clarke Paris, ông cũng là cựu trung sĩ cảnh sát của Sở Cảnh sát Metropolitan Las Vegas. Các vị khách mời sẽ bày tỏ những kinh nghiệm, kỷ niệm từng trải với các vị đồng nghiệp quá cố đã hy sinh vì nhiệm vụ. Năm cảnh viên sẽ được vinh danh gồm có: Ông Myron L. Trapp, Ông Andy Reese, Donald F. Reed, Ông Michael Rainford, và Howard Dallies, Jr. Buổi lễ vinh danh sẽ có gia đình, thân nhân, bạn hữu của những nhân viên Thành phố cũng như nhân viên trong ngành luật pháp thuộc quận Cam đến tham dự.

Năm nay, nhóm ca đoàn của trường trung học Bolsa Grande High School sẽ phụ trách phần văn nghệ. Vào lúc 10:00 giờ sáng đến 8:00 giờ tối, phía hướng Đông và Tây của đường Acacia, từ hướng City Hall đến đường số 9, và Civic Center, từ đường Garden Grove đến Acacia Parkway sẽ đóng lại.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc về Sở cảnh sát Garden Grove ở số (714) 741-5901.

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Thursday, May 14, 2015

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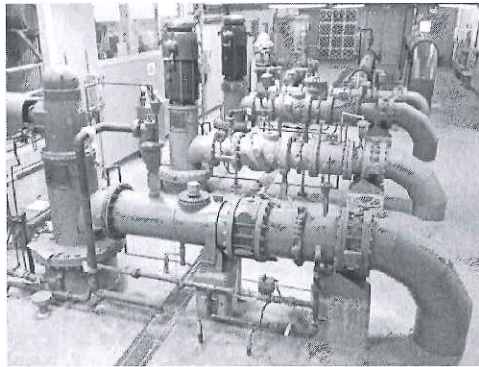
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### Garden Grove mở hội thảo về dự án biến nước biển thành nước ngọt

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Thị trường Garden Grove Bảo Nguyễn sẽ tổ chức một buổi hội thảo cùng cộng đồng, để thảo luận về dự án khử muối nước biển HBDP (Huntington Beach Desalination Project), hiện đang trong giai đoạn phát triển. Buổi hội thảo sẽ diễn ra vào lúc 6 giờ chiều Thứ Ba, 19 Tháng Năm, tại trung tâm sinh hoạt cộng đồng, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840, theo thông cáo báo chí của thành phố.



Hình minh họa hệ thống ống dẫn nước cho thành phố. (Hình: City Garden Grove)

"Đây là một dự án rất lớn, với ngân khoản dự trù đến \$1 tỷ, và phải mất vài năm mới có thể hoàn tất. Trong quá khứ, một dự án tương tự ở Calsbad, California bắt đầu từ năm 2012 đến nay vẫn chưa xong," ông Bill Murray, giám đốc ban công chánh của thành phố, nói với báo Người Việt.

"Tuy nhiên, đây chỉ mới là một đề nghị và Thị Trường muốn quảng bá đề cử dân có cơ hội đến nghe các chuyên gia nói về đề tài quan trọng này, cũng như đóng góp ý kiến cho thành phố, vì sau khi Hội Đồng Thành Phố quyết định, dự án này có thể có ảnh hưởng đến tiền nước của cư dân đến 50 năm sau," ông nói.

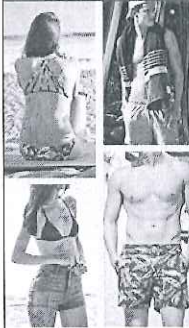
Cũng theo bản thông cáo, các chuyên gia địa phương sẽ có mặt để thảo luận và trả lời các câu hỏi về khử mặn trong nước biển, và xem xét các mối quan tâm phát sinh từ việc chuyển đổi nước biển thành nước uống, thông qua việc loại bỏ chất muối, cùng các tạp chất khác bằng phương pháp thẩm thấu ngược (reverse osmosis).

Dự án HBDP dự trù sẽ hoạt động vào năm 2018, có địa điểm tiếp giáp với trạm phát điện AES Huntington Beach, trên đường Pacific Coast Highway, góc với Newland Street.

"Poseidon Water, công ty phát triển dự án nước tại Massachusetts, chịu trách nhiệm quản lý và tài trợ dự án \$400 triệu trên khuôn viên diện tích 11 mẫu," cũng theo bản thông cáo.

Garden Grove mời gọi cộng đồng đến tham dự và phát biểu ý kiến về dự án. Mọi chi tiết, liên lạc (714) 741-5349. (L.N.)

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## Thị Trường Bão Nguyễn Sĩ Hội Thảo Khử Muối Nước Biển

14/05/2015 00:00:00




Thị trường Thành phố Garden Grove Bão Nguyễn sẽ có một buổi hội thoại cùng cộng đồng để thảo luận về dự án khử muối nước biển Huntington Beach Desalination Project, hiện đang trong giai đoạn phát triển. Buổi hội thảo cộng đồng sẽ diễn ra vào ngày Thứ Ba, 19 Tháng 5, lúc 6:00 giờ chiều tại Trung tâm Hợp Cộng đồng Garden Grove, tọa lạc tại địa chỉ 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Các chuyên gia địa phương sẽ có mặt để thảo luận và trả lời các câu hỏi về khử mặn trong nước biển. Các chuyên gia sẽ xem xét các mối quan tâm phát sinh từ việc chuyển đổi nước biển thành nước uống thông qua việc loại bỏ chất muối và các tạp chất khác thông qua quá trình thẩm thấu ngược (reverse osmosis).

Dự án Huntington Beach Desalination Project dự kiến sẽ hoạt động vào năm 2018, được nằm tiếp giáp với trạm phát AES Huntington Beach, trên đường Pacific Coast Highway tại góc Newland Street. Poseidon Water, một công ty phát triển dự án nước tại Massachusetts chịu trách nhiệm quản lý và tài trợ dự án \$400 triệu đồng trên khuôn viên 11-acre.

Xin mời cộng đồng đến tham dự và phát biểu ý kiến về dự án. Để biết thêm thông tin, vui lòng liên lạc (714) 741-5349.

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## VIỆTBÁO

## Lễ Tưởng Niệm Vinh Danh Cảnh Sát G.G. Đã Hy Sinh

12/05/2015 00:00:00



Sở cảnh sát Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức buổi lễ tưởng niệm vinh danh các cảnh sát đã hy sinh lần thứ 28 vào lúc 5:00 giờ chiều ngày Thứ Năm, 14 tháng 5, 2015, để tưởng niệm cho năm cảnh sát viên từng hy sinh vì công vụ. Buổi lễ sẽ được tổ chức tại Sở cảnh sát Thành phố, địa chỉ là 11301 Acacia Parkway.



Hình hồ sơ vinh danh cảnh sát.

Khách mời của buổi lễ năm nay sẽ có sự hiện diện của cựu chiến binh Hải quân Mỹ Clarke Paris, ông cũng là cựu trung sĩ cảnh sát của Sở Cảnh sát Metropolitan Las Vegas. Các vị khách mời sẽ bày tỏ những kinh nghiệm, kỷ niệm từng trải với các vị đồng nghiệp quá cố đã hy sinh vì nhiệm vụ. Năm cảnh viên sẽ được vinh danh gồm có: Ông Myron L. Trapp, Ông Andy Reese, Donald F. Reed, Ông Michael Rainford, và Howard Dallies, Jr. Buổi lễ vinh danh sẽ có gia đình, thân nhân, bạn hữu của những nhân viên Thành phố cũng như nhân viên trong ngành luật pháp thuộc quận Cam đến tham dự.

Năm nay, nhóm ca đoàn của trường trung học Bolsa Grande High School sẽ phụ trách phần văn nghệ. Vào lúc 10:00 giờ sáng đến 8:00 giờ tối, phía hướng Đông và Tây của đường Acacia, từ hướng City Hall đến đường số 9, và Civic Center, từ đường Garden Grove đến Acacia Parkway sẽ đóng lại.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc về Sở cảnh sát Garden Grove ở số (714) 741-5901.



# THÔNG TIN

## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

Để phổ biến trên các phương tiện truyền thông  
Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Bill Murray, (714) 741-5375  
Public Works

Thứ Năm, 14/5/2015

### **HẠN HẠN KÉO DÀI, GARDEN GROVE THÔNG BÁO LỆNH BẮT BUỘC HẠN CHẾ SỬ DỤNG NƯỚC**

Chỉ vài tuần sau ngày 1 Tháng Tư khi Thống đốc Brown ban hành quy định mới bắt buộc để giảm 25% việc sử dụng nước trên toàn tiểu bang đối với người tiêu dùng, sau cuộc họp Hội đồng, Hội đồng thành phố Garden Grove tuyên bố ban hành Stage 2 Water Alert sẽ hiệu lực vào ngày 9 tháng Năm, 2015 yêu cầu cắt giảm lượng nước sử dụng 28%.

Ở giai đoạn Bắt buộc tiết kiệm nước (Stage 2 Water Alert) nêu rõ:

- Nếu tưới cỏ, tưới sân vườn được chỉ định từ giữa 6:00 giờ chiều đến 10:00 giờ sáng.
- Rửa xe hoặc đổ thêm nước vào hồ bơi cũng sẽ được giới hạn trong ngày được chỉ định, từ 6:00 giờ sáng - 6:00 giờ chiều.
- Các ngày quy định dựa trên con số cuối của địa chỉ nhà. Số chẵn sẽ được chỉ định dùng ngày chẵn trong tuần và những nhà có địa chỉ số lẻ sẽ dùng ngày lẻ.
- Các nhà hàng sẽ không tự động mang nước lọc cho khách, trừ khi được yêu cầu.
- Hạn chế sử dụng các đài phun nước.

Thành phố sẽ gửi văn bản thông báo cho những ai đang không tuân thủ những ban hành mới. Tiếp tục vi phạm có thể dẫn đến việc ngưng sử dụng dịch vụ nước.

Thành phố đã chủ động hợp tác với các cơ quan nước ở Quận Cam từ năm 2001 để giảm giá/rebate cho dân cư và cơ sở thương mại thay đổi các thiết bị tiết kiệm nguồn nước, chẳng hạn như máy giặt tiết kiệm nước, các loại toilet, loại bỏ cỏ phải tưới nhiều nước, thay các hệ thống tưới cỏ thông minh, ect. Thành phố cũng đã gửi thư thông báo cho những người dân thải nước bừa bãi, rửa các đường driveways và không sửa chữa các vòi phun bị hỏng.

Tuần tới, Thành phố sẽ gửi thư cho tất cả khách hàng Garden Grove thông báo cho họ những ban hành cụ thể. Các thông tin cũng sẽ được dịch sang tiếng Tây Ban Nha, tiếng Việt và tiếng Hàn.

Thông tin có sẵn trên trang web của thành phố ở địa chỉ [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water) hoặc gọi cho bộ phận dịch vụ nước tại (714) 741-5395. Để báo cáo bất kỳ hoạt động lãng phí nước, gọi dịch vụ nước tại (714) 741-5395.

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Persona de Contacto:  
William Murray (714) 741-5395  
Director de Obras Publicas

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

jueves, 14 de mayo de 2015

## **ESTADO REFUERZA LAS RESTRICCIONES DE AGUA, CIUDAD BAJO ALERTA DE AGUA ETAPA 2**

Tan sólo unas semanas después de la orden ejecutiva del gobernador Brown el 1ro de abril en cual estableció nuevos reglamentos para lograr una reducción del 25% en el uso del agua a nivel estatal, vienen las restricciones más estrictas para los usuarios del agua. Como resultado, el Consejo de la ciudad de Garden Grove declaró una alerta de agua etapa 2, que entró en vigor el 9 de mayo de 2015.

Garden Grove debe reducir el uso de agua por 28%.

Las medidas de la alerta de agua etapa 2 de conservación obligatorias incluyen:

- Riego del césped y jardineria se limita a los días designados, entre 6:00 de la tarde a 10:00 de la mañana.
- Lavar autos o llenar piscinas o spas también estan limitados a los días designados, solamente de 6:00 de la tarde a 6:00 de la mañana. Lavaderos comerciales de automóviles están exentos.
- Días designados se basan en el último dígito de la dirección. Números pares o nones corresponden a los días pares o nones de la semana.
- Restaurantes están prohibidos de servir agua, excepto cuando se solicita.
- La operación de fuentes ornamentales o estructuras similares también es prohibida.

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Estado refuerza las restricciones de agua, ciudad bajo alerta de agua etapa 2  
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La ciudad le enviará una notificación por escrito a aquellos que están en el incumplimiento de los nuevos mandatos. Violaciones continuas pueden resultar en la suspensión del servicio de agua.

La ciudad continua adoptar otros métodos para ahorrar agua, además de cortar el agua en todas las medianas de la calle y la eliminación de césped seco con plantas tolerantes a la sequía y sistemas de riego de alta eficiencia. A través del Distrito Municipal de Agua del Condado de Orange, la ciudad ofrece reembolsos residenciales y comerciales para dispositivos de conservación tales como lavadoras de alta eficiencia y aseos, retiro de césped, temporizadores inteligentes de irrigación, etc.

La próxima semana, la ciudad enviará cartas a todos los clientes de Garden Grove informándoles de los mandatos específicos. Las cartas también serán traducidas a español, vietnamita y coreano.

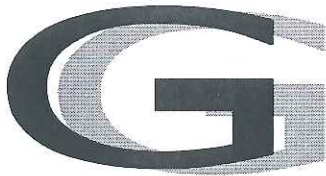
Más información está disponible en el sitio web de la ciudad en [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water) o llamando a la división de servicios de agua al (714) 741-5395. Para reportar cualquier desperdicio de agua, llame a la división de servicios de agua al (714) 741-5395.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**May 14, 2015**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of the OCTA Public Hearing on Monday, June 8, 2015 concerning the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.
3. Planning Commission Agenda for the May 21, 2015 meeting.
4. Minutes from the April 2, April 16 and May 7, 2015 Planning Commission meetings.
5. Planning Commission Agenda for the May 21, 2015 meeting.
6. Cities Advocates dated May 8, 11 and 13, 2015.



**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14, 2015 – May 26, 2015

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Thursday	May 14		Casual Day – Military Camo Day
		9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
		3:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Royal Crown Reception hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center Community Meeting Center, A Room
		5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	28 <sup>th</sup> Annual "Call to Duty" Police Memorial Memorial Plaza, 11301 Acacia Parkway <b>POSTPONED</b>
Friday	May 15		City Hall Closed
		3:00 p.m.	Special City Council Closed Session Meeting Founders Room
Tuesday	May 19	7:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	City of Garden Grove Blood Drive hosted by The American Red Cross Community Meeting Center, AB Room
Thursday	May 21	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Strawberry Ball hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Community Meeting Center A Room
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday- Monday	May 22-25		57 <sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival, Village Green Park
Saturday	May 23	8:00 a.m.	2015 Strawberry Stomp 5K Starts at Main Street ends at Civic Center Drive
		10:00 a.m.	Strawberry Festival Parade Begins at 9 <sup>th</sup> Street & Chapman Ave.
Monday	May 25		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	May 26	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber



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## Public Hearing Notice

Dear Public Officials, Orange County City Managers, Colleges, and Universities:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors will conduct a Public Hearing concerning the **Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget** as follows:

**Monday, June 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters**  
**600 South Main Street, Board Room – First Floor**  
**Orange, California 92868**

All persons having an interest in these matters are invited to attend the public hearing to address the Board of Directors with verbal or written comments/recommendations. If you wish to file a written comment, submit to:

Orange County Transportation Authority  
Clerk of the Board  
550 South Main Street  
P.O. Box 14184  
Orange, CA 92863-1584

or

[boardofdirectors@octa.net](mailto:boardofdirectors@octa.net)

Please contact the Clerk of the Board with any questions regarding this hearing or request for special accommodations at [boardofdirectors@octa.net](mailto:boardofdirectors@octa.net) or 714.560.5676.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurena Weinert".

Laurena Weinert  
Clerk of the Board



## A G E N D A

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### REGULAR MEETING

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MAY 21, 2015

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

#### REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

ROLL CALL: CHAIR O'NEILL, VICE CHAIR KANZLER  
COMMISSIONERS MAI, MARGOLIN, PAK, PAREDES, ZAMORA

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

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

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

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 7, 2015
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

#### C.1. SITE PLAN NO. SP-020-2015

APPLICANT: WARE MALCOMB

LOCATION: WEST SIDE OF VALLEY VIEW STREET, SOUTH OF  
CHAPMAN AVENUE AT 12051 VALLEY VIEW STREET

REQUEST: Site Plan approval to reconstruct an existing McDonald's  
drive-thru restaurant with a new 3,861 square foot

building. The site is in the Planned Unit Development No. PUD-104-73. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15302 – Replacement and Reconstruction and Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve Site Plan No. SP-020-2015, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

C.2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-035-2015  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-151-05 REVOCATION

APPLICANT: DAVID S. KIM

LOCATION: SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, EAST OF BEACH BOULEVARD AT 8100 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the operation of a new trade school, California Premier Culinary School, in conjunction with an existing religious trade school, Gospel Global University, in an existing 6,888 square foot one-story building. Also, a request to revoke Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-151-05, which previously allowed the operation of the adult day care facility in the adjacent building to the west. The site is in the GGMU1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-035-2015, subject to the recommended conditions of approval, in conjunction with the approval of CUP-151-05 Revocation.

D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

E. MATTERS FROM STAFF

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill  
Vice Chair Kanzler  
Commissioner Mai  
Commissioner Margolin  
Commissioner Pak  
Commissioner Paredes  
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Paredes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: Mr. Charles Zabinski expressed praise for the Open Streets event with the incorporation of a bike path and asked if the City plans to extend the bike path in the future. Staff responded that the City was in the process of applying for a grant to design a Bicycle Master Plan.

MARCH 5, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (7) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes,  
Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-032-2015. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12042 BROOKHURST STREET, EAST SIDE OF BROOKHURST STREET, SOUTH OF CHAPMAN AVENUE.

Applicant: Verizon Wireless

Date: April 2, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow for the construction and operation of a 50'-0" tall stealth wireless telecommunication facility disguised as a pine tree (mono-pine), along with related ground-



mounted equipment and site improvements. The site is in the BCSP - BCC (Brookhurst/ Chapman Specific Plan – Brookhurst Chapman Commercial) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Ms. Brittany Pell

Action: Resolution No. 5844-15 approved.

Motion: Kanzler Second: Zamora

Ayes: (7) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Due to a conflict of interest, Vice Chair Kanzler recused himself from the following discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING –NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AMENDMENT NO. A-013-2015. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CC-1 (CIVIC CENTER MIXED USE 1) AND AR (ADAPTIVE REUSE) ZONES.

Applicant: City of Garden Grove

Date: April 2, 2015

Request: A request for Planning Commission recommendation to City Council to amend Chapter 18 (Mixed Use Regulations), Chapter 4 (Definitions), and Chapter 32 (Procedures and Hearings) of Title 9 of the Municipal Code. The proposed amendment includes adding additional uses to the Land Use chart for the CC-1 (Civic Center Mixed Use 1) and the AR (Adaptive Reuse) zones that are not currently permitted in these zones (Section 9.18.020); adding definitions for new uses in Chapter 4 (Section 9.04.060); adding additional standards for the conversion of single-family homes to commercial uses ministerially along with additional standards for parking location, outside eating areas, and non-vehicular and vehicular vending, event space, and additional compatibility standards in the CC-1 zone (Sections 9.18.090.030, 9.18.090.040, 9.18.070.010, 9.18.070.020, and 9.18.110.020); and revising Section 9.32.030D.3(2)(a)(d) of Chapter 32 exempting single-family home conversions to any other use in the CC-1 zone from the requirement to submit a Site Plan application. The City of Garden Grove has determined that a Negative Declaration be adopted pursuant to CEQA.

Action: Public Hearing held and remains open. Speaker(s): Ms. Darcy Golden.

Action: No action taken on the item. Motion to continue the open public hearing to the Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. approved.

Motion: Margolin Second: Pak

Ayes: (6) Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes,  
Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Kanzler

Vice Chair Kanzler rejoined the meeting.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS: Commissioners reviewed and acknowledged the Code of Ethics governing the Planning Commission.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Zamora Second: Margolin

Ayes: (7) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes,  
Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Margolin asked staff for an update on the Galleria project. Staff responded that a recent meeting was held to select a developer to use the existing structure and that the tri-party consisted of Hoag, Cathay Bank, and a Developer. Commissioner Margolin then mentioned the new 25 percent water reduction strategy and asked who should be contacted to report overwatering. Staff stated they would look into the matter, and Vice Chair Kanzler mentioned that any new plan would be implemented in approximately one month.

Commissioner Zamora asked staff how the City addresses the homelessness issue. Staff responded that it was not illegal to be homeless, however, and the City uses multiple approaches. The Neighborhood Improvement Commission approved the annual Consolidated Plan, which designates how Federal Funds are used such as for Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and that funds are provided to the Armory, which opens when the weather gets cold. With homeless issues being varied, the Police are involved, along with churches such as the Presbyterian Church, which helps with a food and shower program. Also, the City has a guide for homeless services though there is no comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Pak asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Televangelist Reverend Robert Schuller, who passed away that day, April 2, 2015.

Commissioner Mai asked staff to define low-income for the Brookhurst Triangle project. Staff stated that standard income categories were based on the size of the household to determine very low, low, or moderate income and that a household could be an extended family; that data is used by the Federal Government, State Government and the County to determine what percentage of income residents pay toward rent to be affordable; that programs are subject to the same standards of Section 8; and, that there are restrictions on household size versus the size of the dwelling unit. In programs, household size and income verification are documented annually for residents to qualify for affordable housing.

Chair O'Neill mentioned that homelessness and water conservation were big issues everywhere. He also mentioned that he was on the Citizen's Advisory Commission of the Orange County Water District and urged residents to conserve.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff gave a brief description of agenda items for the April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and May 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission meetings, and added that Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> would be a Community Meeting Study Session on Code Amendment No. A-013-2015, with the Amendment to be tentatively scheduled for consideration on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, the topics for a Study Session in June would include Alcoholic Beverage Control Licenses (ABC), and tentatively a General Plan, Zoning, and Mixed Use discussion. Lastly, staff mentioned that a consultant was hired to write a grant for the Caltrans Active Transportation Program, which is an important funding source for bike trails.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:05 p.m., in memory of Reverend Robert Schuller, to the Community Meeting Study Session of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, Constitution Room, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion:	Paredes	Second:	Margolin
Ayes:	(7)	Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora	
Noes:	(0)	None	
Absent:	(0)	None	

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Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

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

Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Mai  
Commissioner Margolin  
Commissioner O'Neill  
Commissioner Pak  
Commissioner Paredes  
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: Due to a conflict of interest, Commissioner Kanzler was absent from the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

STUDY SESSION – REVIEW OF TEXT AMENDMENT NO. A-013-2015.

Staff discussed and received input on the proposed Code Amendment to the AR (Adaptive Reuse) and CC-1 (Civic Center Mixed Use 1) zones. Concerns included noise, traffic, parking, and uses.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:30 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

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Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill  
Vice Chair Kanzler  
Commissioner Mai  
Commissioner Margolin  
Commissioner Pak  
Commissioner Paredes  
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Pak.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

APRIL 2, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.  
Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora  
Ayes: (7) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes,  
Zamora  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (0) None

APRIL 16, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.  
Motion: Margolin Second: Pak  
Ayes: (7) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes,  
Zamora  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (0) None

At 7:05 p.m., Vice Chair Kanzler recused himself from the following discussion due to a conflict of interest.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AMENDMENT NO. A-013-2015. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CC-1 (CIVIC CENTER MIXED USE 1) AND AR (ADAPTIVE REUSE) ZONES.

Applicant: City of Garden Grove  
Date: May 7, 2015

Request: A request for Planning Commission recommendation to City Council to amend Chapter 18 (Mixed Use Regulations), Chapter 4 (Definitions), and Chapter 32 (Procedures and Hearings) of Title 9 of the Municipal Code. The proposed amendment includes adding additional uses to the Land Use chart for the CC-1 (Civic Center Mixed Use 1) and the AR (Adaptive Reuse) zones that are not currently permitted in these zones (Section 9.18.020); adding definitions for new uses in Chapter 4 (Section 9.04.060); adding additional standards for the conversion of single-family homes to commercial uses ministerially along with additional standards for parking location, outside eating areas, and non-vehicular and vehicular vending, event space, and additional compatibility standards in the CC-1 zone (Sections 9.18.090.030, 9.18.090.040, 9.18.070.010, 9.18.070.020, and 9.18.110.020); and revising Section 9.32.030D.3(2)(a)(d) of Chapter 32 exempting single-family home conversions to any other use in the CC-1 zone from the requirement to submit a Site Plan application. The City of Garden Grove has determined that a Negative Declaration be adopted pursuant to CEQA.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Ms. Robin Marcario and Ms. Maureen Blackmun. One letter of concern was submitted by Josh McIntosh.

Action: Resolution No. 5843-15 (Option No. 2) was approved with amendments.

Motion: Margolin Second: Paredes

Ayes: (5) Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes,  
Zamora

Noes: (1) Pak

Absent: (1) Kanzler

Vice Chair Kanzler rejoined the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-021-2015, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. TT-17818. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12381 NELSON STREET IN THE R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Applicant: Heritage Homes Management, LLC  
Date: May 7, 2015

Request: Site Plan approval to construct four (4), detached, two-story, single-family residential units along with private street improvements. Also, a request for Tentative Tract Map approval to subdivide the subject 39,340 square foot property into five (5) separate lots – four (4) residential lots (with lot sizes of 7,455 square feet, 7,455 square feet, 7,560 square feet, and 9,380 square feet) and one lot for a private street (“Lot A”). The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section No. 15332 – In-Fill Development Projects.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Mr. David Nguyen.

Action: Resolution No. 5846-15 approved.

Motion: Pak Second: Vu

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O’Neill, Pak, Paredes

Noes: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Zamora

Absent: (0) None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Margolin mentioned that Lifetime Furniture closed at the corner of Brookhurst Street and Garden Grove Boulevard and that the alley behind was full of cardboard and mattresses causing an eyesore. Staff responded that Code Enforcement would investigate. Commissioner Margolin also asked when the Promenade restaurant project would start. Staff said that plans had not been submitted yet.

Commissioner Paredes asked for the city code relating to trailers parked on the street. Staff explained that motorhomes and trailers could only be parked for 72 hours on a residential street and to contact the Police Department for tagging a vehicle. Commissioner Paredes also asked if a report was available with statistics on car break-ins as this year they seem to have increased. Staff responded that the matter would be directed to the Police Department. Lastly, Commissioner Paredes distributed an Income Guidelines for Federal Poverty Level chart to staff.

Commissioner Mai asked if medicinal marijuana stores were allowed in Garden Grove as a store was located on the second floor across from Tip Top. Staff responded that the stores were banned.

Commissioner Margolin mentioned an OC Register survey stating that Garden Grove was the third worst place in the country for small businesses to open. In response, Commissioner Pak remarked that other cities were easier to deal with and cited an example regarding an extension of time.

Commissioner Mai asked if there were home programs to help military personnel who have returned from service as there were incentives for Cities who used the Veteran’s First Program. Staff responded that low and moderate income housing options may

be considered in the future, and that the City's housing division could look into the matter.

Chair O'Neill expressed that everyone should conserve water and to patronize businesses in Garden Grove especially those on Main Street. He asked to adjourn the meeting in honor of Frank Kellogg, a pediatrician and long-time Garden Grove resident who passed away on April 30<sup>th</sup> of this year.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff gave a brief description of agenda items for the Thursday, May 21, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Margolin then asked if the damaged parking lot behind the bowling alley would be part of the improvements for the upcoming McDonald's case. Staff replied no, however, Code Enforcement would be sent to look into the matter.

Staff gave an update on the current Stage 2 water conservation plan. The four items to be enforced with a fine were: using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways, allowing potable water run-off in irrigating, using hoses without shut-off nozzles to wash cars, and using potable water in decorative water features that do not circulate the water. Staff added that at this stage, any cutback on personal water usage was voluntary.

Vice Chair Kanzler asked for the plan if Garden Grove did not meet the water conservation base line put out by the State Water Resource Control Board. Staff replied that Stage 3 would be implemented.

Commissioner Zamora asked if the City had the authority to tell industry to cut back on water. In response, Vice Chair Kanzler stated as an example that the farming industry was not asked to cut back as the water was allocated by the federal government from other parts of the state. At this time, they are getting less water and the overall process of acquiring water was handled differently.

Chair O'Neill encouraged people to go on the Orange County Water District website for more information.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:32 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

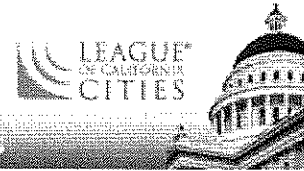
Motion:	Margolin	Second:	Mai
Ayes:	(7)	Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora	
Noes:	(0)	None	
Absent:	(0)	None	

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Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



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LEGISLATION AND POLICY AFFECTING CALIFORNIA CITIES

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## **Bills in Committee: May 11-15**

The Capitol is gearing up for the expected release of Gov. Jerry Brown's May Budget Revision next week. Cities will be especially watching for any modifications to the Department of Finance's proposal to change the redevelopment dissolution process. In the Assembly, just one League Hot Bill will be heard, AB 35 that would provide funding for affordable housing, an important resource for cities after the redevelopment dissolution. The League's full 2015 Hot and Priority Bill list is available online. *For more, see Page 2.*



### **Assembly Budget Subcommittee Shelves ACA 1 Requiring Three-Day Print Rule**

Local government officials frequently hear a great deal about the benefits of transparency from the Legislature and are expected to comply with the Brown Act, Public Records Act and other laws. However, the Assembly's Budget Subcommittee #6 on Budget Process, Oversight and Program Evaluation action on Thursday, May 7 to dispose of Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (ACA 1) quietly by placing it a "suspense file" reveals a lack of Legislative interest in limiting their ability to take rapid and less-transparent legislative actions. *For more, see Page 2.*



### **California City Solutions: Azusa Creates Program to Boost Health of English as Second Language Adults, Builds Community Connection**

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. Azusa's English Lessons for a Healthy Life program was submitted in 2014 for the Health and Wellness Programs award category. For more, see Page 3.*

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A full listing of Senate and Assembly hearings is available online. Hearing times are subject to change. Bill language and any available position letters on legislation can be found through the bill search function on the [League's website](#).

### Monday, May 11

Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- **HOT AB 35 (Chiu) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocations increase.** *League position: Support.*

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

- **SB 254 (Allen) State highways: relinquishment.** *League position: Support.*

### Tuesday, May 12

Senate Judiciary, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

- **SB 201 (Wieckowski) California Public Records Act.** *League position: Oppose Unless Amended.*

### Wednesday, May 13

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

- **AB 341 (Achadjian) Financial affairs: reports.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 57 (Quirk) Telecommunications: Wireless Telecommunication Facilities.** *League Position: Oppose.*
- **AB 718 (Chu) Local government: powers.** *League Position: Oppose.*

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

- **SB 593 (McGuire) Residential units for tourist or transient use: hosting platforms.** *League position: Support if Amended.*

Senate Committee on Insurance, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **SB 604 (Hall) California Insurance Guarantee Association: definitions.** *League position: Support.*

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When presenting the measure, Assembly Republican Leader Kristin Olsen (R-Modesto) outlined the benefits of a three-day print rule, which included the obvious: time for legislators and the public to have a chance to be aware of the measure and understand potential impacts before voting. There are also exceptions in the measure to account for disasters declared by the Governor.

Organizations in support included the League, Common Cause and California Forward. League Senior Director for Legislative Affairs Dan Carrigg pointed out in his testimony the harm that had occurred to numerous cities through the passage of SB 89 of 2011, which swept local vehicle license fees in a matter of hours with no public hearing, causing significant harm to recently incorporated cities and cities that had annexed inhabited areas in reliance on those revenues. The League's [support letter](#) is available online.

As the hearing concluded, the author mentioned that the bill had been referred to a total of four committees and questioned whether she would have the opportunity to have an actual vote on her bill; from the committee's response it was not clear that she would. But all may not yet be over. This is a priority for the Assembly Republican Leader and there are no internal deadlines that apply to proposed constitutional amendments, so the discussion could emerge again as the session continues.

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A [sample letter](#) is available on the League for cities wishing to support ACA 1.

The city of Azusa has a population of more than 46,300 residents with more than one-quarter reporting that they speak English "less than very well." According to the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau, 31 percent of Azusa's residents were born outside of the United States. These demographics inspired the Azusa City Library to form a partnership and develop English Lessons for a Healthy Life (ELHL). The program provides adults where English is a Second Language (ESL) classes to learn vocabulary, grammar and communication, while teaching healthy lifestyle choices.

According to the American Medical Association, poor health literacy is "a stronger predictor of a person's health than age, income, employment status, education level, and race." Various studies have found that \$73 billion is spent annually for health care as a result of low health literacy skills among more than 90 million adults nationwide. A significant number of these patients are unable to read basic health materials, do not comprehend directions for taking medications and cannot understand appointment or informed consent documentation. Research also found that emergency room patients with inadequate literacy were twice as likely to be hospitalized.

Adults for whom English is a second language are among those most at risk for health-related problems due to low health literacy. They residents face compromised communication skills, as well as cultural barriers related to health care practices and navigating the U.S. health care system.

In June 2012, the library conducted a health literacy assessment developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with 14 Azusa Neighborhood Wellness Center (NWC) clients. Results indicated that four of the 14 had a "high likelihood" of limited literacy and five had a "possibility" of limited literacy.

That fall the Azusa City Library received funding from the Canyon City Foundation to develop and implement *English Lessons for a Healthy Life (ELHL)* in partnership with the Azusa NWC and the Azusa Pacific University (APU) Department of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The program was developed to provide ESL adults English reading and writing exercises related to topics such as nutrition, exercise, and preventing diabetes and other chronic diseases. The model enables each agency to collectively leverage its resources while remaining focused on its unique mission. The library provides leadership, program administration and logistics, student recruitment, reporting, and fiscal management.

Azusa's NWC supervised APU nursing students who regularly visit classes to monitor and document blood pressure readings and steps walked each week (measured on a pedometer), and answer medical questions. In addition to helping program participants learn how to improve their health and the health of their families, nursing students learn strategies to overcome potential language misunderstandings and communication issues which would affect positive health outcomes for patients.

APU's TESOL Department provides curriculum development and classroom instruction. Graduate students pursuing a Master's degree are supervised as they teach the ESL classes. This gives the TESOL students direct practice in applying the teaching skills and theories they have learned.

The program objectives are:

- 1) Teach basic English listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to adults;
- 2) Encourage student application of learning by making better nutritional choices, exercising more frequently, controlling blood pressure, etc.; and
- 3) Motivate students to share information they learn with others.

The first 8-week session began in October 2012 using curriculum developed by the supervising APU assistant professor. The Level 1 curriculum targets beginning level ESL students and includes an introduction to exercising, learning about diabetes, and includes a strong focus on nutrition. Each family is given *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* book to read with their families to encourage talk about healthy food choices.

Level 2 was developed in September 2013 to include lessons on reading labels and gaining a deeper understanding of how to assess risk and prevent diabetes. They developed a new course in May 2014 focusing on mental health, in response to discussions in earlier classes about depression, stress, and similar issues.

More than 75 students have participated in ELHL. After one round of classes, reports indicated:

- Ninety-one percent of students shared the health information they learned with individuals outside of class;
- All of the students said they improved their health behavior as a result of the class, with changes in eating habits and increased exercise; and
- TESOL instructors observed a majority of the students improved their English skills.

APU TESOL Assistant Professor Tasha Bleistein and three graduate students presented the program during the Los Angeles Region TESOL Conference in March 2013. They shared how focusing on health topics can provide a well-rounded environment for improving participants' English skills and building confidence. Several students were interviewed prior to the presentation and reported that they can now better understand conversations and have improved their vocabulary, while their confidence in speaking English and knowledge about good health has also increased.

One student in particular, Eva Garcia, demonstrated the program's potential to impact lives. A 30-year resident of the United States, Eva attended previous English classes in the community, but she had never used any of the English covered in those classes. While participating in this program, her daughter noticed that for the first time she began to practice English around the house with her family. She faithfully wore her pedometer and tried to walk more steps each day, adopting healthy behaviors with exercise and eating, and lost weight. Eva's story illustrates the hope envisioned by the city for the ELHL program, connecting ESL adults with their community.

APU's TESOL Department has focuses a class course built around each ongoing program. The professor meets regularly with the student teachers and they review, debrief and practice their teaching strategies together. This has increased the effectiveness of the program, and its sustainability.

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## **ARB Releases Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy for Public Review** *May 27 Public Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Strategy*

The Air Resources Board (ARB) has released, for public review, a [concept paper](#) to initiate discussion on the development of a Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy.

Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) include methane, tropospheric ozone, black carbon, and fluorinated gases. They are powerful climate forcers that remain in the atmosphere for a much shorter period of time than longer-lived climate pollutants, including carbon dioxide. Their relative potency, when measured in terms of how they heat the atmosphere, can be tens to thousands of times greater than that of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). SB 605 (Lara, Chapter 523, Statutes of 2014) requires ARB, in coordination with other state agencies and local air districts, to develop a SLCP Strategy by the end of 2015 to further reduce SLCP emissions in California.

The Concept Paper presents initial ideas that will be considered and evaluated in the coming months by ARB staff, in coordination with other agencies, as it develops a SLCP Strategy pursuant to SB 605. The concepts included in this discussion draft do not represent commitments at this time, nor do they comprise an exhaustive list of elements or considerations that may be included in the Strategy or shape its development. The intent of the paper is to elicit new ideas and refine strategies to reduce emissions of SLCPs throughout the state.

The Concept Paper will be discussed at a May 27 public workshop. The comments received on the Concept Paper will inform the development of a draft Strategy that ARB expects to release for public comment later this summer. ARB welcomes broad participation among stakeholders, experts and interested parties throughout this process.

The Concept Paper and workshop notice can be found at ARB's [Short-Lived Climate Pollutant website](#). The website also contains a link for submitting written comments. An agenda and presentation will be posted before the workshop.

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### **New Transportation Advisory Committee Hits the Ground Running on Road Charge Pilot Program**

The California Transportation Commission (CTC), in consultation with the California State Transportation Agency Secretary, has formed a 15-member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in response to the enactment of SB 1077 (DeSaulnier, 2014).

Under the provisions of this bill, TAC is responsible for developing a framework for a pilot program to explore road charging as an alternative to the gas tax. The pilot program will test the viability of a road charge mechanism for assessing use of the state's transportation system.

TAC will meet monthly throughout 2015 and gather public feedback and comments through a variety of means to help develop the road charge pilot program. Efforts include:

- Providing an easily accessible [website](#) setup to receive emails and comments.
- Reaching out to hundreds of stakeholder groups, state and local elected officials and community leaders. View the [letter to stakeholders](#) sent by Commissioner Jim Madaffer, chair of the California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee.
- Conducting public surveys and focus groups to substantively probe public attitudes and response.
- Consulting with members of a Work Group assembled to provide expertise and input from key stakeholders and public interests.
- Dedicating time for public comment at the monthly TAC meetings and providing webcast of meetings on the California Road Charge Pilot website.

To share feedback, visit the TAC pilot program website at [www.CaliforniaRoadChargePilot.com](http://www.CaliforniaRoadChargePilot.com). All comments received by Aug. 14 will be used to inform the TAC.

Interested stakeholders are also invited to view the Road Charge [Fact Sheet](#) or attend one of the upcoming [TAC meetings](#).

Please contact [Carrie Pourvahidi](#) at (916) 653-3148 for questions or more information about this project.

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## **Governor's May Budget Revise Expected on Thursday**

*Cities Should Anticipate Updated Redevelopment Dissolution Proposal, Cap-and-Trade Fund Allocations and Watch for Possible Drought and Transportation Proposals*

This week all eyes in the Capitol will be on Gov. Jerry Brown as he releases his revised budget for FY 2015-16. The announcement is expected to occur on Thursday. This budget will include revisions based on updated revenue projections since January when the Governor released his proposed budget. The general consensus is that the state's revenues are looking up over January's projections. Expected to be included in this proposal is an update to the Department of Finance's (DOF) redevelopment dissolution proposal, as well as additional allocations of Cap-and-Trade funds.

In January, the League did a thorough analysis of the Governor's \$113.3 billion General Fund FY 2015-16 budget proposal in *CA Cities Advocate*. That proposal also called for \$2.8 billion to be reserved for the rainy day fund in accordance with Proposition 2, which voters approved in November 2014. Although the state appears to have an increasingly positive revenue picture, Governor Brown is known for fiscal restraint and is expected to be cautious about expanding future General Fund obligations.

Cities this week should also pay attention to see if the Governor includes something additional on transportation funding. Although his January budget stated that California's transportation system was a priority, it did not include any specific financing proposals. The Legislature is working on the issue. In April, Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose), as chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee announced his SB 16 funding plan. The League supports the measure. Transportation stakeholders will be interested in whether the Governor proposes an Administration transportation funding plan or indicates a position on what Sen. Beall has put forward.

The Governor's focus on the severe drought could also generate additional funding proposals and potentially accelerate allocations from Proposition 1, the Water Bond.

Mandates are another item of note for local government. The Governor's proposed FY 2015-16 budget in January revealed that as a result of trigger language included with the passage of the FY 2014-15 budget, local agencies are projected to receive an additional payment of \$533 million in mandate repayments. This money is owed to local governments from prior to 2004. The allocation builds upon the \$100 million repayment received by cities, counties and special districts as part of the FY 2014-15 budget. DOF Director Michael Cohen indicated at that time that this number may increase after the April tax receipts are in and accounted. The question now is whether all of the pre-2004 repayments will be made to local governments or just a portion and if so, how much.

## **Update Expected on Redevelopment Dissolution Proposal**

The DOF proposal to change the redevelopment dissolution process has dominated much of the League's efforts this spring. This proposal, which is expected to be updated in the May Revise, attempts to change the rules after the fact and would undo court cases and change other statutes upon which local governments relied on when making decisions in the redevelopment dissolution process.

In anticipation of the updated DOF redevelopment proposal, the League will be hosting a special webinar briefing on Friday, May 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This 90-minute session, for

League members only, will feature League Senior Director of Legislative Affairs Dan Carrigg and League Special Counsel Betsy Strauss who will provide details on how this proposal could affect cities.

Register for this webinar at [www.cacities.org/events](http://www.cacities.org/events) by Thursday, May 14 at 3 p.m. Registration questions can be directed to [Megan Dunn](#).

### **Next Steps**

The League will issue more information on the May Revise late on Thursday or early Friday.

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## **Assembly Bill that Re-Establishes RDA Tool for Disadvantaged Communities Clears Key Legislative Hurdle**

*AB 2 Passes Assembly, Moves to Senate*

The Assembly on Monday passed AB 2 (Alejo and Garcia) on a 63-13 vote. This League-supported legislation would create a new tool for economic development and affordable housing for California's poorest and disadvantaged communities. Its passage on the Assembly Floor by a significant margin reflects legislative realization that California's most struggling communities need additional tools that can spur much-needed revitalization. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **San Bernardino Can Now Make Payments to CalPERS**

*Bankruptcy Judge Rejects Challenge to Stop City from Making Pension Payments*

The city of San Bernardino on Thursday is expected to present its bankruptcy exit plan to the San Bernardino City Council. This action will come on the heels of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Meredith Jury dismissal of a lawsuit that sought to block the city from making its full pension payments to CalPERS. May 30 is the deadline for the city to file its plan with Judge Jury.

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## **League-Sponsored Legislation Moving to Improve Financial Reporting Process for Local Governments**

The Assembly Local Government Committee on Wednesday afternoon unanimously approved legislation that would improve the accuracy of local data by adjusting the reporting deadlines for local agencies. *For more, see Page 2.*



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The League thanks Assembly Members Luis Alejo (D-Salinas), Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) and other legislators who have helped champion and support this important legislation. A video link to the Assembly Floor discussion on AB 2 is available [online](#).

Assembly Member Luis Alejo (D-Salinas), the bill's first author, has worked on earlier versions of this legislation in the previous two legislative sessions. Last year AB 2280 (Alejo) went to Gov. Jerry Brown's desk; while the Governor vetoed it, he communicated he would support the policy if it was redrafted outside the former redevelopment law. AB 2 has been redrafted to accomplish that request.

AB 2 would authorize the creation of a Community Revitalization Investment Authority (CRIA) at the local level. This agency would be empowered to invest the property tax increment of consenting local agencies (other than schools) and use other available funding to improve conditions leading to increased employment opportunities, including reducing high crime rates, repairing deteriorated and inadequate infrastructure, and developing affordable housing.

Its powers and responsibilities would mirror those of former redevelopment agencies, but have been tightened in several ways including adding rigorous accountability criteria and increasing the traditional affordable housing set-aside to 25 percent.

Many California communities continue to rebound after the effects of the last recession. However, not all do, especially the state's most challenged areas. It is these communities that need more options that provide investments to address aging infrastructure, lack of affordable housing and remediate environmental conditions. AB 2 embodies the core of what led to redevelopment — a tool to assist poor areas and dilapidated urban cores that will not be improved without such a policy.

#### **Next Steps**

AB 2 is in the Senate Rules Committee where it will be assigned to its first Senate legislative policy committee hearing. The League will provide notice on upcoming hearings as soon as information becomes available.

The bill's language, the League's support letters as well as a sample support letter for cities to use are all available on the [League's website](#).

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A May 12 [Sacramento Bee](#) article included the following statement from the pension agency: "The judge in this case has ruled appropriately," said the California Public Employees' Retirement System in a prepared statement. "Now the city can turn its attention to the more pressing matter of completing its plan of adjustment for exiting bankruptcy."

The city of San Bernardino [filed for federal bankruptcy protection](#) in 2012. The fall 2014 announcement by the city that it would make its full payments to CalPERS sparked litigation by two creditors — Ambac Assurance Corp. and EEPK, a bank based in Luxembourg — which the city owes a total of \$59 million. The creditors charged that the city's debt to bondholders should be treated the same as its debt to CalPERS. That argument was rejected in a similar action in the Stockton bankruptcy case. Federal Bankruptcy Judge Christopher Klein ruled in October 2014 that Stockton could make full payments to CalPERS.

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Sponsored by the League, [AB 341](#) by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian (R-San Luis Obispo) reduces local administrative burdens while ensuring the public has access to improved information by adjusting timelines to allow local agencies to complete applicable audits of financial data and provide compensation information in a timelier manner.

The measure is the result of several months of stakeholder meetings involving representatives of local governments, and the offices of Assembly Member Achadjian and Controller Betty Yee.

Problems are created for local agencies when the statutory timelines to submit annual financial transaction reports do not allow agencies sufficient time to complete audits on the data, creating the need to correct information later. The bill resolves this issue by adjusting the timelines so that local audits can be completed before data submittal.

The bill also improves the timing for submission of employee compensation data. While the publishing of compensation data by the Controller's Office has been a great contribution for public transparency, challenges were created when agencies had to submit data for the prior calendar year in October, causing information to be out of date. The bill addresses this problem by requiring this information to be submitted annually by April 30 shortly after employee W-2 information is released.

### **Next Steps**

AB 341 will next be heard on the Assembly Floor prior to moving to the Senate. Cities are encouraged to send in letters of support. A sample letter, along with the League's support letter, is available on the [League's website](#).

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## **Assembly Local Government Committee Votes to Remove Local Authority to Regulate People Living in Vehicles**

### *AB 718 (Chu) Passes 7-1 and Moves to Assembly Floor*

With a vast majority of legislators having a background in local government, current city officials watch to see how that local government experience bears on legislators decisions in the Capitol. Often that background is on the forefront of the minds of legislators but sometimes they take action without fully analyzing the affect state policies have at the local level. The passage today of AB 718 (Chu) by the Assembly Local Government Committee is an example of well-intended legislation that is passed before there is sufficient review of local impacts.

Before the vote, the Assembly Local Government Committee added amendments to ensure the bill applies to charter cities and to prohibit the impounding of affected vehicles.

The Assembly Local Government Committee voted 7-1 with one abstention. The votes are as follows:

- Assembly Member Marie Waldron (R-Escondido), No
- Assembly Member Luis Alejo (D-Watsonville), Abstention
- Assembly Member Brian Maienschein (R-San Diego), Aye
- Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego), Aye
- Assembly Member David Chiu (D-San Francisco), Aye
- Assembly Member Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova), Aye
- Assembly Member Chris Holden (D-Pasadena), Aye
- Assembly Member Richard Gordon (D-Menlo Park), Aye
- Assembly Member Eric Linder (R-Corona), Aye

The League is part of a coalition opposing the measure that includes the American Planning Association, California Chapter, California Business Properties Association, International Council of Shopping Centers, the California Law Enforcement Association of Records Supervisors and the California Police Chiefs Association, California Association of Code Enforcement Officers and California College and University Police Chiefs Association.

Sponsored by housing advocates and other groups, AB 718, would prohibit local agencies from enforcing laws and ordinances, or otherwise subject to civil or criminal penalties, the act of people sleeping or resting in a lawfully parked motor vehicle.

AB 718 is not a measure that balances the needs of all members of the community and legislators should reject this measure. It is simply not appropriate for the Legislature to attempt to remove local

government authority to appropriately protect the public health, safety and welfare of their residents from issues that arise when people live outside of campgrounds in cars and trucks parked on public and private property. These are not easy issues to deal with, but they cannot responsibly be ignored.

Yesterday's *Los Angeles Times* editorial, [Homeless and living in a car: What rules should L.A. apply?](#), outlines the challenges the city of Los Angeles faces in crafting policy that responds to this in an appropriate manner.

City officials hope that legislators, especially those sitting on Local Government Committees, would be careful with legislation that preempts local authority. The League and many other organizations and stakeholders believe that state officials can be most helpful by providing funding for affordable housing and emergency shelters.

There are several major pending measures that can help restore funds for affordable housing and the May Revise is expected to yield additional state revenue. Rather than take actions to remove local authority, the League encourages legislators to support additional funding for affordable housing and homeless solutions.

City officials should take action to oppose this legislation and inform your legislators of the problems created when local government authority is removed. The League's opposition and a sample oppose letter are available on the [League's website](#).

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### **2016 Planning Commissioners Academy Call for Proposals**

Do you want to help build the 2016 Planning Commissioners Academy program? Do you have an idea for a new session that will inspire and motivate attendees? Maybe you know of a colleague that would be an excellent speaker?

The League of CA Cities is continuing the search for speakers and session topics for the 2016 Planning Commissioners Academy to be held March 2-4 in San Ramon.

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

Submit fully completed ideas, non-commercial in nature through the [online](#) proposal form by Wednesday, July 15 will be considered by the committee.

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