

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
June 30, 2016

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

NONE.

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

- A. Notice from Southern California Edison advising of their application request with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for compensation through the Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM).
- B. Letter and pamphlets from the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) providing information to raise awareness of invasive mosquito species capable of transmitting the Zika virus, and other vector-borne diseases.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

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



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

**NOTICE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION
THROUGH THE GAS COST INCENTIVE MECHANISM
APPLICATION NO. A.16-06-009**

On June 15, 2016, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) filed an application (A.16-06-009) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to approve its management of savings incurred during the purchase of natural gas for its customers. The natural gas purchases are reviewed through a ratemaking mechanism referred to as the Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM).

The CPUC authorized the GCIM as a means of encouraging utilities to seek the best rates available for natural gas. Under the GCIM, a target price is set. If the utility secures a better rate, the savings is shared with shareholders and customers. If a higher rate is paid, the utility must absorb a portion of the higher rate.

SoCalGas shares the savings with its "Core Customers," which are customers who rely on the utility for all of their natural gas needs. That includes residential customers, commercial and industrial customers which also qualify under that general description.

In the latest GCIM, SoCalGas purchased natural gas at \$28.1 million below the target price during the program period of April 1, 2015, to March 31, 2016. These purchases provided customers a benefit of \$23.1 million in lower gas costs, and SoCalGas is holding \$5.0 million for its shareholders. Using the CPUC's formula to determine the incentive for purchasing gas below the target price, this application requests that the CPUC approve SoCalGas' reward of \$5.0 million for its shareholders. **If the CPUC approves this request as is, there will be no additional change in customer rates from this application. If the CPUC approves less than \$5.0 million for SoCalGas shareholders, the difference will be credited to customers through a rate decrease. If the CPUC approves more than \$5.0 million for SoCalGas shareholders, the difference will be charged to customers through a rate increase.**

EFFECT ON GAS RATES AND BILLS

SoCalGas has been collecting the GCIM reward throughout the GCIM year. The impact on a typical residential customer's monthly summer bill for 23 therms of gas was 3 cents/month, from \$30.22 to \$30.25/month. Based on a 12-month period, the impact on a typical residential customer's average monthly bill was 5 cents. The difference is due to the different volumes of gas used throughout the year. An average residential customer uses 23 therms/month in the summer, but for a 12-month average, residential customers average 37 therms/month. The impact on each customer and customer class will vary depending on individual usage and the final decision by the CPUC.

Based on SoCalGas' request, the rate impact for each customer class is represented below. **This chart represents an increase that has already taken place on your bill due to the GCIM program.**

Customer Class	GCIM Shareholder Amount (\$millions)	GCIM Shareholder Amount as % of Total Rate
Residential	\$3.5	0.1%
Commercial/Industrial	\$1.4	0.2%
Natural Gas Vehicles	\$0.2	0.2%
Other Core	\$0.0	0.2%
Total	\$5.0	0.1%

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You may request additional information by writing to: Yvonne Mejia, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), 555 W. Fifth Street, GT14D6, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011. SoCalGas' application and attachments may also be inspected at the CPUC office located at 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.

Copies of this application will be available for viewing and printing on the SoCalGas website at: socialgas.com/regulatory/cpuc.shtml.

Copies of this insert will be available for viewing and printing on the SoCalGas website at socialgas.com/regulatory.

A copy of the application can also be viewed at the CPUC's Central Files in San Francisco by appointment. For more information, please contact them at aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 703-2045.

CPUC PROCESS

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held where parties of record will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record can participate.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt SoCalGas' proposal, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) may review this application. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail ora@cpuc.ca.gov or visit ORA's website at www.ora.ca.gov/.

STAY INFORMED

If you would like to follow this proceeding, or any other issue before the CPUC, you may use the CPUC's free subscription service. Sign up at: <http://subscribe-cpuc.cpuc.ca.gov/>. If you would like to learn how you can participate in the proceeding, have informal comments, or if you have questions about the CPUC processes, you may access the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office webpage at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/>. You may also contact the Public Advisor's Office as follows:

Write: CPUC
Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102 Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074
TTY 1-866-836-7825 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-5282

Please reference SoCalGas' Application No.16-06-009 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review for the assigned Judge, the Commissioners and appropriate CPUC staff.

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June 24, 2016

Maria Stipe, Deputy City Manager
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Maria:

Summer is officially upon us; school is out, barbecues are blazing, and the mosquitoes are breeding and biting. The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) is asking for your help to educate residents about West Nile virus, Zika virus, and invasive mosquito species.

In 2014 and 2015 combined, Orange County recorded the highest level of West Nile virus transmission (379 human WNV infections and 17 deaths) in Orange County since the virus arrived in 2004. Current (2016) mosquito surveillance data shows mosquito production in some OC Cities to be 150-300% above normal. In a concerted effort to stop this disturbing trend, OCMVCD has recently made significant changes to our control, operations, surveillance, and educational programs. These changes will put more vector control inspectors in areas determined to be of the greatest need, and bolster our ability to educate the public about the shared responsibility of vector control.

OCMVCD asks our city and county partners to assist in the effort to eliminate mosquito breeding, reduce the transmission of West Nile virus, and raise awareness of invasive mosquito species capable of transmitting Zika virus, and many other vector-borne diseases. Outreach materials included in this packet have been approved for distribution through all forms of print or digital media dissemination. If you would like digital copies of the included materials, or other outreach materials tailored to your constituency, please contact me: jdever@ocvcd.org or (714) 971-2421.

Sincerely,

Jared Dever

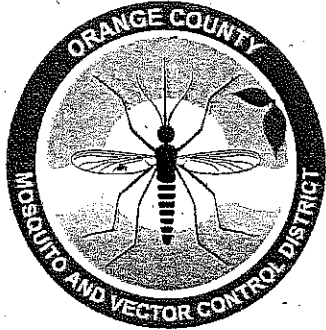
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"An Independent Special District Serving Orange County Since 1947"

The mission of the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District is to provide the citizens of Orange County with the highest level of protection from vectors and vector-borne diseases.

West Nile Virus

Alert!



For More Information:

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

13001 Garden Grove Blvd.
Garden Grove, CA 92843
(714) 971-2421 • (949) 654-2421
www.ocvcd.org

Who to Call To Report Dead Birds:

Orange County Mosquito and Vector
Control District OR
Your local animal control

After hours, on weekends, or holidays:
California Department of Health Services
(877) WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473)
www.westnile.ca.gov

LA County Recorded Info: 1-800-975-4448
www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/disb/disbindex.htm

How Can I Protect Myself and My Family From West Nile Virus?

*To decrease exposure to mosquitoes and
the pathogens they may carry:*

- Avoid outside activity at dawn and dusk during the mosquito season (May to October). This is particularly important for the elderly and small children.
 - Wear long pants and long-sleeve shirts when outside.
 - Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when outdoors with babies.
 - Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes in them.
 - Drain all standing water on property.
 - Stock permanent ponds with fish that eat mosquito larvae. Call the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) for free fish.
 - Use approved mosquito repellent with DEET.
- Be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's directions for use.**

What is West Nile Virus (WNV)?

West Nile virus (WNV) is closely related to St. Louis Encephalitis virus which has been historically found in the United States, including Orange County. WNV has been reported from parts of Asia, eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East for many years. The virus was first detected in the United States in 1999 in New York City. WNV is transmitted by infective mosquitoes and can infect humans, birds, horses, and many other animals.

Amosquito acquires the virus by biting an infected bird. The virus then multiplies in the mosquito. It is transmitted to a new host in the mosquito's saliva when it feeds again on a person or animal. Humans and horses are "accidental hosts" for WNV, and cannot pass on the infection to another mosquito. There are records of transmission through blood transfusion and organ transplants, but human-to-human transmission is extremely rare.

Since 1999, WNV has spread remarkably fast; by late summer of 2003, Imperial, Riverside, Los Angeles, and Orange Counties were reporting infected birds and mosquitoes. By the end of 2003, 46 states had reported WNV activity. In March of 2004, evidence of recent transmission was found in birds from Orange County.

Which Animals Get WNV?

Many animals can be bitten by an infected mosquito, but they will not all become ill; some may show no symptoms. WNV most often affects birds, but occasionally causes disease in other animals as well.

Wild birds are the reservoirs for WNV, while most infected birds will not become ill. For some

others, the virus can cause serious illness and death. Birds of prey, crows, ravens, jays, and magpies are seriously threatened by WNV. The virus does not appear to cause extensive illness in dogs or cats.

Horses are extremely susceptible to WNV. Clinical signs of disease consist of central nervous system abnormalities similar to those caused by infection with Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Western Equine Encephalitis. WNV vaccines are now available for horses.

Who to Call for WNV in Horses:

California Department of Food & Agriculture
Animal Health Branch

(916) 654-1447

Toll-Free: 1-800-491-1899

www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/wnv_info.htm

What are the Symptoms of WNV?

Most people who are infected with WNV experience no symptoms. Symptoms of mild illness include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, a skin rash on the trunk of the body, and/or swollen lymph nodes. These symptoms generally last a few days. In severe cases, the disease may progress to encephalitis. Symptoms may include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, and paralysis. Symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent. It is estimated that 1 in 150 people who are infected with WNV will require hospitalization. Those most at risk are the elderly and those who have weakened immune systems.

The time between the mosquito bite and the onset of illness, known as the incubation period, ranges from 5-15 days in humans.

What is Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Doing To Combat WNV?

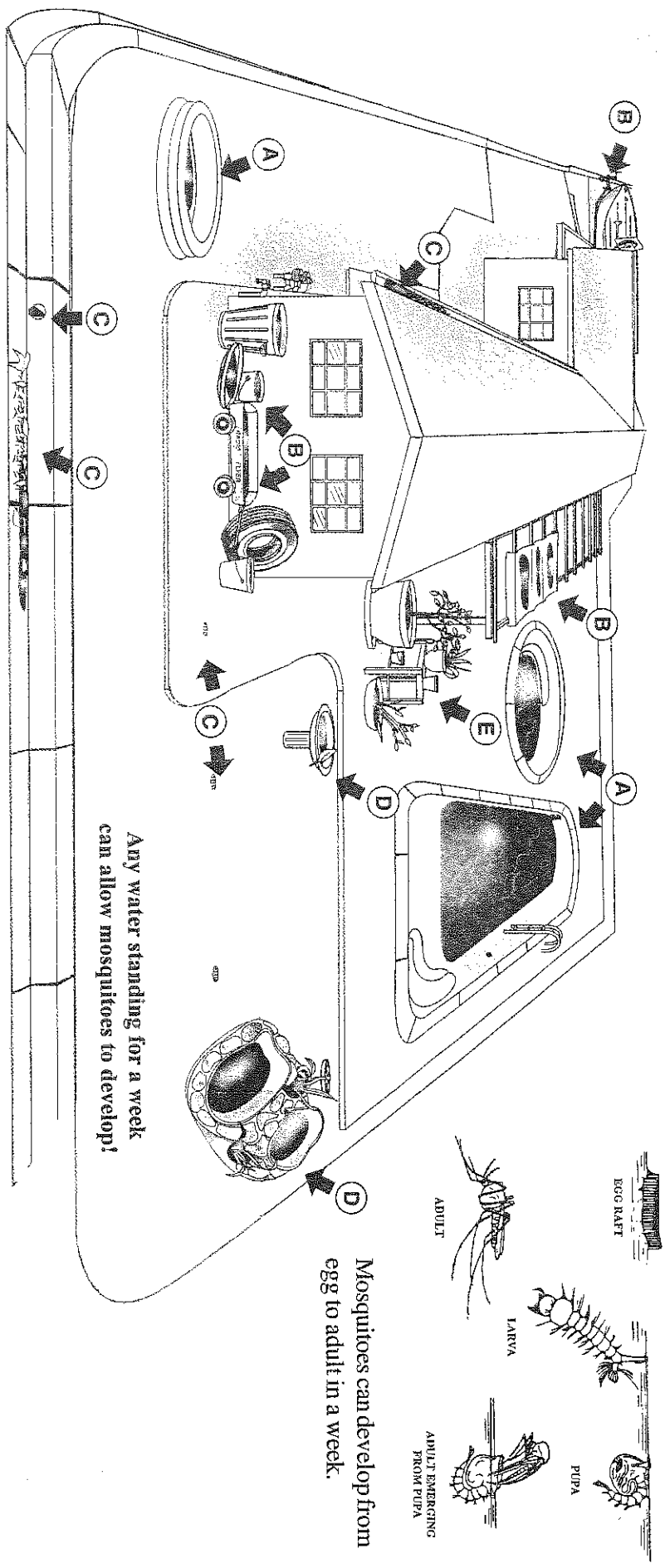
The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) routinely surveys for mosquito-borne diseases such as WNV and other viruses. OCMVCD's wild bird surveillance program is an excellent early warning system allowing the District to detect evidence of virus activity before there are any human cases. Dozens of finches and sparrows are bled every two weeks and released. Their blood is tested for antibodies to these viruses. Adult mosquitoes are routinely trapped and tested for these viruses.

District Staff controls mosquito breeding on acres of public and private land throughout the County. The District uses an integrated mosquito larvae. When larval control is ineffective, adult control is performed. District services include home exterior and yard inspections for mosquito sources and free mosquito fish for use by residents.

A major component of the District's WNV preparedness plan involves engaging the public in the shared responsibility of vector control. District staff participates in community events, and gives talks to city councils, civic organizations, as well as homeowner and neighborhood associations. Please contact the District if your association would like a speaker for an event or tour District facilities.

The District works closely with the California Department of Health Services, University of California at Davis, and the Orange County Health Care Agency. This cooperative effort will assist the District in its mission of reducing the risk of vector-borne disease transmission in Orange County.

Common Residential Mosquito Breeding Sources



- A** Out-of-service (often green and dirty) swimming pools, plastic kiddie pools, and spas can breed thousands of mosquitoes.
- B** The list of items that can hold water is endless. Shown here are an open boat, trash can and lid, buckets, an old tire, a wagon, a wheelbarrow and a tarp. Remember, it only takes a week of standing water to produce mosquitoes.
- C** Lawn and patio drains can often hold enough water to produce mosquitoes. Do not allow water to accumulate. House rain gutters and curb gutters often get clogged with leaves and grass clippings. This decaying vegetation will feed developing mosquito larvae. Keep them clear.
- D** Neglected or non-circulating ponds, or ponds containing fish that do not eat mosquito larvae (gold fish, koi), are ideal for mosquito production. The District will provide you with free mosquito fish. Call OCMVCD or come by the office. Change the water in bird baths weekly.
- E** The overflow saucer under flowerpots can hold enough water to support mosquitoes. Buckets holding plant cuttings can produce mosquitoes if not changed weekly.

Southern California's latest threats can impact your quality of life.

Las más recientes amenazas del Sur de California cambiarán la forma en que usted vive.

Các mối đe dọa mới nhất ở miền nam California sẽ làm thay đổi lối sống của quý vị.

Are you Prepared?

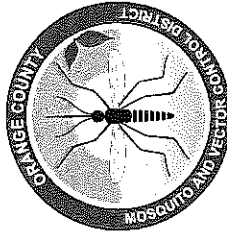
¿Está preparado?

Quý vị chuẩn bị sẵn sàng chưa?

For **FREE** assistance or to report mosquito problems please contact us at 714.971.2421 • 949.654.2421 or www.ocvcdd.org

Para obtener asistencia GRATUITA o para reportar problemas de mosquitos, comuníquese con nosotros al 714.971.2421 • 949.654.2421 o en www.ocvcdd.org

Để được trợ giúp MIỄN PHÍ hoặc báo cáo các vấn đề về muỗi, vui lòng liên lạc với chúng tôi tại 714.971.2421 • 949.654.2121 hoặc www.ocvcdd.org



Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

We are dedicated to effective and responsive vector control by monitoring diseases and mosquito populations where we find them. But we can't do this alone.

We need your help.

Nos dedicamos a un control de vector eficaz y reactivo, vigilando las enfermedades y las poblaciones de mosquitos donde se encuentran. Pero no podemos hacerlo solos. **Necesitamos su ayuda.**

Chúng tôi cố gắng diệt động vật gây hại hiệu quả bằng cách giám sát bệnh và diệt muỗi ở những nơi tìm thấy muỗi. Nhưng chúng tôi không thể làm việc này một mình. **Chúng tôi cần sự giúp đỡ của quý vị.**

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INVASIVE MOSQUITO ALERT

ALERTA DE MOSQUITO INVASOR CẢNH BÁO VỀ LOÀI MUỖI TẤN CÔNG

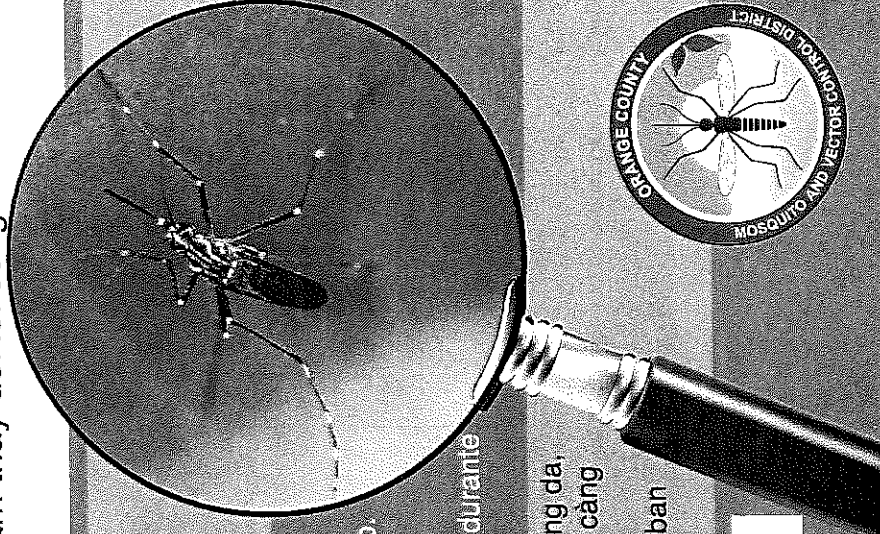
New Mosquitoes Are Changing Our Quality of Life in Orange County

Nuevos mosquitos están cambiando nuestro estilo de vida en el Condado de Orange

Các loài muỗi mới đang làm thay đổi lối sống của chúng ta ở Quận Orange

- Dengue fever, yellow fever, and chikungunya threats are increasing. Learn why.
- Learn about black-and-white, daytime-biting mosquitoes!
- Las amenazas de fiebre del dengue, fiebre amarilla y chikungunya están aumentando. Descubra por qué.
- Aprenda sobre los mosquitos color blanco y negro que pican durante el día!

- Nguy cơ sốt xuất huyết, sốt vàng da, và bệnh sốt chikungunya ngày càng tăng. Hãy tìm hiểu lý do.
- Tìm hiểu về loài muỗi vẫn cắn ban ngày!



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NEWS ARTICLES

Register
June 29, 2016

Garden Grove: Legal firework sales at city-approved booths run from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday through Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday. Discharging fireworks is permissible only on private property. Possessing illegal fireworks or misusing them can result in a \$1,000 fine.

Gear up for a 'Safe and Sane' Fourth as legal fireworks go on sale in 10 Orange County cities.



TNT Fireworks is one of two locations operating in Anaheim, which is one of 10 cities in Orange County where state-approved fireworks can be bought legally.

Orange County News
June 29, 2016

City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1186-A

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide One New and Unused 2017 Utility Bed Pick-Up Truck per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: June 17, 2016

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

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Vehicle stipend: The City Council today will weigh whether to give each of its members a \$200 vehicle stipend. If approved, the stipend will go into effect on July 1, 2017. Five nearby cities offer council members vehicle stipends from \$223 to \$715 a month, according to a staff report.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979

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June 24, 2016

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Stop signs: Two stop signs recently went up at Roxey Drive and Trask Avenue, the result of two years of advocacy by students at Doig Intermediate, a nearby school for seventh- and eighth-graders. During the 2014-15 school year, a student's leg was broken when he was hit crossing the street.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

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Making music: The Garden Grove Unified School District highlighted on its Facebook page the other day how Pacifica High School students helped a district fifth-grader play in her spring recital by using a 3D printer to design a prosthetic for her to use to hold the bow of a cello.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

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June 27, 2016

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Giveaways: Those who download the city's mobile app will have a chance to receive free items during the city's annual Summer Concert Series at Eastgate Park from July 7 to Aug. 11. Each week, the city will send out a notification through its app that ties in with that concert and lets people know how to claim the prize.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
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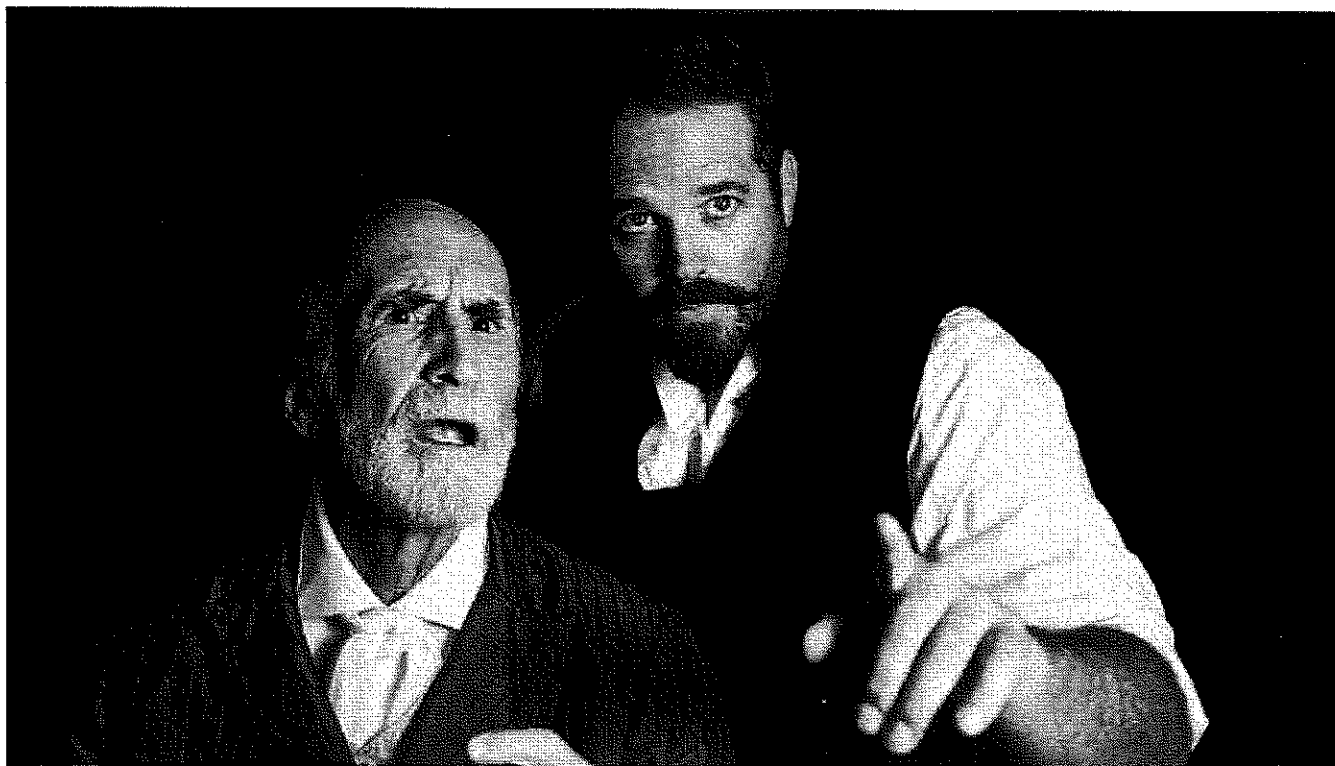
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City attorney: The City Council named Omar Sandoval as Garden Grove's permanent attorney on Tuesday. Sandoval has been the "acting city attorney" since predecessor Tom Nixon retired last year. The council has had heated debates since then over whether to name Sandoval, a member of Nixon's firm, the attorney or put the job out to bid.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
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Times Community News / Weekend

To attract theatergoers, the Festival Amphitheater turns to the Bard



Actor David Denman, right, will play the title role of Hamlet at "Shakespeare Orange County" at the Garden Grove Amphitheatre through July 23. The cast includes veteran actor Hal Landon, Jr. as Polonius. (Courtesy of Jordan Kubat Photography)



By **Kathleen Luppi** · Contact Reporter

JUNE 24, 2016, 3:35 PM

The story of the Festival Amphitheater in Garden Grove is almost as dramatic as "Hamlet," its season's second production — but without the ugly family dynamics and bloodshed.

The outdoor city-owned venue is in an idyllic setting for local productions, surrounded by towering trees and rolling hills, and it has showcased an award-winning arts organization's Shakespearean plays each summer.

But early on it lacked the most important element in theater.

The audience.

Since the late 1970s, the Garden Grove Amphitheater housed Shakespeare Orange County, a summertime theatrical festival formerly known as The Grove Shakespeare Festival, in its 540-seat Village Park.

The rustic setting, minutes from Disneyland and nestled among three freeways, quickly became a destination for artists, actors, directors, designers and audiences wanting to participate in the works of Shakespeare and other classic theater.

But here is where the story takes a turn.

The demographics shifted as the Vietnam War ended and Garden Grove became the location where many Vietnamese landed after emigrating. The amphitheater had been catering to an older, white crowd, and the new influx of residents found nothing there to identify with. And attendance, as the older crowd died off, fell.

In the 1990s, Shakespeare Orange County founder Tom Bradac moved his company to Chapman University in Orange, where it remained for more than a decade — until invited back to the Garden Grove venue.

When the organization returned to its original home, it thrived with strong new ensembles and lead players joining the cast.

But this is not the end of the story.

A change in leadership came in 2013, when Bradac announced his intention to retire as producing artistic director. He got in touch with actor John Walcutt, who had appeared in the seasonal Shakespeare festival years ago, and told him the event would either be shut down or Walcutt could take it over.

He agreed to take it on. And it was no easy feat.

The lack of cultural diversity, dating back decades, hadn't really been addressed, and he encountered a dearth of community involvement.

Walcutt, the festival's artistic director since 2014, says the group is now actively looking to appeal to new audiences and broaden its cultural reach.

"We were curious why people who could walk to the amphitheater didn't come and that the Vietnamese population never came," he said. "My first goal was to get young people in the community involved."

Walcutt, who has enjoyed a long theatrical career at The Old Globe, South Coast Repertory and La Jolla Playhouse, has also acted in movies, including "Titanic" and "Little Miss Sunshine."

When he stepped into the artistic director role two years ago, he looked at the festival's attendance records and recognized a telling observation.

The festival, now in its 37th season, attracted roughly 2,700 visitors and the majority of theatergoers were driving in from Orange.

He wondered: Where were the new theatergoers and why had cultural barriers remained?

He came up with Summerfest.

Launched in 2014, the offshoot of Shakespeare Orange County features Shakespearean productions and other classics produced in collaboration with local arts organizations.

Its inaugural production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was co-produced by world-renowned Polynesian dance troupe Hitia O Te Ra.

Vietnamese actor Trieu Tran, star of "Tropic Thunder" and "The Newsroom," brought a one-man show to benefit the Vietnamese American Arts & Letters Assn., a Santa Ana-based nonprofit connecting communities through Vietnamese art and culture.

The lineup was a success, and festival attendance increased to 5,000 visitors.

Last year, it soared to over 9,000 people.

And this year, Walcutt expects 10,000.

That's because of Summerfest's latest production, "Hamlet," running on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings through July 23.

The famous Shakespearean play will mark the return of Shakespeare Orange County favorite David Denman, who has performed on stage and on television, including his recent recurrence on the NBC series "Parenthood" and his role on the Emmy Award-winning NBC series "The Office."

Denman, who graduated from Fountain Valley High School, went to Orange Coast College and transferred to Juilliard, said he always held the Garden Grove Amphitheatre in high regard. He said as he saw his first Shakespearean play at the Shakespeare Orange County.

After graduating from Juilliard, he auditioned for a role in "As You Like It" at the Garden Grove festival and eventually appeared in three following productions. He is fulfilling his dream of playing Hamlet.

"It meant so much to me as a kid to see professional theater and hear Shakespeare's words," Denman said. "There's a lot of people in the community who are seeing a play for a first time, and that to me is really exciting. 'Hamlet' is the most famous play in the world for a reason. The journey you go on is incredible."

The production features Hal Landon Jr., a founding member of South Coast Repertory.

Walcutt handpicked Landon, a beloved actor who has played Ebenezer Scrooge in the Costa Mesa theater's annual hit production of "A Christmas Carol" for 36 consecutive years, for the role of Polonius in the Shakespearean tragedy.

"I jumped at it," Landon said. "It's another really good part and has been a very satisfying process."

Walcutt, who will play King Claudius and jokingly referred to himself as "the old guy," said the production will feature Westminster's VietCam Performing Arts Group as the traveling company of players who come to visit Hamlet in Denmark.

The musical troupe will have about 15 minutes onstage. The woman who plays Queen Gertrude, Hamlet's mother, is Korean actress and radio personality Young Hye Sohn. She played Lady Capulet in the festival's past production of "Romeo and Juliet."

To appeal to the younger generations, Walcutt called the Orange County School of the Arts in Santa Ana with an idea for an apprentice program involving theater students. The school hired Walcutt to lead an acting conservatory, and its 30 students work in the festival's theatrical production ensembles.

It's an exciting responsibility to be at the helm of the community theater that had been well-received for so many seasons, Walcutt said, adding that 2016 is a particularly celebratory year — marking the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

"During the curtain call at the end of show, there's always this feeling of 'we did it against all odds,'" Walcutt said. "A lot of people think a Shakespeare play is like taking medicine or going to school, but it's not. 'Hamlet' plays like a murder mystery, and it's alive and it's thrilling."

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What: Summerfest/Shakespeare Orange County's "Hamlet"

When: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from June 24 through July 23

Where: Village Park, 12762 Main St., Garden Grove

Information: (714) 590-1575 or visit shakespeareoc.org

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'Hamlet' in Garden Grove plays to the great tragedy's strengths

By ERIC MARCHESE
2016-06-28 15:19:39



"Hamlet" is not only Shakespeare's greatest tragedy; it may well be the world's most famous play, which is how it's being touted by Shakespeare Orange County.

As such, it's also oft-performed, and the company's new outdoor amphitheater staging features a trio of local stars – TV and film actor David Denman in the title role, John Walcutt (SOC's artistic director) as Claudius, and South Coast Repertory's Hal Landon Jr. as Polonius.

Judging by Sean McMullen's handsome, formal-looking costumes and the use of radio mics by the characters, director Peter Uribe sets the action in

the 1920s or '30s.

Uribe and company have edited and tightened the script to keep the action moving. Like the script itself, SOC's staging keeps raising the dramatic stakes, all to the good: While this "Hamlet" plays out like a feverish dream, even more stylization would propel it into a hellish nightmare.

After a somber funeral procession for Denmark's King Hamlet, the mood suddenly shifts to festive, as Queen Gertrude (Tess Lina) marries her husband's brother, Claudius (Walcutt).

The king's son, Prince Hamlet (Denman), though, is anything but cheery. Deeply troubled by recent events, he suspects his uncle Claudius murdered his father, then married his mother to seize the throne.

When his father's ghost (Walcutt again) confirms his worst fears, Hamlet vows revenge, but agonizes over the correct course: Killing Claudius would make him no better than a bloodthirsty villain as guilty as his uncle, and he knows this.

Denman is a noble, brainy Hamlet motivated to violence against his will, and the actor delivers it all: the prince's rich, sharp mind, his sorrow and painful self-awareness; his skill in feigning confusion or madness; his scorching fury over his uncle's villainy, and his indignation at Gertrude.

Acting-wise, Denman skillfully underremotes, lending a natural, ad-lib feel to his fresh-sounding line readings.

Walcutt is a fierce, prickly Claudius whose private anger toward Hamlet grows, as does his mounting guilt, fear and panic – and his becoming unhinged leads to lethal treachery. Walcutt also shows the anguished Ghost's torment in relating his sad fate to his son.

Landon's verbose windbag provides welcome comic relief. Just the same, his Polonius is a warm, loving dad, and the mutual warmth and affection of Polonius for Laertes and Ophelia, and the siblings for each other, is clear.

As Uribe ratchets up the action, the stature of Gertrude, Laertes and Ophelia grows. Lina's Gertrude becomes overcome with grief. Napoleon Tavale's Laertes is fueled by vengeance. Most indelible is Marisa Costa's depiction of Ophelia's derangement, an utterly heart-tugging portrait of a young maiden pushed to the brink of madness.

This "Hamlet" also delivers flat-out belly laughs courtesy Tony Torrico and Leo Martinez as a pair of Cockney

gravediggers, their loose silliness fueled by too much ale.

The leads and supporting cast of 12 are ably bolstered by an ensemble of six plus 14 students from O.C. School of the Arts.

An elaborate dance number by the Viet Cam Performing Arts Company is featured, and like other such troupes in SOC's recent-season stagings, their authentic dances and colorful costumes are fascinating to watch. Unlike them, though, their presence here strains credibility.

More successful is Uribe's staging of the play-within-the-play, which starts with a silent depiction of the queen giving birth to twins, one of whom becomes king while the other stewes in jealousy.

Claudius' poisoning of his brother is re-enacted thrice: First as a dumb show, then as a simple dramatic scene and, finally, to kick off Act Two, in slow motion – the latter proving the new king's guilt as Walcutt's face is bathed in red, his thumping heartbeat adding to the tension.

Dozens of lines from "Hamlet" have long since entered common usage – yet SOC's staging is more than just dazzlingly literary. To heighten the action and build excitement, Uribe, technical director Michael Drace Fountain and lighting designer Jack Riley use cinematic techniques like slo-mo and audio reverberation.

No question this visceral handling of the story makes it more accessible to mass audiences. It enhances rather than detracts from "Hamlet" while bringing this world-famous work to wide swaths of local spectators most likely unfamiliar with live Shakespeare.

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Public Works Department

Thursday, June 30, 2016

MAGNOLIA STREET IRRIGATION MODIFICATION

From July 11 through November 18, 2016, Magnolia Street, between Westminster Avenue and Trask Avenue, and between Lampson Avenue and Chapman Avenue, will undergo irrigation modifications. Traffic will be reduced to two through lanes between Westminster Avenue and Trask Avenue. Between Lampson Avenue and Chapman Avenue, lanes will be reduced to one through lane and one left turn lane to facilitate the construction work.

Motorists are encouraged to use caution and plan extra time when traveling through the project area. Through traffic is encouraged to use alternate routes to avoid congestion, however access for residents and businesses will be maintained.

The tentative completion date for the entire project is November 18, 2016.

For more information, please contact Project Engineer, Navin Maru at (714) 741-5180.

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Community Services Director

Monday, June 27, 2016

2016 CITIES FLAG CEREMONY AT THE OC FAIR

The OC Fair has invited all 34 Orange County cities to participate in a Community Flag Salute. On Garden Grove's day, Friday, July 29, the Mayor and City Council will lead fairgoers in singing the National Anthem at 12:30 p.m. To show support for Garden Grove, community members are encouraged to wear blue and white to highlight the city.

\$2 discount admission coupons are available for the general public, courtesy of the OC Fair. Coupons can be picked up on the first floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway. The coupon may be used any day that the Fair is open from Friday, July 15 to Sunday, August 14.

The OC Fair is located at 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa. For more information, visit www.ocfair.com or call the City's Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

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Thuộc Sở Cứu Hỏa

Thứ Ba, 28 tháng 6, 2016

PHẠT \$1,000 NHỮNG AI XÀI PHÁO LẬU VÀO NGÀY LỄ ĐỘC LẬP

Trong dịp Lễ Độc Lập (July 4th) sắp tới đây, Sở Cảnh sát và Sở cứu hỏa Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ làm việc chặt chẽ để hạn chế tình trạng đốt pháo lậu. Vì vậy, Thành phố kêu gọi sự hợp tác của cộng đồng để giảm số lượng biên phạt.

Hơn 80 cảnh sát và nhân viên cứu hỏa Garden Grove sẽ trong tư thế sẵn sàng và sẽ phạt tới \$1,000 mỗi trường hợp đốt pháo lậu. Cảnh sát sẽ tuần tra chặt chẽ các khu vực thường đốt pháo tại các góc đường như Euclid-Katella, Brookhurst-Katella, trung tâm đa văn hoá Buena Clinton, cũng như công viên Twin Lakes Park, Garden Grove Park.

Để tránh tình trạng đốt pháo lậu tại những nơi công cộng, một số công viên trong Thành phố sẽ đóng cửa lúc 5:00 giờ chiều ngày 4 Tháng 7, 2016. Các sân quần vợt và sân banh cũng sẽ đóng cửa lúc 5:00 giờ chiều cùng ngày.

Pháo hợp lệ có đề chữ "safe and sane" và chỉ được đốt ở những nơi thuộc sở hữu tư nhân (private property.) Để biết thêm thông tin, xin vui lòng gọi số Hotline Garden Grove tại (714) 741-5270, hoặc ghé thăm trang web của thành phố ở www.garden-grove.org. Để gọi báo tình trạng đốt pháo lậu, xin gọi (714) 741-5704. Để báo cáo mọi tổn thương hoặc các đám cháy, gọi 9-1-1.

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Ban Công Tác Công cộng

Thứ Hai, 27/6/2016

CITY HALL GARDEN GROVE ĐÓNG CỬA VÀO NGÀY LỄ ĐỘC LẬP

City Hall Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ đóng cửa nhân dịp lễ Độc Lập Thứ Hai, ngày 4 tháng 7, 2016. Phục vụ quét đường và đổ rác cũng sẽ không làm việc vào ngày này mà được dời lại vào những ngày khác.

Trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, và Community Meeting Center cũng sẽ đóng cửa.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, liên lạc về Ban công tác Công cộng tại số điện thoại (714) 741-5375.

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Garden Grove: Phạt \$1,000 Đốt Pháo Lậu Lễ Độc Lập

29/08/2016 00:00:00



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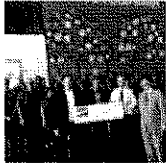
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**SOCIAL MEDIA
HIGHLIGHTS**



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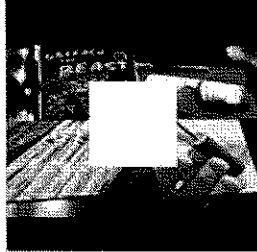


Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove Pio Pulido · June 23 at 5:30pm ·

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS WILL COST YOU

Using or possessing illegal fireworks, including misusing or tampering with legal ones, carries a \$1,000 administrative fine. In accordance with #GardenGrove Municipal Code firework regulations, discharge of safe and sane fireworks is permissible on private property only. To report illegal fireworks, call (714) 741-5704. Garden Grove Fire Department Garden Grove Police Department



Fireworks and Drought Safety In Garden Grove

The City of Garden Grove wants you to have a safe 4th of July. Only "Safe and Sane" fireworks are legal in the City and only in your yard. Citations for \$100...

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Garden Grove Police Department shared a link.

Published by Garden Grove PD · June 25 at 12:56pm ·



Garden Grove PD officially launches SRT to help homeless and mentally ill populations

Garden Grove Police Officer Brian Hatfield began his efforts into assisting the city's homeless and mentally ill populations by accident – literally.

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11,414 People Reached

725 Reactions, Comments & Shares

574 Like	285 On Post	289 On Shares
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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove Pio Pulido · 22 hrs ·

Attend a free showing of Star Wars: The Force Awakens on Historic Main Street in #GardenGrove TOMORROW at 8:30 p.m.

The fun begins at 7:00 p.m. with family entertainment, bounce houses, photo opportunities with Star Wars characters, AND the first 450 children will receive FREE LIGHT SABERS!

**Community is encouraged to bring their own chairs. Thank you!



Movie On Main Street | City of Garden Grove

Bring your family, friends, and a lawn chair for a free movie and fun on Historic Main Street, in Garden Grove. We will be having inflatable bouncers, pictures with Star Wars characters, music, and free light sabers for the first 400 people followed by...

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7,009 People Reached

343 Reactions, Comments & Shares

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4 Love	3 On Post	1 On Shares
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65 Comments	44 On Post	21 On Shares
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Garden Grove Fire Department

Published by Garden Grove Fire Captain · June 26 at 2:13am ·

Garden Grove Fire Fighters and the fire department were out yesterday for this year's MDA Fill the Boot event. We would like to thank everyone who stopped by to donate to a worthy cause. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise over \$8,000 for the MDA.



4,243 People Reached

108 Reactions, Comments & Shares

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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Jun 27

@GGUSD staff and students from Pacifica HS used a 3D printer to make a bow holder for 5th grader Loreen Pham.



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

June 30, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Planning Commission Meeting minutes for Thursday, June 16, 2016.
3. Zoning Administrator Meeting minutes for Thursday, June 23, 2016.
4. Planning Commission Meeting agenda for the Thursday, July 7, 2017 meeting.
5. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated June 23, 24 and 28, 2016.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 30, 2016 – July 13, 2016

Thursday	June 30	2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Employee Ice Cream Social Community Meeting Center, A Room
		7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Movie in the Park "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" Historic Main Street
Thursday- Saturday	June 30- July 2	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Hamlet", Festival Amphitheater
Thursday- Sunday	June 30- July 3		One More Productions presents "Bye Bye Birdie" Gem Theater
Monday	July 4		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	July 5	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Thursday	July 7	6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series – Queen Nation (Tribute to Queen), Eastgate Park
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday- Saturday	July 7-9	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Hamlet", Festival Amphitheater
Thursday- Sunday	July 7-10		One More Productions presents "Bye Bye Birdie" Gem Theater
Friday	July 8		City Hall Closed
Sunday	July 10	7:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Sonnets, Songs and Sorry Will's Been Dead 400 Years" Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	July 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Special Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	July 13	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Barker
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner Nuygen
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Paredes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC - None.

June 2, 2016 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Barker

Ayes: (7) Barker, Kanzler, Margolin, Nuygen, O'Neill, Paredes,
Zamora

Noes: (0) None

The following item was taken out of order.

PUBLIC HEARING - SITE PLAN NO. SP-025-2016, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-079-2016, VARIANCE NO. V-012-2016. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11162 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD AND EUCLID STREET.

Applicant: Danny Bocking
Date: June 16, 2016

Request: Site Plan approval to construct a 940 square foot pad building, for a drive-thru coffeehouse, Starbucks, on an approximately 16,689 square foot vacant lot, along with associated improvements, which include a

parking lot and landscaping, and a request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate the proposed drive-thru coffeehouse. Also, a request for Variance approval to deviate from the minimum lot size requirement for drive-thru facilities in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

At the applicant's request, an amendment to remove Condition No. 18, in regard to reciprocal access to the abutting property, was agreed to by staff and was entered into the record.

Vice Chair Kanzler asked if there was a minimum standard for the number of bike racks, saying that he preferred the large racks to encourage people to ride bikes. Staff responded that 16 bikes could be accommodated, however, there was no rack design yet.

Commissioner Zamora asked staff to describe the 3'-0" high block wall in regard to access and maneuverability in the parking lot. Staff explained that the Garden Grove Boulevard driveway to the Starbuck's property would be removed and that ingress/egress to the Starbuck's property would be from the Euclid Street driveway only; that the shopping center driveway on Garden Grove Boulevard would remain as the ingress/egress point for the shopping center; that the applicant would move the proposed westerly 3'-0" high block wall in a few feet, and provide a low planter, for additional back up space for shopping center customers; and, that the wrought iron fencing that belonged to the shopping center owner could potentially remain.

Commissioner Paredes asked for the number of customer trash receptacles. Staff deferred to the applicant.

Commissioner Barker expressed his concern about the aesthetics of the 3'-0" high block wall abutting the shopping center property and asked if the non-planter south side could also have landscaping. Staff responded that an added condition could request landscaping.

Chair O'Neill opened the public hearing.

Mr. Kayman Wong, the applicant/developer, described the project and stated that three to four trash receptacles would be on site; and, that three to four, no more than five, employees would work during peak times.

Commissioner Zamora asked if the outside seating would have heaters. Mr. Wong replied that the store manager and district manager would make that decision.

Vice Chair Kanzler asked about vegetation to buffer the block wall. Mr.

Wong stated that the adjacent owner did not address the removal of the wrought iron fence; that he would be asked to; and that he was also concerned with the look of the west side block wall and asked that the wall be raised from 3'-0" to 4'-5". Mr. Wong added that the planter would be 2'-6" wide; that vegetation in the middle of the lot would have watering issues; and, that the block wall could be changed to a more decorative wall or fence to avoid being unsightly.

Commissioner Nuygen expressed his safety concern for pedestrians crossing the walking path across the drive-thru lane to pick up an order. Mr. Wong stated that the path could be striped and have added signage to ensure safety.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Kayman Wong

Action: Resolution No. 5864-16 was approved with amendments to remove Condition No. 18 and add a condition for the applicant to work with staff to improve the aesthetics of both sides of the south and west block walls.

Motion: Zamora Second: Barker

Ayes: (7) Barker, Kanzler, Margolin, Nuygen, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING - MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-073-2016 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13272 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, EAST OF FAIRVIEW STREET.

Applicant: Heaven's Gate Funeral Home, Inc.
Date: June 16, 2016

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new funeral home, within an existing approximately 19,460 square foot office building, which will include a mortuary and crematory.

Ms. Binh Minh Tran was available for Vietnamese translation.

Vice Chair Kanzler acknowledged that he had listened to the audio recording and read the Minutes from the June 2, 2016 Planning Commission meeting in order to participate in the meeting.

Chair O'Neill then waived the reading of the staff report and continued with the Public Hearing, which was left open from the June 2, 2016 meeting.

Staff also noted that an alternative resolution of denial was prepared in addition to the prior resolution of approval.

Staff noted, that prior to the meeting, a letter of opposition was received from residents within 500 feet of the proposed site, which included 35 signatures and concerns relating to proximity, health risks, and future property values. This letter was entered into the record.

Staff also received a petition of opposition from Chieu, with 235 signatures and this petition was placed into the record.

Staff noted that an update to the online petition of opposition at www.change.org indicated that signatures had grown from 376 to 486 with 144 comments in total. This information was entered into the record.

Also, prior to this meeting, staff received another petition of opposition with 30 signatures from residents that live within a 500 foot radius from the Macera Crematory in Santa Ana. This letter was entered into the record.

Finally, staff received a letter of opposition from Michele Martinez, a Councilwoman from Santa Ana, whose concerns included air quality impacts, noise, light, and lowering of property values. The letter was entered into the record.

Mr. Samuel Romero, who lives near the crematorium in Santa Ana, stated that during the summer months, the 'smell' wafted through the air; that certain air movements caused the neighborhood to be affected; that the nearest home was 200 feet away and they would get the stench; that residents have asked the City of Santa Ana to help get the crematorium moved to an area with at least a 1,000 foot radius away from residential, without success; and, that the Commission should vote no.

Mr. Khai Nguyen noted that embalmers were required to wear protective gear when handling toxic chemicals and questioned where the chemicals were disposed of and hoped there was no contamination to sewer lines; that there was no documentation on where the air flowed from a broken afterburner that shut down automatically; that children would stay inside and become obese; that senior citizens were afraid to walk outside; that no smoking areas evolved from learning experience, similar to people having learned about the risks of tanning over time; and, that the decision should be based on common sense.

Ms. Bao Tran did not understand how staff could have recommended approval of the proposed project; that Santa Ana Councilwoman Michele Martinez's letter stated crematoriums were typically industrial uses

separated from residential areas and that the Santa Ana crematory smells; that there were health concerns for children; that Tuan Nguyen's letter of support had signatures from areas other than Garden Grove and that the letter failed to mention the location of the proposed crematory; and that her main concerns were proximity, health risks, and loss of property value.

Mr. John Pham stated that the project would adversely affect the health, peace, and comfort or welfare of residents, and would interfere with the use, enjoyment, or valuation of the property, and jeopardize, endanger and be a menace to public health; and, that prolonged anxiety and stress would affect the resident's mental health.

Mr. Joseph Tran questioned the removal of mercury/amalgam prior to cremation as lawyers he contacted stated that fillings were not required by law to be removed; that some families see tooth removal as an emotional desecration of deceased in addition to a lack of dignity; that bodies were not considered solid waste, therefore, there were no limitations on mercury emissions that could cause damage; and, that mercury did not degrade, and cremations would increase with the baby boomer population.

Mr. David Le stated that 'legal noticing' was only a 300' radius; that the applicant's letter of support had signatures outside the area; that 34 bodies per month with two crematory units could be 68 bodies per month; that he questioned the inspections; that their homes and well-being would be affected; and that a 'yes' vote would affect generations.

Mr. Tan Hoang mentioned the loss of property value, especially for an elderly couple he knew, who wanted to eventually move into a retirement home.

Mr. Yun Coe expressed his concern with toxic air, and increased traffic, and that the senior citizens would stop exercising; that he could not believe a crematory would be in a residential area; that there was a duty to the next generation to provide a clean and safe environment; and, the Commission should disapprove.

Ms. Stacey Hua, who displayed enlarged aerial and proximity photos, stated that her family was not against the business, just the location; that the applicant should move to an industrial area away from schools and homes; that the project would be detrimental to their quality of life; that residents should be top priority; and that issues included health risks, property values, and outside activities for children and seniors.

Ms. Jeanne Thai stated that the project was not harmonious and did not fit in land use element of the General Plan for neighborhood preservation; that her concerns were air pollution, traffic pollution, and

outside safety; and, that the project would be detrimental to the neighborhood with loss of property values.

Chair O'Neill asked for a recess at 8:25 p.m. The session reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

Ms. Annie Nguyen asked that the crematory not be built and asked Tuan Nguyen to bring honor to the Vietnamese.

Mr. John Kim expressed concerns in regard to toxic fumes, proximity to churches, schools, and homes, financial issues from loss of property values, and that he did not want the project in the community.

Ms. Susan Scott spoke on behalf of her mother Carol Scott and stated that the crematory would have 'hot' areas and recalled both Chernobyl and Three-Mile Island, projects which were purported to be safe; and, that the people were not being considered.

Ms. Barbara Dale stated Ms. Chi Tang, the applicant's representative, had mentioned on June 2nd, that Tuan Nguyen was for his people; that if he was, he would not put the crematory in the neighborhood; that her concerns included toxic emissions, traffic, and the location; that feelings should be considered; and, that no one would receive cancer in the future.

Mr. Trong Nguyen spoke on liberty, rights, and human nature; that the proximity of the project to the neighborhood was a violation of rights and needed to be relocated; that his peace of mind was upset; that public servants should care about the people; that his concerns were traffic from the funerals, air quality, and stress; and, that the Commission should reject the proposal.

Mr. Gerome Guth, who had worked at the Fairhaven crematory over seven years, and had done embalming, stated that a majority of concerns were unjustified; that funeral homes were being bought by corporations, of which Fairhaven was now a part; that Peek and Rose Hills were heading that way; that Mr. Tuan Nguyen was an individual with a service at a reasonable price and he had respect, honor, and dignity, and should have a chance; that he would buy a home next to a funeral park; that there was no smell in his crematory, that embalming was protected, and no one passed away as a result of working in the industry.

Mr. Walter Muneton expressed that the concerns were valid and commented that the community did a great job of coming together as one; that the residents did not want the crematory in their neighborhood; that the people had spoken; and, the Commission needed to make the right decision.

Ms. Candace Parker expressed that she was concerned for her mother's health, and had respect for the business, but wondered why, with all the people turning out, that proximity to schools, churches, residences, the elderly, and traffic were not considered.

Mr. Quan Dang stated that he was not against the business, but his concerns were proximity and emissions of toxins.

Mr. Lam Pham thanked the Commission and relayed that his son had asthma and he was opposed to the location and toxins; and, that if the children were affected, questioned who would be accountable.

Mr. Steve Check stated that he helped Tuan Nguyen start Heaven's Gate Funeral Home in 2009; that there was little competition then and it took years to find a good site in Westminster; that Tuan was passionate about the business; and, they were moderately successful in Westminster because of cheaper prices.

Mr. Jesse Arambulo explained that the crematory was really an incinerator; that he worked as an air conditioner mechanic with many years of training in Air Infiltration; that no filter could 100 percent arrest particles, because if so, air flow would be stopped; that any filter had an air-bypass through which unfiltered air would go through; that filter racks were not air-tight; that toxins would go into the air with odorous fumes; and, that he urged the Commission to vote no.

Mr. Steven Schulte explained that he had been a specialist in chemical defense in the Marine Corp.; that hazards of liquid embalming chemicals were minimal with proper disposal techniques and would not be a health hazard, except to those working with the chemical; that those working with the chemicals would be fine with proper safety protocol; that the air filter would work just like the catalytic converter in a car; that the side air-bypass was for emergencies if the filter would get plugged and was not frequently used; that 1800 degrees would get rid of all contaminants; that he acknowledged the power of religion, however, it would be good to have the services in the backyard because of the location during grieving; that though the community had come together, the project was not hazardous, no more than exhaust fumes from Garden Grove Boulevard or Fairview Street; and, that all cremation businesses had the same filters, and he questioned why were they not being questioned too.

Ms. Carolyn Le expressed that the studies were not conclusive; that there would be a loss of property values; and she believed no one else would want the project in their backyard.

Ms. Hong Ho stated that her concerns included health risks to children;

that people should be considered; and, that the business would be a flop as friends and family were all connected.

Mr. Siraj Hussein mentioned that he worked in a different capacity at a morgue and when the power went out, the smell was awful. He also cited property values and traffic as concerns.

Chair O'Neill called for a recess at 9:34 p.m. The session reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Ms. Kim Tran spoke on behalf of her mother Ms. Nu Bui. Ms. Tran translated that the houses were over 60 years old; that concerns were the impact on herself and children in the area; that residents would come home from work and work on research; and, that she hoped people understood both sides. Ms. Tran stated that stress was the real emotional and psychological impact that could not be measured; and, that as her daughter she could see the stress.

Ms. Tracy Nguyen stated that no dollar amount could be placed on fear, because fear was not rational; that even though the project met code, these were moral and ethical issues; that the applicant was imposing a lifestyle on residents; and, that more than four residences would be affected.

Mr. Rick Vu commented that his concerns were the noise level, as he worked at home, and the location.

Mr. Enrique Guzman stated that what came to mind was the smell of burning flesh; that property values would be affected; that the applicant should pay to educate the residents; and, that he would like to know how the system worked.

Mr. Peter Nguyen stated that he missed his daughter's graduation; that another crematory was 1.5 miles away, not near residents; that the applicant was against the community; that the children would be affected; that people in Garden Grove, Orange, and Santa Ana would be hurt; that the applicant needed to move or lose business; and, that the applicant should respect living people.

Ms. Lynn Nguyen stated that the neighbors had a rally last Sunday; and, that the crowd was diverse and their concern was proximity.

Mr. Phong Bui handed out a copy of a Letter of Recommendation from Tuan Tran, a customer who had used the Heaven's Gate Westminster location. The letter was entered into the record. He also held up a certificate of recognition signed by Garden Grove Councilman Phat Bui, which acknowledged the funeral home's service. Mr. Bui then stated that he had worked in the Heaven's Gate Funeral Home for almost six

years and that he and the applicant had a goal to open a second business to help communities, the Vietnamese especially, and those who struggled financially; that his religion was the Constitution of the United States of America; that though the requirements were met, people did not understand the facts that matter, such as regarding emissions; that the applicant would be near to help and comfort and take care of the families; that there would be no health risk; that employees had been properly trained; and, that they had the best septic equipment.

Mr. Tuan Nguyen stated that he did not want his own people fighting; that he had helped people, and the Asian community was very important; that a burial would cost at least \$30,000; that the Vietnamese often took out loans to pay for the funerals; that his passion was to help people; and, that he had rights and would stand for what he believed in.

Commissioner Paredes asked applicant to clarify the number of bodies allowed to be cremated per month. Mr. Nguyen explained that 34 per burner, per month, would be 68 allowed total, however, the count could vary.

Commissioner Zamora reiterated that the residents were not against the applicant, just the location, however, her concern was the lack of evidence that emissions would not affect people and that the expert could not guarantee the fumes would not become airborne.

Mr. Steve Abraham, the real estate broker, established that the project was in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone, which required a Conditional Use Permit (CUP); that if they moved to a C-3 (Heavy Commercial) zone, of which there were several across from the current property, a Conditional Use Permit would not be required; that if conditions were not met and there were violations, the CUP could be withdrawn; that real estate values were affected by schools, crime, and traffic; and, that fear would affect value in the beginning, however, after the fears of the quality of life subsided, the property values would not be affected.

Mr. Mark Blodgett, of Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning stated that he worked for the City of Garden Grove and not for the applicant; that there would be no odors, smoke, or particulates; that Garden Grove was the only City to put the crematory through the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) process; that he lived across an alley of a crematorium for the last five years; that emissions were regulated; that lots of factors affect what emissions come out; that they needed zero emissions from the equipment to exceed CARB (California Resources Board) and South Coast Air Quality Management District; that the roof equipment would not be visible; that the stack height would be shortened and placed horizontal to the roof toward the front; that a

scrubber would be placed on the end of the stack to run contaminants through as a filter; that traffic would be about 70 trips per day, however, the real concern was air quality; and, that residents should appreciate the due diligence of City staff.

Vice Chair Kanzler mentioned that he taught bio-remediation at Cal Poly Pomona, the process which use biological systems to remove pollutants from water, soil and air; that crematory emissions and mercury did not come up as air pollutants; that Garden Grove Boulevard was widened to three lanes during the construction of the 22 Freeway, which created more air pollution; that he lived on the east side near the 22 Freeway; and, that the east side community deserved attention.

Vice Chair Kanzler then moved to deny Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-073-2016, pursuant to the facts and reasons contained in the Resolution. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

Commissioner Nuygen questioned if the residents and community would accept the project being built across the street in the C-3 (Heavy Commercial) zone as an alternative, or were they opposed to all sites near their neighborhood.

Chair O'Neill commented that the Planning Commission represented the people to make the community whole; that this was the process and that the community, applicant, and Commission all believed they were doing what was right regarding concerns and legal issues; that though the project was good, he would support the denial as he could not deny the number of people in the area that would be affected by the psychological and stressful aspects that would also affect their livelihood and well-being.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Tuan Nguyen (Applicant/Owner), Mark Blodgett (Expert from Blodgett, Baylosis Environmental Planning). 29 people spoke in opposition to the request. Five people spoke in favor of the request.

Action: Motion to adopt the proposed alternative Resolution of Denial No. 5863-16 was approved.

Motion: Kanzler Second: Zamora

Ayes: (7) Barker, Kanzler, Margolin, Nuygen, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff mentioned that the next regular meeting would include one item and a review of The Brown Act in regard to Conflicts of Interest. Staff added that a flyer was available promoting the City's 60th Anniversary in the coming weekend on Saturday, June 18th.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:39 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: Margolin Second: Paredes

Ayes: (7) Barker, Kanzler, Margolin, Nuygen, O'Neill, Paredes,
Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840
Third Floor Training Room

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-078-2016

Applicant: Thi Mai Lam Pham
Location: 12317 Westminster Avenue
Date: June 23, 2016

Request: To operate an existing 1,020 square foot convenience store, Young's Market, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Alexander Pham, Thi Mai Lam Pham (Applicant), Yvonne Van (Daughter), Salila Limolansuksakul (Property Manager)

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1745-16 with an amendment to the hours of operation.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Thursday, July 14, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



A G E N D A
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 7, 2016

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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

ROLL CALL: CHAIR O'NEILL, VICE CHAIR KANZLER
COMMISSIONERS BARKER, MARGOLIN, NUYGEN, 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.

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- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 16, 2016
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
 - C.1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-066-2016

APPLICANT: KARIE BARKER

LOCATION: SOUTH OF STANFORD AVENUE, WEST OF
BROOKHURST STREET AND STANFORD AVENUE AT
12755 BROOKHURST STREET

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 1,850 square foot after-school tutoring center for 46 students and six (6) instructors. The site is in the GGMU1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-066-2016, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
 - E.1. REVIEW OF BROWN ACT - Conflict of Interest Laws
- F. ADJOURNMENT

New FAA Drone Rules Reject Federal Preemption of State and Local Drone Laws

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) yesterday announced its long awaited final rules for small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), or drones. These rules represent a significant victory for public safety. In this action the FAA has unequivocally announced its rejection of pre-emption of state and local ordinances in the area of drone regulation. The FAA acknowledged the important role of state and local regulation, stating "certain legal aspects concerning small UAS use may be best addressed at the state or local level."

"The League applauds the FAA action. The League has maintained that cities have the right, within the bounds of their constitutional police power and land use authority, to reasonably regulate drone flights within their jurisdictions. Yesterday's FAA announcement vindicates that position," said League Executive Director Chris McKenzie.

The rules lay to rest a long-running controversy in California between local governments and the drone and tech industries about whether state and local regulations have a place in any regulatory scheme for unmanned aircraft systems. The debate on this issue began to heat up last year in the wake of multiple incidents of recreational drones interfering with first responder aircraft, including a number of near collisions.

In the most dramatic incident in July 2015, drones operating in flight restricted airspace forced the grounding for safety reasons of at least four firefighting aircraft, as a result of which a wildfire jumped Interstate 15, destroying a number of motor vehicles and homes.

Since that time, California legislators have worked to reign in recreational drone activity with state regulations to fill a void resulting from FAA regulations that until recently have not addressed recreational drones at all. Industry players have been quick to oppose legislation by raising the pre-emption argument, despite a December 2015 document from the Office of the FAA's Chief Counsel identifying a specific role for state and local regulations with respect to UASs..

A number of cities in California, in response to privacy concerns and threats to public safety arising from interference with first responder aircraft and drone flights in proximity to airports in violation of FAA regulations, have moved ahead with their own local regulations. The city of Los Angeles has by far the most comprehensive and restrictive ordinance in the state, crafted with the active participation of the Los Angeles Police Department. The number of airports in the Los Angeles area and airborne paparazzi using drones mounted with cameras to capture images of film and TV celebrities were also factors in the development of the L.A. ordinance. Drone manufacturers in particular are concerned that other jurisdictions may follow L.A.'s lead, triggering what they decry as a "patchwork" of differing regulations across multiple jurisdictions.

The most comprehensive state bill on this subject, SB 868 (Jackson), which expressly protects local ordinances within a state regulatory scheme, stalled for lack of support in the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee just one day before the FAA regulations were announced. However, the newly released final rules may provide her legislation with new impetus.

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Featured Keynotes Speaking at the League of California Cities® 2016 Annual Conference & Expo

The League of California Cities® announces two featured keynote speakers for its 2016 Annual Conference & Expo. Registration is now open for the event which is scheduled for Oct. 5–7 in Long Beach. View this year's conference [schedule](#) to read the great line-up of sessions and networking opportunities available for attendees. For more information, check out the annual conference [announcement with session information](#). *For more, see Page 2.*



California City Solutions: Lake Forest's Comprehensive Study Brings Housing, Sports Park and Civic Center to the Community

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). The city of Lake Forest's Opportunities Study was submitted in 2015 for the Planning and Environmental Quality award category. For more, see Page 2.



Free SB 272 System Catalog Compliance Webinar Scheduled for June 29 *July 1 is Deadline to Comply with New Provisions of Public Records Act*

With SB 272 going into effect on July 1, many cities are busy cataloging their enterprise systems to post online. Cities are invited to participate in a [free one-hour webinar](#) to learn about this law and a compliance tool developed by Digital Deployment for local agencies to use at no cost. *For more, see Page 4.*

Join fellow city colleagues for these entertaining and informative sessions:

- **Jason Roberts, Founder of the Better Block Project**
“Build a Better Block: How to Make Real Change in Your Community, Today”
How can we drive change in our communities and move past unproductive committees and outdated regulation? How do we become the “bike part of town” and revitalize stagnant blocks? In this funny, smart, energetic, and breathless talk, arts activist Jason Roberts of the Better Block Project encourages us to stop waiting around. Even if that means painting in our own crosswalks, bringing in our own trees, and blackmailing ourselves into action
- **Christopher Thornberg, Founding Partner of Beacon Economics**
“Fact and Fiction: What is really going on in the California Economy?”
There seem to be many worries about the ability for the current expansion to maintain momentum — China, oil, the Middle East, tech bubbles, and other issues have all caused brief periods of market panic. How sustainable is the economy in its current form? How does 'business unfriendly' stack up? What are the future flash points that cities need to focus their attention on?

Lodging Information

There are several fantastic properties for lodging this year around the Long Beach Convention Center. Reduced hotel room rates are available for registered attendees and can only be reserved online using the links provided in your conference registration confirmation email. Phone reservations will not be available.

Register early, as space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact [Dayna Casper](#).

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Located in Orange County's scenic Saddleback Valley and surrounded by rolling foothills, the city of Lake Forest is known as a safe and family-friendly community. After incorporating in 1991, the city underwent a comprehensive planning process to rezone five large properties of land to allow for residential uses and community recreation facilities, transforming it into the community that residents enjoy today.

The Opportunities Study Area (OSA) is a comprehensive planning process that Lake Forest undertook to rezone over 800 acres of land formerly zoned for business and industrial use. The zoning changes allow for a new plan with residential uses and facilities including a sports park, community center and civic center. The OSA has enabled various public private partnerships with land owners that have resulted in over \$200 million in public benefit to the city.

The city's challenge began with the proposed El Toro International Airport. A couple of decades ago, hundreds of aircraft from the neighboring El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, the largest Marine air station on the west coast, flew directly over Lake Forest. In the shadow of the flight path and exposed to safety hazards and noise, more than 800 acres of city land were limited to industrial development.

In 1993, the federal government announced the closure of the base, and Orange County immediately began planning for an international airport on the property, igniting a political firestorm. Local cities banded together and launched a grassroots effort to stop the airport. After nearly a decade, voters in 2002 defeated the airport proposal. It was at that time that landowners approached the city to discuss new development ideas, including building housing. No longer confined by a flight path, the city now had an opportunity to develop the area and incorporate it into the balance of the community. After the initial defeat of the airport, the city's challenge became balancing the desires of the private development community with the needs of the community's residents.

In 2003, the Lake Forest City Council ordered a comprehensive study, known as The Opportunities Study, to consider potential community impacts as well as benefits of changing land use designations for the area. This project would become the most extensive and fruitful public-private partnership in the city's history.

The city council and staff wanted to gather feedback from residents and landowners on their shared vision for the area. After years of comprehensive study and public engagement, the community identified a new sports park, community center and civic center as the top public projects.

The city estimated at the time that the cost to design and build these projects would likely exceed \$100 million. Given the cost of acquiring land, designing, and ultimately constructing such large projects, the city realized the importance of developing a strong public-private relationship to enhance both the community and opportunities for the landowners.

The city and its development partners began working diligently toward a goal that would enable development of the land into master planned residential neighborhoods and provide funding to build the community's vision for the future of Lake Forest. The following objectives and guiding principles were identified:

- 1) Ensure that new development would not have a greater impact to existing infrastructure;
- 2) Reduce traffic impacts to previously approved land uses;
- 3) Maintain fiscal balance;
- 4) Deliver quality master planned communities;
- 5) Expand trails and open space linkages;
- 6) Provide a diverse mix of housing; and
- 7) Mitigate impact to schools; and
- 8) Deliver a sports park and community center to serve the current and future residents of Lake Forest.

Through the use of sophisticated financial modeling, development projections, and close collaboration, the city and the OSA landowners developed a clear and consistent vision for the future of the community. The process resulted in the creation of multiple development agreements in which the landowners provided revenue to the city in exchange for new land use entitlements. More than 26 community workshops, meetings, and public hearings were held to engage the public in the OSA planning process and keep people informed of its progress.

These agreements provide direct public benefit dollars to the city based on both the total number and size of units being developed. Each landowner is paying a share of the cost to build neighborhood parks, provide affordable housing, fund the development of new major roads, improve existing infrastructure, improve schools, and fund the design and development of the new community facilities desired by the residents of Lake Forest. The agreements and cooperative partnership that enabled them are the fundamental basis for the success of this program.

The city secured funding for the construction of the Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center as well as a Civic Center through the contributions of landowners. Additionally, funding was received for important roadway improvements such as the extension of Alton Parkway and Rancho Parkway as major arterial roadways that are currently improving traffic circulation throughout Lake Forest and the surrounding region.

In November 2014, the city opened the Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center. The 86-acre facility contains four baseball fields, one softball field, three multi-use fields, two synthetic fields, a large area known as The Commons for special events, a 27,000 square foot community center, various picnic shelters and gazebos, and trail connections to the nearby Aliso Creek Trail. The Sports Park is one of the premier recreation facilities in Orange County and was made possible by the public-private partnership approach developed through the OSA process.

The OSA is the most successful public-private partnership in the history of Lake Forest. The outcome created through this process struck a balance between private property rights and public

benefit by enabling residential and commercial development while providing dollars to finance public improvements.

The project will result in over 4,000 new homes, various neighborhood parks, millions of dollars for capital projects to build new roads or enhance existing intersections; the Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center; and the Lake Forest Civic Center to be comprised of a community center, senior center, police center, community theatre, and administrative offices. These projects are provided without the need to assess special taxes on the residents of the community. The model developed by Lake Forest became the foundation upon which partnerships with landowners were built.

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The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29 from 10-11 a.m. Experts will review the bill text, talk about the intention of the law, and give tips on how to quickly determine what systems need to be included in your Enterprise System Catalog. Representatives from Digital Deployment will demonstrate the free compliance tool (which is available to any agency that has to comply with this new unfunded mandate, at no charge) and answer questions.

[Register online.](#)

For more information about SB 272, please see "[SB 272 Compliance Deadline Fast Approaching.](#)" *CA Cities Advocate*, May 6, 2016. The article details requirements under the legislation, as well as what is exempt.

Please contact [Sloane Dell'Orto](#) with Digital Deployment with questions.

U.S. Communities Holding Summit on July 14 in Carlsbad to Educate Local Government Agency Officials on Program's Cost-Saving Benefits *Additional Summits to be held in Bakersfield and Long Beach*

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is hosting on July 14 at the Faraday Center in Carlsbad a free regional event to learn how to save time and money through the U.S. Communities program.

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

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

This educational event will be of special interest to:

- Assistant city managers
- Public Safety Officials
- Parks and recreation officials
- Public works directors
- Facilities managers
- Fleet managers
- Procurement officers

Event Details

Thursday, July 14, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held at the Faraday Center at 1635 Faraday Ave, Room 173 A&B in Carlsbad.

Register online. Lunch will be provided.

Future Summits Scheduled

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

- Aug. 4: Bakersfield. Registration opens soon.
- Late September: Long Beach. Information coming soon.

About U.S. Communities

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

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Funding Opportunity: NLC's CHAMPS Grant Helps Cities Fund After School and Summer Lunch Programs

July 15 Application Deadline

The Institute for Local Government (ILG) and the League of California Cities® are working with National League of Cities (NLC) to provide support to cities interested in strengthening efforts to ensure youth stay healthy, engaged and on a positive developmental path. NLC's Cities Combating Hunger through After School and Summer Meal Programs (CHAMPS) is a grant opportunity for cities to ensure low-income youth continue to have access to healthy food when school is out.

City agencies in California are eligible to apply for \$5,000-\$40,000 grants and technical assistance to enhance their efforts to combat childhood hunger when school is out through USDA summer and after school meal programs. These grant funds can be used to support activities (through December 2017) such as: youth employment, promotional activities, operational needs and other supports that increase access to out-of-school-time meal programs.

Apply online. The deadline is July 15.

If you have questions contact NLC's Jamie Nash or ILG's Patrice Chamberlain.

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Senate Approves No Place Like Home
Assembly Action is Still Needed; Governor Signs Main Budget Package

The Senate on Monday, June 27 approved an amended version of the budget trailer bill containing the No Place Like Home program (AB 1618, Committee on Budget). The Assembly is expected to take action on Thursday before the Legislature breaks for summer recess. *For more, see Page 2.*



End of Session Legislative Briefing Scheduled for July 7

Join the League's legislative team for a briefing on major bills that cities need to advocate for and against after the Legislature's summer recess in the second year of the 2015-16 legislative session. *For more, see Page 3.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$327.6 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for John Muir Health in Walnut Creek

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA). *For more, see Page 3.*

Unlike most budget-related bills, AB 1618 needs agreement from two-thirds of both houses of the Legislature because it amended the Mental Health Service Act (Proposition 63, 2004), and therefore was more difficult to pass. After about a week of negotiations, an agreement was reached and the bill was approved in the Senate with strong bipartisan support. The agreement called for amendments to strengthen transparency and accountability requirements for the use of Prop. 63 funds. These funds have proven difficult to track and the amendments will ensure that the funds are being used for what they were intended.

The program, which the League has supported since early this year, will further the development of permanent supportive housing for persons who are in need of mental health services and are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of homelessness. The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will administer the program. It will provide \$2 billion from a revenue bond supported by Prop. 63 funds for a competitive program among counties to finance capital costs for permanent supportive housing. Of that amount, \$200 million will be allocated among all counties of the state based on the number of homeless in the county and minimum funding levels needed for a permanent supportive housing development.

The remaining \$1.8 billion will be awarded as deferred payment loans to counties, as the sole or joint applicant, for projects that integrate the homeless population with the general public. The county must agree to provide mental health supportive services and referrals to other services for a period of at least 20 years. The county must also have a developed county plan to combat homelessness. For counties with more than 5 percent of the state's homeless population, HCD may establish an alternative process for allocating funds that allows the county to directly administer the loan funds.

The No Place Like Home Program Advisory Committee will be established to assist and advise HCD on the implementation and review of the program. One member of the 14 member committee will be an administrative officer of a city, to be appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown. In addition to advising HCD on the implementation of the program, making recommendations on program guidelines, and reviewing progress in distributing the money, the advisory committee will provide advice and guidance more broadly on statewide homelessness issues.

The new transparency and accountability requirements included in the most recent version of the legislation include:

- Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to revise county annual revenue and expenditure reporting requirements, in consultation with county representatives, to ensure timely, accurate, and consistent data;
- Requires counties to certify the accuracy of the data they submit to DHCS;
- Permits DHCS to withhold funds from counties that fail to comply with reporting requirements;
- Requires DHCS to regularly conduct county program reviews (as related to the requirements of the existing performance contracts) and to post on its website findings from these reviews and county plans of corrections when deficiencies are identified;
- Requires DHCS to post and summarize county performance outcomes; and
- Requires that at least one appointee to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission have a background in auditing.

Governor Signs Main Budget Package but More Work Yet to be Done

Also on Monday, Governor Brown signed the main budget bill and trailer bills sent to him on June 15 and June 16. In a departure from the norm, the Governor did not line item veto any appropriations. However, work on the budget is not complete.

There remains to be discussion regarding other trailer bills and budget items. There may be some additional votes this week on trailer bills, including on the No Place Like Home program and a short term fix to the California Beverage Container recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Bottle Bill). However, negotiations on other items, including the Governor's By Right budget proposal, are likely to extend into August.

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This briefing is intended to help city officials focus in our effort to protect local authority and voice their support and opposition on key bills. Staff will provide a summary of key legislation including Gov. Jerry Brown's "By Right" proposal, revenue and taxation, housing, stormwater and solid waste, marijuana regulation implementation, and mandated employee orientation bills.

The webinar is free for League members and Partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, July 5 at 5 p.m.

Register online at www.cacities.org/events. Typically the League allows just one connection per city, but due to the capacity, the League will allow two connections per city to provide easier access for our members.

The log-in information will be sent by end of business on Wednesday, July 6.

For questions about how to register for the webinar, please contact [Megan Dunn](#). For all other questions, please contact [Meg Desmond](#).

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This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of issued \$327,590,000 in tax-exempt bonds for John Muir Health in Walnut Creek.

About John Muir Health

John Muir Health, a nonprofit organization, includes two of the largest medical centers in Contra Costa County: John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek, a 554-licensed bed medical center that serves as Contra Costa County's only designated trauma center; and John Muir Medical Center, Concord, a 245-licensed bed medical center in Concord. Together, they are recognized as pre-eminent centers for neurosciences, orthopedics, cancer care, cardiovascular care and high-risk obstetrics. John Muir Health also offers complete inpatient and outpatient behavioral health programs and services at its Behavioral Health Center, a fully accredited, 73-bed psychiatric hospital located in Concord. Other areas of specialty include general surgery, robotic surgery, weight-loss surgery, rehabilitation and critical care. In addition, John Muir Health provides a number of primary care and outpatient services throughout the community and urgent care centers in Brentwood, Concord, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Walnut Creek.

CSCDA partnered with Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and Wells Fargo Securities to underwrite the \$231,825,000 in Series 2016A bonds. The Series 2016A bonds were issued to refinance CSCDA's existing Series 2006A bonds and to finance certain improvements to John Muir's Walnut Creek and Concord campuses. In addition, \$95,765,000 of Series 2016B and 2016C bonds were issued to refinance CSCDA's existing Series 2008A and 2008C bonds. The refinancing of prior bonds resulted in a significantly reduced interest cost and more attractive terms for John Muir Health.

Background

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