

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 8, 2018

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. PERS PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN & MISCELLANEOUS PLAN**
Kingsley Okereke shares information regarding the PERS Public Safety Plan and the Miscellaneous Plan.
- B. REVIEW OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND RESERVES**
A copy of the Revenue Cost Specialists report, Review of the City of Garden Grove Internal Service Fund Reserves, is included for your information.
- C. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG**
A copy of the Public Records requests for the month of February 2018 is provided by the City Clerk for your information.
- D. CITIWORKS MARCH-APRIL 2018**
The March-April 2018 publication of CitiWorks includes information on current and upcoming events for the residents of Garden Grove.

• OTHER ITEMS

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



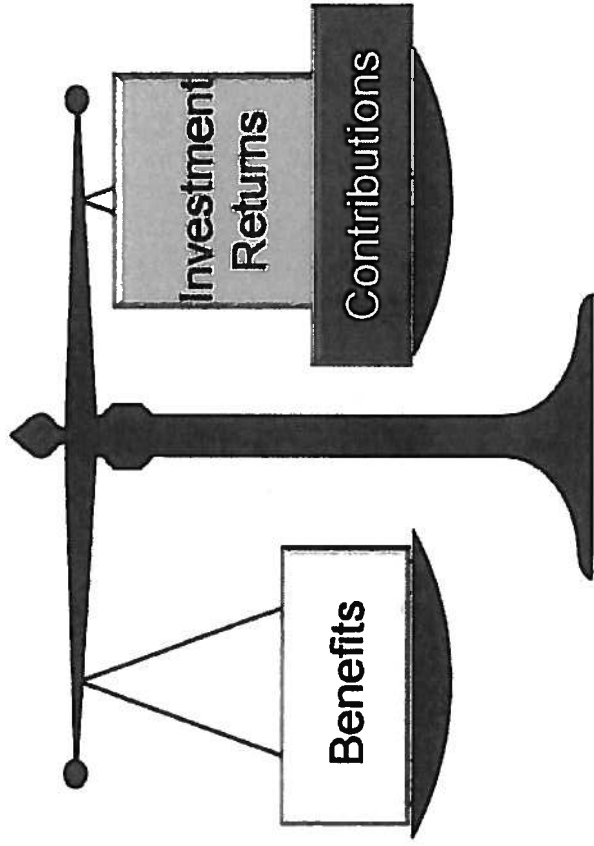
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City Manager



PERS

Public Safety Plan & Miscellaneous Plan

Balancing the Fund



Plan's Funded Status
As of June 30, 2016

	Safety	Miscellaneous	Total
1. Present Value of Projected Benefits	\$ 553,445,460	\$ 325,145,491	\$ 878,590,951
2. Entry Age Normal Accrued Liability	483,808,087	289,094,200	772,902,287
3. Market Value of Assets (MVA)	\$ 305,435,570	\$ 193,871,033	499,306,603
4. Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL)[(2)-(3)]	\$ <u>178,372,517</u>	\$ <u>95,223,167</u>	\$ <u>273,595,684</u>
5. Funded Ratio [(3)/(2)]	63.1%	67.1%	64.6%



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To: All Public Agency Employees

Subject: Discount Rate Change

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform you of recent changes to the CalPERS discount rate. The discount rate is the rate used to calculate the present value of future pension benefits. The discount rate will be reduced from 7.20 percent to 6.75 percent effective January 1, 2015. Annual valuations will provide updated projections of expected future year pension contributions. These reports will be available this summer.

At the December 21, 2014 meeting, the CalPERS Board of Administration approved lowering the CalPERS discount rate assumption, the long term rate of return, from 7.20 percent to 6.75 percent over the next three years. This will increase public agency employer contribution rates beginning in fiscal year 2015-16.

The plan-40 of the discount rate change approved by the Board for the next three fiscal years is as follows:

Valuation Date	Plan Year	Discount Rate
June 30, 2015	2015-16	7.25%
June 30, 2016	2016-17	7.25%
June 30, 2018	2018-19	7.00%

Lowering the discount rate means plans will see increases in both the normal costs (the cost of pension benefits according to one year of active experience) and the normal liabilities. These increases will result in higher required employer pension rates.

In addition, when members begin after January 1, 2015, under the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) one side net fiscal contribution rates will

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- The benefits of reducing the discount rate include:
- Reducing the long-term probability of financial risks falling below minimum stable levels
 - Reducing the likelihood of CalPERS investments requiring our members' rates of return
 - Reducing the risk of contribution increases to the future from outside investment markets

Employer contribution increases as a result of the discount rate changes are calculated based on Normal Cost and required Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) payments. The Total Employer Contribution is the sum of the Normal Cost Rate applied to reported payroll plus the Unfunded Actuarial Liability payment. The Normal Cost portion of the Employer Contribution is expected to increase by the fiscal percentages of payroll. Increases in the UAL payments are expected to be applied to the projected UAL payments in the June 30, 2015, valuation report.

Valuation Date	Fiscal Year Impact	Normal Cost		Safety Plans		UAL Payments	
		Rate	Plan	Rate	Plan	Rate	Plan
6/30/2015	2015-16	0.25%	0.77%	0.5%	1.25%	2%	3%
6/30/2016	2016-17	0.25%	1.5%	1.0%	2.5%	4%	6%
6/30/2018	2018-19	1.0%	3.0%	2.0%	5.0%	10%	15%
6/30/2019	2019-20	1.0%	3.0%	2.0%	5.0%	10%	15%
6/30/2020	2020-21	1.0%	3.0%	2.0%	5.0%	10%	15%
6/30/2021	2021-22	1.0%	3.0%	2.0%	5.0%	10%	15%
6/30/2022	2022-23	1.0%	3.0%	2.0%	5.0%	10%	15%
6/30/2023	2023-24	1.0%	3.0%	2.0%	5.0%	10%	15%
6/30/2024	2024-25	1.0%	3.0%	2.0%	5.0%	10%	15%

The changes to the Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) due to changes of actuarial assumptions are amortized over a fixed 20-year period with a 5-year ramp up at the beginning and a 5-year ramp down at the end of the amortization period. The 5-year ramp up means that the UAL payments will increase over the first 5 years of the amortization period. The 5-year ramp down means that the UAL payments will decrease over the last 5 years of the amortization period. The 10-year period in between means that the UAL payments will remain constant for 10 years. The 5-year ramp down means that the UAL payments will decrease over the last 5 years of the amortization period. A new ramp is established with each change to the discount rate. There will be lower ramps established in the first 5 years of the 20-year period. As a result of the discount rate and effective date of the increase, it will be seven years until the full impact of the discount rate change is completely realized. The attached table shows the expected increases beyond the five-year projection period in year June 30, 2015, valuation report.

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To illustrate how the UAL can be used to fund the changes in the discount rate in the calculation of pension contributions, a hypothetical plan with a current normal cost of 15 percent of payroll is expected to increase to 17.25 percent by 2017, 19.5 percent by 2019, and 22.5 percent by 2021. For the UAL payments, a plan with a current UAL of \$50,000 is expected to increase to \$55,000 by 2015, \$60,000 by 2016, \$65,000 by 2017, \$70,000 by 2018, \$75,000 by 2019, \$80,000 by 2020, and \$85,000 by 2021. These additional amounts incorporated into the report of the discount rate change and the ramp-up.

Presenting the above table is used as an example based on assumptions and should not be used as a general guide. The annual valuations report will be used to determine the actual UAL payments for each specific plan.

If you have any questions about the information provided in this report, please contact your CalPERS District Contact Center at 800-CALPERS (367-7272) or call us at 916-441-2222.

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Send: UAL Payments

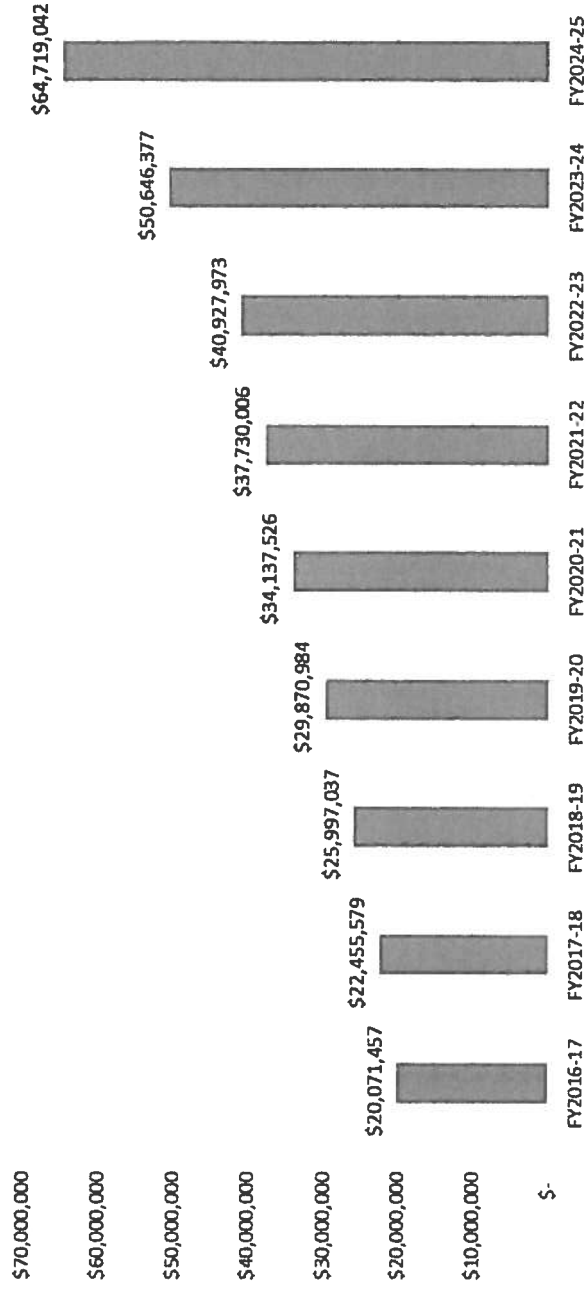
How To Determine your Revised Contributions?

- Circular Letter 200-004-17 dated January 19, 2017

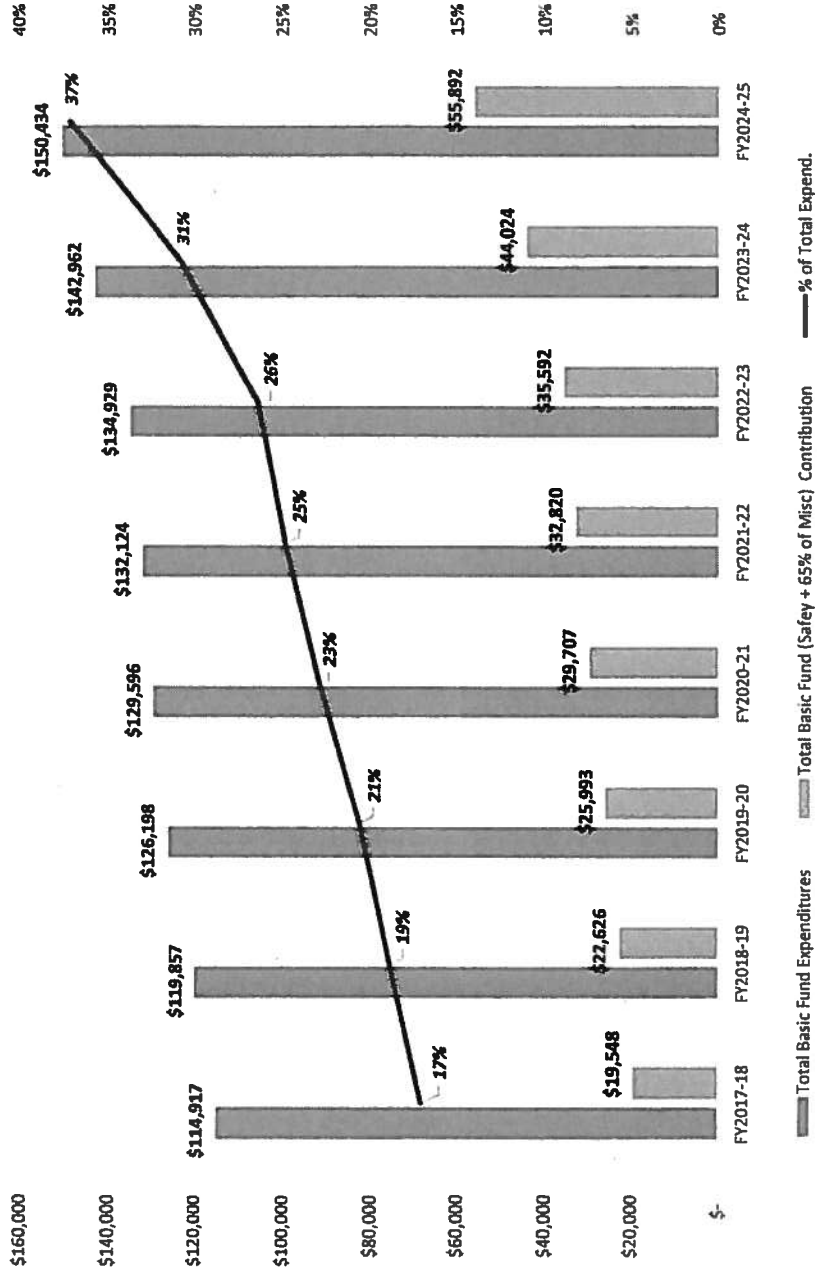
Valuation Date	Fiscal Year Impact	Normal Cost		UAL Payments	
		Misc. Plans	Safety Plans	Misc. Plans	Safety Plans
6/30/2016	2018-19	0.25% - 0.75%	0.5% - 1.25%	2% - 3%	2% - 3%
6/30/2017	2019-20	0.5% - 1.5%	1.0% - 2.5%	4% - 6%	4% - 6%
6/30/2018	2020-21	1.0% - 3.0%	2.0% - 5.0%	10% - 15%	10% - 15%
6/30/2019	2021-22	1.0% - 3.0%	2.0% - 5.0%	15% - 20%	15% - 20%
6/30/2020	2022-23	1.0% - 3.0%	2.0% - 5.0%	20% - 25%	20% - 25%
6/30/2021	2023-24	1.0% - 3.0%	2.0% - 5.0%	25% - 30%	25% - 30%
6/30/2022	2024-25	1.0% - 3.0%	2.0% - 5.0%	30% - 40%	30% - 40%

Employer Contribution	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21	FY2021-22	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2024-25
Safety Plan								
Normal Cost (Disc. Adjustment)	5,454,682	5,688,551	5,931,544	6,258,502	6,446,257	6,639,645	6,971,627	7,320,209
UAL (Disc. Adjustment)	8,692,112	10,676,733	12,859,924	15,219,537	17,254,998	19,041,335	24,753,736	32,179,856
Annual Contribution (With Disc. Adjustment)	\$14,146,794	\$16,365,284	\$18,791,468	\$21,478,039	\$23,701,255	\$25,680,980	\$31,725,363	\$39,500,065
Misc. Plan								
Normal Cost (Disc. Adjustment)	2,791,854	2,897,177	3,006,306	3,142,256	3,236,524	3,333,620	3,433,628	3,536,637
UAL (Disc. Adjustment)	5,516,931	6,734,576	8,073,210	9,517,231	10,792,226	11,913,374	15,487,386	21,682,340
Annual Contribution (With Disc. Adjustment)	\$ 8,308,785	\$ 9,631,752	\$11,079,516	\$12,659,487	\$14,028,750	\$15,246,993	\$18,921,014	\$25,218,977
Total City Annual Contribution	\$22,455,579	\$25,997,037	\$29,870,984	\$34,137,526	\$37,730,006	\$40,927,973	\$50,646,377	\$64,719,042
Basic/General Fund Share	\$19,547,504	\$22,625,923	\$25,993,154	\$29,706,706	\$32,819,943	\$35,591,526	\$44,024,022	\$55,892,400
Total Projected Annual Increase	\$ 2,384,122	\$ 3,541,458	\$ 3,873,948	\$ 4,266,542	\$ 3,592,479	\$ 3,197,968	\$ 9,718,403	\$ 14,072,665
Basic/General Fund Share	\$ 2,076,318	\$ 3,078,419	\$ 3,889,950	\$ 4,912,056	\$ 6,262,803	\$ 7,184,812	\$ 8,432,496	\$ 11,868,378

Total City PERS Annual Contribution



PERS Contribution as a % of Total Basic Fund Budget



CALPERS ACTUARIAL VALUATION - June 30, 2016 SAFETY PLAN OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19
Normal Cost Contribution as a Percentage of Payroll		
Total Normal Cost	27.845%	28.576%
Employee Contribution ¹	9.136%	9.199%
Employer Normal Cost	18.709%	19.377%
 Projected Annual Payroll for Contribution Year	 \$ 29,155,389	 \$ 30,380,216

Estimated Employer Contributions Based On Projected Payroll		
Total Normal Cost	\$ 8,118,318	\$ 8,681,451
Employee Contribution ¹	2,663,636	2,794,676
Employer Normal Cost	<u>5,454,682</u>	<u>5,886,775</u>
Unfunded Liability Contribution	8,692,112	10,332,200
% of Projected Payroll (illustrative only)	29.813%	34.010%
Estimated Total Employer Contribution	\$ 14,146,794	\$ 16,218,975
% of Projected Payroll (illustrative only)	48.522%	53.387%

**CALPERS ACTUARIAL VALUATION - June 30, 2016
SAFETY PLAN OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE**

Plan's Funded Status

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016
1. Present Value of Projected Benefits	\$ 524,553,384	\$ 553,445,460
2. Entry Age Normal Accrued Liability	459,725,345	483,808,087
3. Market Value of Assets (MVA)	\$ 312,659,142	\$ 305,435,570
4. Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) [(2) - (3)]	\$ 147,066,203	\$ 178,372,517
5. Funded Ratio [(3) / (2)]	68.0%	63.1%

This measure of funded status is an assessment of the need for future employer contributions based on the selected actuarial cost method used to fund the plan. The UAL is the present value of future employer contributions for service that has already been earned and is in addition to future normal cost contributions for active members. For a measure of funded status that is appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover estimated termination liabilities, please see "Hypothetical Termination Liability" in the "Risk Analysis" section.

Projected Employer Contributions

The table below shows the required and projected employer contributions (before cost sharing) for the next six fiscal years. Projected results reflect the adopted changes to the discount rate described in Appendix A, "Actuarial Methods and Assumptions." The projections also assume that all actuarial assumptions will be realized and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur during the projection period. The projected normal cost percentages in the projections below do not reflect that the normal cost will decline over time as new employees are hired into PEPA or other lower cost benefit tiers.

Fiscal Year	Required Contribution	Projected Future Employer Contributions (Assumes 7.375% Return for Fiscal Year 2016-17)							
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
Normal Cost %	19.377%	20.3%	22.1%	22.1%	22.1%	22.1%	22.1%	22.1%	
UAL Payment	10,332,200	12,209,000	13,616,000	15,400,000	16,951,000	18,055,000	19,004,000		
Total as a % of Payroll*	53.4%	59.3%	64.4%	68.5%	71.7%	73.4%	74.5%		
Projected Payroll	30,380,216	31,291,622	32,230,371	33,197,282	34,193,200	35,218,997	36,275,566		

CALPERS ACTUARIAL VALUATION - June 30, 2016 MISCELLANEOUS PLAN OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19
Normal Cost Contribution as a Percentage of Payroll		
Total Normal Cost	17.087%	17.302%
Employee Contribution ¹	7.877%	7.774%
Employer Normal Cost	9.210%	9.528%
 Projected Annual Payroll for Contribution Year	 \$ 30,313,283	 \$ 30,806,323

Estimated Employer Contributions Based On Projected Payroll

Total Normal Cost	\$ 5,179,631	\$ 5,330,111
Employee Contribution ¹	2,387,777	2,394,884
Employer Normal Cost	<u>2,791,854</u>	<u>2,935,227</u>
Unfunded Liability Contribution	5,516,931	6,474,586
% of Projected Payroll (illustrative only)	18.200%	21.017%
 Estimated Total Employer Contribution	 \$ 8,308,785	 \$ 9,409,813
% of Projected Payroll (illustrative only)	27.410%	30.545%

CALPERS ACTUARIAL VALUATION - June 30, 2016
 MISCELLANEOUS PLAN OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Plan's Funded Status

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016
1. Present Value of Projected Benefits	\$ 312,319,843	\$ 325,145,491
2. Entry Age Normal Accrued Liability	277,184,137	289,094,200
3. Market Value of Assets (MVA)	\$ 196,886,250	\$ 193,871,033
4. Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) [(2) - (3)]	\$ 80,297,887	\$ 95,223,167
5. Funded Ratio [(3) / (2)]	71.0%	67.1%

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		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Normal Cost %	9.528%	10.1%	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%
UAL Payment	6,474,586	7,574,000	8,384,000	9,426,000	10,319,000	10,987,000	11,562,000	
Total as a % of Payroll*	30.5%	33.9%	36.8%	39.1%	40.9%	41.9%	42.5%	
Projected Payroll	30,806,323	31,730,514	32,682,429	33,662,902	34,672,789	35,712,973	36,784,362	



END

QUESTIONS



Review of the City of Garden Grove Internal Service Fund Reserves



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Review of the City's Internal Service Fund (ISF) Reserves

Internal Service Funds account for goods and services provided by a centralized city department/service to other city departments/funds. The City of Garden Grove established eight internal service funds and Revenue & Cost Specialists (RCS) was retained to evaluate the proper reserve level for each fund.

The three primary purposes of a reserve are (1) to provide a contingency reserve, (2) act as a stabilization reserve, and (3) set-aside reserves for future expenses. Revenue and Cost Specialists recommend establishing reserve levels for each of the funds:

Internal Service Fund	Recommended Reserve
Worker's Compensation Fund	90% Confidence level of Actuarial Study
Fleet Management Fund	50% of current replacement cost
Employee Benefits Fund	100% of accrued compensated absences
Information Systems Fund	50% of current replacement cost
Warehouse Operations Fund	50% of total operating expenses
Telephone System Fund	100% of replacement cost at expected end of life
Risk Management Fund	90% Confidence level of Actuarial Study plus \$12 Million Catastrophic Loss Contingency
Communication Replacement Fund	100% of replacement cost at expected end of life

RCS recommends that the City Council adopt, by Resolution, reserve policies for the General Fund and all Internal Service Funds. The reserve policies should account for the reserve levels, purpose, authorization, and procedures for use. These reserves should be committed for specific purposes and may only be used with Council approval. Changes to reserve levels may only occur by Council action. There should be no intent to utilize internal service fund reserves for operating expenses.

RCS recommends establishing policy to buy down the pension liability. The City's CAFR ending June 30, 2016, Note 10 (pages 65-73), identifies Garden Grove's net pension liability as \$73.4 million for Miscellaneous employees and \$136.1 million for Safety employees. The combined \$209.4 million is a significant burden for the City, which must be addressed in addition to increasing CalPERS payments and labor costs. Garden Grove may consider creating a Pension & OPEB Liability internal service fund to help pay down the obligation.

Sincerely,



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Vice-President

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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

Revenue and Cost Specialists was established in 1980, specializing in revenue analysis and cost studies. The company was started by two former City Managers and a Finance Director, and the current four principles of the company have assisted over 220 California agencies with various studies.

Like most California cities, Garden Grove is facing the fiscal crisis of rising pension costs, aging infrastructure, and few suitable revenue options. There is an ongoing movement to improve fiscal transparency and professionalism of the municipal finance functions.

The City of Garden Grove currently does not have a reserve policy for the internal service funds, which have a combined net asset of \$70.3 million. The money may be completely depleted due to the lack of policy.

In accordance with the scope of work below, this report provides the City Council, City management, and the general public with independent and objective information regarding the financial condition and recommendations for City internal service fund reserves.

SCOPE OF WORK

In recommending the appropriate reserve levels, Revenue and Cost Specialists agreed to perform the following:

- Review City documents, including Budgets, Annual Financial Reports, and other relevant reports, to determine the current financial information for each Internal Service Fund.
- Interview City staff where needed to answer questions.
- Prepare a Report with a recommended reserve level for each Internal Service Fund with supporting text and documentation
- Present the Final Report and recommendations to the City Council.

This report focuses on the review and recommendation of ISF reserve levels. RCS did not evaluate the City's general fund reserve, or the efficiencies and effectiveness of the internal service fund operations.

METHODOLOGY

TERMINOLOGY – INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

The City of Garden Grove maintains eight Internal Service Funds (ISF) to account for goods and services provided by a centralized service to other city departments/funds. ISF are established to avoid duplication of effort and save on costs for the City. Garden Grove's Internal Service Funds are listed below.

Workers' Compensation Fund

The City's self-funded workers' compensation program, which is accounted for in this fund, is financed by charges to all City departments based on the number and classification of employees. Expenses include operating costs and all payments relating to injured employees.

Fleet Management Fund

The costs of operating and maintaining City owned vehicles and other gasoline-powered equipment are accounted for in this fund. The fund is financed by charges to the various City departments for actual cost plus a contributory sum for vehicles/equipment replacement. Actual costs include depreciation, maintenance and other factors necessary for the provision of the service.

Employee Benefits Fund

This fund encompasses all other employee benefits such as retirement contributions, health, dental, disability, life insurance, and sick leave, vacation, and other paid leaves. Revenues for this fund are derived from periodic charges to all departments based on the number of employees, length of service and insurance coverage. Funds are used to pay actual expenses and to accrue existing liabilities.

Information Systems Fund

This fund encompasses the cost of operating and maintaining the City's computer system. The fund is financed by charges to the various City departments based on computer usage.

Warehouse Operations Fund

This fund is used to account for the provision of materials and supplies to the various City departments. Financing is provided by the user departments through payment of costs of material and supplies plus an overhead charge.

Telephone System Fund

This fund accounts for the operation of the City's telephone system. The financing comes from charges to the various City departments based on actual toll charges and the lease cost prorated on the number of instruments.

Risk Management Fund

This fund is used to account for the City's self-insured liability program and for the purchase of various types of property and casualty insurance protection as required by the City. The funds are used to pay any liability losses, program operating costs, insurance premiums and insurance deductibles. Revenues for this fund are generated from assessments made to all City departments for their pro-rata share of the total costs of the insurance administration program.

Communication Replacement Fund

This fund is used to account for both the operating and capital costs of the City's communication system in relation to the county-wide 800MHZ backbone project. Funds are used to pay for the City's backbone costs and the capital costs incurred to upgrade its communications equipment to integrate with the county-wide communications system. The financing comes from charges to the various City departments based on an allocation of actual costs. Actual costs include depreciation and maintenance.

TERMINOLOGY – RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Reserve and fund balance are terms commonly used synonymously, yet often misunderstood and causing confusion among individuals. In discussing reserves, the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) states:

It is common practice for governments to put aside resources to be used in a financial emergency. By turns called rainy-day funds, stabilization funds, emergency funds, contingency funds, and so on, these funds all are intended to provide needed monies should a government find itself facing unexpected financial problems.

Net position or cash and equivalents, as presented in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, may cause confusion for readers because these numbers are different than the actual or projected fund balances stated within the budget document.

To reduce the amount of confusion, GASB issued Statement 54, defining fund balance as a hierarchy of five classifications. These five classifications are based on the extent to which the agency is bound to honor constraints imposed upon the use of the resources. The first two classifications of Non-Spendable and Restricted categories are more restrictive, while the remaining three classifications of Committed, Assigned and Unassigned are self-imposed restrictions that the governing board may change.

Implementation of GASB Statement 54 improved financial reporting by reducing confusion among the variations of fund balance and enhancing consistency of financial reporting among agencies.

GASB Statement 54

Fund Balance Classifications for General Fund	Net Assets Classifications for ISF
Non-spendable – Amounts that cannot be spent due to their form, or legally must be maintained intact, e.g. inventories	Restricted Net Assets
Restricted – Amounts subject to externally enforceable legal restrictions, e.g. State & Federal	
Committed – Amounts set aside for a specific purpose by the agency’s governing board	Unrestricted Net Assets
Assigned – Amounts set aside with the intent to be used for a specific purpose by an official designated by the agency’s governing board	
Unassigned – Excess funds that have not been classified in the previous four categories	

For reference, the Garden Grove Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) ending June 30, 2016 reports the General Fund unassigned fund balance at \$18,330,551, representing 18% of the fund's operating revenues (Appendix A).

Whereas GASB Statement 54 requires the General Fund to designate fund balances within the five classifications on the left side of the table above, it requires enterprise funds and internal service funds to report net assets as restricted and unrestricted as shown on the right side of the table.

BEST PRACTICE – ESTABLISHING RESERVE GUIDELINES

GFOA provides fund balance guidelines only for the General Fund (Appendix B), but none for internal service funds. For the General Fund, GFOA recommends a reserve with a minimum fund balance of 17% (two months of regular operating revenues or expenditures) for the majority of funds.

Based on RCS' prior work experience with California cities, a 17% General Fund unassigned fund balance is marginally adequate, not preparing the City for major financial impact such as the dissolution of redevelopment agencies and the dramatic increase in employee costs. Another global financial crisis can make a two-month reserve disappear quickly. Cities who can maintain a General Fund assigned and unassigned balance of 50% or greater are better off financially. In determining the appropriate reserve level, an agency should consider a variety of factors, including:

- The predictability of its revenues and the volatility of its expenditures;
- Its perceived exposure to significant one-time outlays;
- The potential drain upon resources from other funds, as well as, the availability of resources in other funds;
- The potential impact on the entity’s bond ratings and the corresponding increased cost of borrowed funds; and
- Commitments and assignments

Garden Grove can should consider these factors in developing its ISF reserve policies. In addition, a proper reserve for ISF provides three purposes.

1. Contingency – The money is not anticipated to be drawn against unless for emergency. Cities sometimes refer to this as the rainy-day fund or emergency fund.
2. Stabilization – Committed or assigned monies are established to stabilize the annual budget when revenues fall short of projections or expenditures are higher than estimated. This purpose is useful in the annual operations where expenses for vehicle purchases, facility repairs and technology systems vary significantly from year to year.
3. Set-Aside – Money is incrementally set-aside, knowing that a major expense will occur in a future year. Cities can set aside money for construction of a facility, replace an aging multimillion dollar communications system, or pay for a street repair program. Cities may often refer to this as designation or earmarks.

BEST PRACTICE – DEVELOPING COMPREHENSIVE POLICY

In addition to establishing the proper reserve level, GFOA provides guidance in developing policies that define acceptable use and management. More comprehensive policies provide clearer guidance on the use and management of the reserves.

Policy Element	Definition	Essential	Important	Discretionary
Reserve target levels	State reserve targets or target ranges	X		
Conditions for use of these reserves	Define the conditions under which a reserve can be used	X		
Authority over reserves	Specify who has authority to use reserves	X		
Definition and purpose of reserves	Define reserves and present reason for maintaining them		X	
Funding the target amount	Establish plan for funding the reserve if it is below the target		X	

Replenishment of reserves	Provide guidance on how reserves will be replenished once used		X	
Excess reserves	Provide guidance on how reserves in excess of their targets can be used			X
Periodic review of targets	Direct staff to review the reserve target levels			X

REVIEW OF CITY DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS

RCS reviewed the following Garden Grove documents either available online or provided by City staff. The focus was to look for existing reserve policies and review current funding levels. RCS could not find any existing reserve policy for the City.

- City of Garden Grove Budget 2016-2017
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015
- 2015 Bickmore Actuarial Review of the Self-Insured Liability Program
- 2015 Bickmore Actuarial Review of the Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program
- Garden Grove Municipal Code - Chapter 2.20 Fiscal Administration
- Garden Grove IT Asset List
- Garden Grove Fleet Asset List
- Financial System Trial Balance for Past 3 Years

INTERVIEW OF KEY GARDEN GROVE STAFF

RCS scheduled meetings with various City staff and elected officials. These include:

- Service Recipients – Police, Fire and Community Development departments, who are major ISF service recipients of vehicle and workers compensation services.
- Service Provider - Public Works and Information Technology, who provide centralized services such as fleet management and computer system replacement.
- ISF Financial Administrator - Finance, which is responsible for the appropriation, administration and financial reporting for these funds.
- Policy Maker – City Manager, City Attorney and City Council members, who are ultimately responsible for the City's financial condition.

PEER SURVEY

Through phone conversations, email correspondences and web searches, RCS reviewed and evaluated reserve polices from other cities. Overall, there is no consistency in the types of

internal service funds among agencies, the reserve levels for such funds, and/or even the adoption of any policy. Since the ISF reserve policy is not a statutory requirement, municipal agencies all treat the issue differently.

Members of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officer Association (CSMFO) often conduct surveys among its 2,000 members, representing over 300 agencies, on all municipal fiscal matters. A recent survey by the City of Orange summarized 17 agencies' reserve policies (Appendix H) for the General Fund and Internal Service Funds. For the General Fund, the various agencies have a reserve range of 5% minimum to 60% maximum, with 20% being the most common level. Some agencies define reserves as economic uncertainties, emergency/disaster, catastrophic or contingency. Only eight of the responding 17 agencies have ISF reserve policies, however the reserve levels vary significantly among the agencies. The City of Pittsburg, California established within their municipal code ISF reserves equal to 30% of all respective operating budget expenses. The City of Newport Beach approved by City Council resolution a compensated absence reserve policy equal to 50% of its long-term liability. The City of Mission Viejo has reserve policy for its computer, equipment and vehicle internal service funds, however those reserves are kept within the General Fund.

La Palma's previous Finance Director shared his working documents of their 2013 reserve policy update (Appendix I). Prior to updating its reserve policy, La Palma had a 100% General Fund reserve, but after the loss of a major revenue source the La Palma City Council and management updated the reserve policy. With the General Fund, La Habra established a 60% Economic Uncertainties Reserve and 40% Capital Projects Reserve. Internal Service Fund reserves were adopted as follow:

- Employee Benefits ISF – 100% of compensated absences balance
- Insurance ISF – 3x annual insurance expense
- Vehicle Replacement ISF – 33% of replacement value
- Facilities Maintenance/Replacement ISF – 50% of rolling 6-year average of expenses
- IT Maintenance/Replacement ISF – 100% of replacement value of IT network

La Palma's updated reserve policy also included language to replenish reserves within 1-3 years when it falls below policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations presented in this report are specific to the City of Garden Grove. Each city operates differently and has its unique fund structure, financial policies and expectations. Applying these recommendations to a cash poor city is not feasible, however, Garden Grove is fortunate to have healthy ISF reserves.

RCS is recommending optimal target reserve levels, rather than a minimum or maximum. For some cities, a reserve policy functions as a target for the city to achieve and maintain. Once the reserve level is met, the city may continue to go beyond the target levels. For Garden Grove, the recommended reserve levels have already been surpassed, so the City must decide what to do with excess funds.

RCS' recommendations are a balance between operational efficiency, maintaining Garden Grove's healthy reserve levels and developing a successful process to simplify the calculation and maintenance of the reserves.

Establishing reserve levels obligates the City to properly charge departments for its internal service fund operations. In other words, if the City does not charge departments enough for telephone system maintenance and replacement, soon the telephone ISF fund will not have enough fund balance and fall below the reserve level. This will compel the City to increase the amounts charged to departments.

It is important to note that, during an emergency, operational efficiency and cost savings is not the main priority of any organization. After a natural disaster, the focus of the city is to protect the lives of its residents and restore necessary infrastructure as soon as possible. Emergency purchasing decisions will be made, and necessary goods may cost more than usual. Restoring the local economy after a natural disaster is also a challenge. If businesses do not have the financial resources to rebuild, or decide to move to another city, then the City's tax base will see a decline. RCS's recommendations take into consideration the fiscal impact of a natural disaster or fiscal emergency.

Workers' Compensation ISF

RCS recommends conservatively setting the Workers' Compensation Fund reserve equal to the 90% Confidence level, as presented in the 2015 Bickmore Workers' Compensation report (Appendix C, Page 4). That amount was \$34,755,000 at time of report publishing. The primary purpose of the Worker's Compensation ISF reserve is to set-aside funds for all current and future workers' compensation claims.

"[B]ickmore recommends the 75% to 85% confidence level range because the probabilities are reasonably high that resulting assets will be sufficient to meet claim liabilities, yet the required risk margins are not so large that they will cause most self-insured entities to experience undue financial hardship." Since the City has a healthy cash balance in the Workers' Compensation ISF, RCS recommends establishing the reserve at a more conservative 90%. A reserve any higher would put undue financial strain on the City. As

presented in the table below, the difference between the 90% and 95% confidence level is an additional \$3 million.

Bickmore Workers' Compensation Actuarial Analysis for June 30, 2017

Marginally Acceptable	70% CL	\$29,673,000
Recommended Range	75% CL	\$30,629,000
	80% CL	\$31,695,000
	85% CL	\$33,034,000
Conservative	90% CL	\$34,755,000
	95% CL	\$37,542,000
	96% CL	\$44,236,000
	97% CL	\$57,624,000

Garden Grove is a self-funded agency, and does not participate in a risk-sharing joint powers authority. This means the City is responsible for all aspects of its workers' compensation claims. The City is fortunate to have a high reserve, and with a 90% confidence level, there is not much volatility that will significantly affect the City's financial standing. Since the City employs over 850 employees, and any worker's comp claim will be paid over a number of years, no single new claim should destabilize the fund. Maintaining a conservative reserve level is desirable for Garden Grove's credit ratings, and provides financial stability in the area of workers' compensation.

In the City's CARF ending June 30, 2016 Combining Statement of Cash Flows for Internal Service Funds, the Workers' Compensation ISF reports Cash and cash equivalents, end of year at \$38,694,570. This ISF fund currently meets and exceeds the recommended reserve level by \$3,649,570.

Fleet Management ISF

RCS recommends setting the Fleet Management Fund reserve at 50% of current replacement cost for all fleet vehicle and equipment. The primary purpose of the Fleet Management ISF reserve is to pay for the replacement of existing vehicles as they reach the end of their useful life or for major repairs that extend the useful life of the vehicle. Having a 50% reserve in addition to the existing fleet is adequate to keep the City's vehicles rolling, even after a catastrophic emergency.

Monies are also used to stabilize budgeting expenses and annual ISF charges to departments. The City manages over 450 items of vehicle and equipment in the Fleet Management program. Based on staff projections, total replacement cost for all vehicles is \$31.1 million (Appendix E).

A city with zero financial capacity may choose to operate with no reserve, using a pay-as-you-go method, or leasing all of its fleet. A financially healthy city may choose to set aside a reserve equivalent to several years of purchases. For instance, the City of Garden Grove purchased \$4.2 million in capital outlay for the fiscal years 2013-14 through 2015-16.

Since Garden Grove is fortunate to have a healthy reserve, RCS recommends a reserve equal to 50%, of total replacement costs for all vehicles, or \$15.6 million. This provides assurance to all departments that their fleet are funded for replacement. The most conservative option is to establish the fleet ISF reserve policy at 100% of total replacement costs.

In the City's CARF ending June 30, 2016 Combining Statement of Cash Flows for Internal Service Funds, the Fleet Management ISF reports Cash and cash equivalents, end of year at \$24,050,963. This ISF fund currently meets and exceeds the recommended reserve level by \$8,300,963.

Employee Benefits ISF

RCS recommends setting the Employee Benefits Fund reserve at 100% of the accrued compensated absences. Employees have the option of receiving cash-out payments for some accumulated leave balances, and the Employee Benefits ISF reserve sets aside those funds for the employees. It is highly unlikely that the full amount would come due at once, however establishing the reserve at 100% gives employees a sense of certainty, that the funds are there when needed.

The reserves will also help stabilize budgeting expenses and annual ISF charges to departments. The City of Newport Beach has a compensated absence reserve equal to 50% of long-term liability, and this is acceptable, as cities will likely never have to pay for all its leave balances at one time.

In the City's CARF ending June 30, 2016 Combining Statement of Cash Flows for Internal Service Funds, the Employee Benefits ISF reports Cash and cash equivalents, end of year at \$13,566,050. The Combining Statement of Net Position reports current and noncurrent accrued compensated absence at \$10,027,245. This means the Employee Benefits fund currently meet and exceed the recommended reserve level by \$3,538,805.

Information Systems ISF

RCS recommends setting the Information Systems Fund reserve at 50% of current replacement cost for IT assets. The primary purpose of the Information System ISF reserve is to stabilize budgeting expenses and annual ISF charges to departments. Appendix F is a draft list of all City technology equipment, presenting a total replacement cost of \$8.8 million and an annualized replacement cost of \$1.1 million.

Annually, the City needs to collect from operating departments an average \$1.1 million for IT replacement plus approximately \$2.0 million for IT operations. The CAFR shows the Information Systems Fund collected \$2.2 million in FY 2015-16, therefore IT internal charges

to department should increase. RCS could not determine if there is additional IT equipment budgeted directly within each department.

Upgrading the Finance Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, estimated at \$4.0 million, would completely deplete most of the fund's reserve. With a 10-year life cycle, the City needs to set aside \$400,000 annually for the system. If the City was able to collect \$1.1 million per year for IT replacement, the remaining \$700,000 would be adequate funding to replace all the other IT equipment.

Alternative reserve levels could be three years of fund expenditures, or 100% of total replacement costs.

A 50% reserve level is equivalent to \$4,400,000. In the City's CARF ending June 30, 2016 Combining Statement of Cash Flows for Internal Service Funds, the Information Systems ISF reports Cash and cash equivalents, end of year at \$3,106,999. This ISF fund is \$1,293,001 short of meeting the reserve level.

Warehouse Operations ISF

RCS recommends setting the Warehouse Operations Fund reserve at 50% of its total operating expenses. The primary purpose of the Warehouse Operations ISF reserve is to stabilize budgeting expenses and annual ISF charges to departments. The warehouse operating expenses are only \$280,000 per year, so the City may consider eliminating this internal service function if there are not enough financial/operational efficiencies identified. Combining it with other Finance department functions, the City can still recover costs from other funds through proper overhead charges.

In the City's CARF ending June 30, 2016 Combining Statement of Cash Flows for Internal Service Funds, the Warehouse Operations ISF reports Cash and cash equivalents, end of year at \$644,575. This ISF fund currently meets and exceeds the recommended reserve level by \$505,445. Alternative reserve levels could be two months of operating expenses, or 100% of operating revenues.

Telephone System ISF

RCS recommends setting the Telephone System Fund reserve at 100% of the Citywide telephone system at the end of its life expectancy. The primary purpose of the Telephone System ISF reserve is to set-aside funds to replace the telephone system. Total replacement cost is estimated between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. This internal service fund/program accounts for maintenance and operations of the citywide phone system, telephone use charges, cellular equipment, cellular use charges and staffing to run this operation.

Alternative reserve levels could be three years of fund expenditures, or 100% of total replacement costs at all time.

In the City’s CARF ending June 30, 2016 Combining Statement of Cash Flows for Internal Service Funds, the Telephone System ISF reports Cash and cash equivalents, end of year at \$1,974,304. This is an adequate amount to replace the existing telephone system.

Risk Management ISF

RCS recommends setting the Risk Management Fund reserve equal to the 90% Confidence level for 2017 presented in the 2015 Bickmore General Liability report, equal to \$7,079,000, plus an additional \$12.0 million for economic uncertainties. The primary purpose of the Risk Management ISF reserve is to set-aside funds for current and future liability claims as well as any catastrophic event which may occur in the City.

Bickmore recommends setting aside assets to the 75% to 85% confidence level, further stating that funding to the 70% confidence level is marginally acceptable and 90% or greater is conservative. The City maintains a self-insured retention level of \$2,000,000, and purchases excess insurance for claims above \$2 million. Between 1994 and 2015, Garden Grove averaged 125 claims per year and \$902,000 in annual payments for claims (Appendix D, pages 87 & 89).

Bickmore General Liability Actuarial Analysis for June 30, 2017

Marginally Acceptable	70% CL	\$5,173,000
Recommended Range	75% CL	\$5,508,000
	80% CL	\$5,906,000
	85% CL	\$6,409,000
Conservative	90% CL	\$7,079,000
	95% CL	\$8,210,000
	96% CL	\$10,804,000
	97% CL	\$15,986,000

In the City’s CARF ending June 30, 2016 Combining Statement of Cash Flows for Internal Service Funds, the Risk Management ISF reports Cash and cash equivalents, end of year at \$22,836,927. This ISF fund currently meets and exceeds the recommended reserve level by \$3,757,927.

Communication Replacement ISF

RCS recommends setting the Communication Replacement Fund reserve at 100% of the Citywide communication system at the end of its life expectancy. The primary purpose of the Communication Replacement ISF reserve is to set-aside funds to replace the communication system when needed. The cost of the recently purchased 800MHz radio system is approximately \$4.0 million. If the life expectancy for this new system is 10 years, the City should set-aside \$400,000 each year until 100% of replacement cost is reached.

Through a \$4.0 million loan from the Fleet Management fund, there are funds available to purchase and install the new 800MHz communication system. The City must address how to pay back the loan and set aside enough funds for the next system replacement.

Alternative reserve levels could be three years of fund expenditures, or 100% of total replacement costs.

Adopt Reserve Policy

RCS recommends that the City Council adopt, by Resolution, a reserve policy for the General Fund and all Internal Service Funds. These reserves should be committed for specific purposes and may only be used with Council approval. Changes to reserve levels may only occur by Council action.

Each Internal Service Fund reserve should remain within 5% of the recommended target. The City should seek to return to the recommended reserve levels within 1 to 3 years. Through the budget process and Council action, staff can adjust the annual ISF allocation charges to departments, or transfer funds to/from another fund.

The adopted budget should include pertinent information about internal service fund revenue sources, expenditure details, fund balance, staffing, special projects, multi-year expenditure projections for capital items, reserve levels and reserve policies. Attachments to this report includes examples of ISF allocation schedule and policies.

There should be no intent to utilize internal service fund reserves for operating expenses. The use of current internal service funds for any purpose described is subject to prior financial analysis and legal review.

RCS recommends establishing policy to buy down the pension liability. The City's CAFR ending June 30, 2016, Note 10 (pages 65-73), identifies Garden Grove's net pension liability as \$73.4 million for Miscellaneous employees and \$136.1 million for Safety employees. The combined \$209.4 million is a significant burden for the City, which must be addressed in addition to increasing CalPERS payments and labor costs. Garden Grove may consider creating a Pension & OPEB Liability internal service fund to help pay down the obligation.

RCS suggests an initial deposit to a facilities replacement internal service fund to deal with the city's aging structures. Having a centralized accounting of all the city's buildings, furniture, fixtures and equipment would help identify the true cost to maintain, repair, and replace the facilities. They are an essential part of city operations, and funds should be set aside annually to maintain them.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST – FEBRUARY 2018

#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
3406	02/27/18	Jackie Castillo Walter R. Zech, Inc.	Would like to know when the four-way stop sign was installed at Orangewood Avenue and Monarch Street. The stop sign was approved by the Traffic Commission on September 2, 2014.	Engr Services	03/09/18	03/01/18
3404	02/27/18	Glenn D. Oliver H2bid, Inc.	Pursuant to the Public Records Act, I am requesting an electronic copy of the complete vendor list (in Excel or CSV format) for the City of Garden Grove, City Clerk, California. For each vendor, please provide the company name, contact person, con...	Fiscal Services Information Systems Purchasing	03/09/18	03/01/18
3403	02/26/18		Requesting all notes, including medical, current location at time of this request and outcome on intake G0001433, held at Orange County Humane Society.	Street Maint	03/08/18	03/01/18
3402	02/23/18	Jeana Hancock PZR	Please provide copies of any open/pending building, zoning and fire code violation on file for property located at 12681 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove CA. OUR REF # 110383-1	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention Building Serv	03/05/18	03/07/18
3400	02/22/18	Harold Brauer Recovery Asset Network, Inc.	I would like to request a list of the city's uncashed checks that are over 180 days with a dollar value of \$500 and above. Please include the following information: original payee name, original check amount, original check number and date of the ...	Fiscal Services	03/05/18	02/27/18

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3399	02/22/18	Daniel Poon <i>Bravan Group</i>	Looking for a list of current open code violations by code enforcement. Substandard building, unpermitted work, abandoned properties, hazardous condition.	Revenue Management Building Serv	03/05/18	02/23/18
3398	02/21/18	Florin Raica	List of residential properties with open code enforcement violations	City Clerk	03/05/18	02/23/18
3397	02/21/18	Adreanna Morales <i>HP Sears</i>	A copy of your last or current contract with your debt collection agency	City Clerk	03/05/18	02/21/18
3395	02/21/18	Chuck Chandler <i>Valeo Partners LLC</i>	Please provide any document such as, but not limited to: professional services engagement letter; legal services contract; legal services engagement letter; attorney hourly rate schedule that shows the hourly rates agreed to, approved, and/or budg...	City Clerk	03/05/18	03/07/18
3394	02/20/18	Oscar Santana <i>Best One Financial Services</i>	Hello, I was hoping to obtain a listing of new businesses who have received business licenses in Garden Grove recently. Such information should include contact information and the nature of the business, if possible. If not here, whom should ...	Revenue Management	03/05/18	03/07/18
3393	02/20/18	Kristen O'Neill <i>Data Research Partners LLC</i>	City of Garden Grove Office of the City Clerk Attention: Teresa Pomeroy, CMC, City Clerk Dear Ms. Pomeroy,	Information Systems Human Resources	03/05/18	02/23/18

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			Pursuant to the state open records law, Cal. Gov't Code Secs. 6250 to 6277, I write to request access to and a copy of a listing of ...			
<u>3392</u>	02/20/18	Robert Goldberg	Return A- Monthly Count of Offenses Known to Police for 2010 ("Dates between 1/1/10 and 12/31/10). Thank you.	Police Support Serv	03/05/18	02/20/18
<u>3391</u>	02/20/18	Lisa Phillips	I am requesting a current public records list (last 6 months) of all properties in the city of Garden Grove which are currently carrying code violations - including subject property address, owner name, the reason for the code violation, amount o...	Fire Prevention Revenue Management Building Serv	03/05/18	02/23/18
<u>3390</u>	02/20/18		Requesting all notes, including medical, current location at time of this request and outcome on intake G0001407, held at Orange County Humane Society. Request #3382 provided incomplete/inaccurate information. Intake G0001407 was picked up by GG ...	Street Maint	03/05/18	02/20/18
<u>3389</u>	02/20/18		Requesting all notes, including medical, current location at time of this request and outcome on intake G0001329, held at Orange County Humane Society.	Street Maint	03/05/18	02/27/18
<u>3387</u>	02/13/18	Dave Maass MuckRock News	Garden Grove Police Department California Public Records Act Office 11301 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, CA 92840 February 13, 2018	Police Admn Serv	02/23/18	02/21/18

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			To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (California Government Code §§ 6250...			
3386	02/13/18	Ramiro Vejar Partner Engineering and Science Inc.	Good Afternoon, Partner Engineering and Science Inc. is conducting a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of the below referenced properties: • 10511, 10531 & 10561 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843 APN: 089-081-07 & 089-081-08 (*1...	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	02/23/18	02/20/18
3385	02/13/18		Requesting all notes, including medical, current location at time of this request and outcome on intake G0001393, held at Orange County Humane Society.	Street Maint	02/23/18	02/14/18
3384	02/12/18	Andrew Kim Encon Solutions, Inc.	ENCON is presently conducting Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, and we would like to review case files, permits or any records for the following address(es). 12422 Valley View Street, Garden Grove, CA 92845 We would appreciate it if yo...	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	02/22/18	02/20/18
3383	02/12/18	Holly Edwards	Hi! I live in Arkansas and I lost my grandmother who lives in Garden Grove a year ago today. My mom and I were pretty much left not knowing anything or what happened. I	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	02/22/18	02/20/18

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			would like any and all records from 12302 Adelle , Garden Grove, Ca 92841 . we...			
<u>3382</u>	02/08/18		Requesting all notes, including medical, current location at time of this request and outcome on intake G0001407, held at Orange County Humane Society.	Street Maint	02/20/18	02/13/18
<u>3381</u>	02/08/18	Ryan Kazimir <i>Legal Plex</i>	Motor Vehicle Accident Reports for the month of January	Police Support Serv	02/20/18	02/20/18
<u>3380</u>	02/08/18	Kristin Collett <i>RH Properties</i>	I would like to request any records pertaining to residential properties that are abandoned, overgrown, damaged, vacant, have open code violations, etc. Dates ranging from June 1, 2017 to February 1, 2018	Revenue Management Building Serv	03/06/18	02/23/18
<u>3379</u>	02/08/18	Joe Homs <i>H&M Real Estate Services</i>	Any records 5542 Santa Barbara Ave, Garden Grove for building violations, red tag, etc. Thanks	Building Serv	02/20/18	02/20/18
<u>3378</u>	02/06/18	Bela Christensen <i>Accutrend Data Corporation</i>	All new business licenses filed in January of 2018.	City Clerk	02/20/18	02/06/18
<u>3377</u>	02/06/18	<i>Metropolitan Reporting Bureau</i>	Copy of Garden Grove Fire Department Incident Report for a fire that occurred on January 8, 2018, on the 405 Freeway in Garden Grove.	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	02/20/18	02/13/18

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3376	02/06/18	Metropolitan Reporting Bureau	Fire Department report for a fire that occurred on January 1, 2018, at 14300 Clinton Street, Space 34 in Garden Grove.	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	02/20/18	02/13/18
3375	02/06/18	Mary Oldaker DataMart	Requesting an electronic list of all New Business for the month of January, 2018. File needs to be in CSV (comma delimited) or Excel format. PDF format is also acceptable. Please email the list to moldaker@datamart.ws	City Clerk	02/20/18	02/06/18
3374	02/06/18		Please supply information on intake G0001393 , housed at OC Humane Society. Please provide current location at time of this request, notes, medical information and outcome.	Street Maint	02/20/18	02/14/18
3373	02/06/18	Michael Merriken EFI Global	Request Fire Department Incident and Investigator Reports for fire that occurred in the City of Garden Grove. Location of Fire :10622 Bolsa Ave., GG, Ca 92843. Date of Fire: 12/12/2017. Time of Fire: 4-6 PM This was an apartment fire that ...	Fire Suppression Fire Prevention	02/20/18	02/13/18
3371	02/05/18	Egor Isaichev RAINS LUCIA STERN ST.	1. Any and all documents from April 29, 2017 to the present related to the sidewalk repair at 6762 Chapman Avenue; 2. Any and all permits from April 29, 2017 to the present issued for the sidewalk repair at	Street Maint	02/15/18	02/13/18

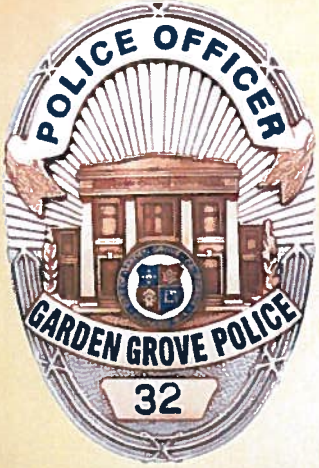
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		PHALLE & SILVER, PC	6762 Chapman Avenue; 3. Any and all pl...			
3370	02/05/18	Joseph Ben Franco	Records for employment in Az - requesting any records from 01/01/96 thru 12/31/08 thank you.	City Clerk	02/15/18	02/05/18
3369	02/05/18	Johnny ta Adt	Can I please get the list of new businesses for the month a January, thank you.	City Clerk	02/15/18	02/05/18
3368	02/05/18	Chris Davis market force one	Requesting the January 'new business list in Excel format	City Clerk	02/15/18	02/05/18
3367	02/05/18	Jack Lyon RDN	Requesting electronic copies of all proposals (both technical and fee/price) submitted in response to the most recent water rate study RFP. Also requesting the name of the winning contractor and contracted price, in electronic form.	Water Services Purchasing	03/01/18	02/20/18
3366	02/05/18		I would like information on intake G0001360 (Alpha) , housed at OC Humane Society. Please provide current location at time of this request, notes, medical information and outcome.	Street Maint	02/15/18	02/13/18
3365	02/01/18	Muhammad TARIQ Mughal	I have just received my DMV renewal for one of my automobile. it shows two citation added by Garden Grove. I would like to inquire what they are because they look strange, issued on 4/19/2017, which is Wed, not a street cleaning day and two issued...	Street Maint	02/12/18	02/05/18

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3364	02/01/18	Brian M. Wong Law Offices of Robert A. Stutman, P. C.	Please provide a copy of the the following public records: (1) All maintenance and inspection records for the trees located in front of 12861 Gilbert Street, Garden Grove, CA. (2) All records from Garden Grove's computerized tree inventory syste... Hello City clerk	Street Maint	02/12/18	02/05/18
3363	02/01/18	Ashley Blanco Level2 Security & Automation	I'm emailing you today towards the request of NEW business licenses for the month of January with full names, phone number, address, email, and name of their firms. Please email the document back in excel format if possible. ...	Revenue Management	02/12/18	02/01/18
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY

The City of Garden Grove is currently accepting on-line applications for several positions within the Police Department.

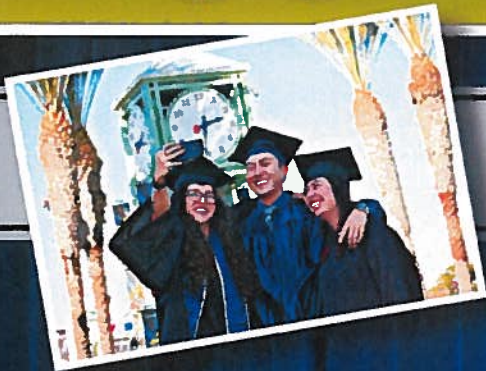
Applications and detailed job descriptions can be found at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/gardengrove

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Class of 2018 Recognition

The City wants to recognize Garden Grove college graduates for their academic accomplishment.

If you are a Spring, Summer, or Fall 2018 undergraduate or post-graduate from any college, university, or higher learning institution, contact the Office of Community Relations by April 21, 2018 at communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

Auditions Begin
April 2018

THE VOICE — of Garden Grove —

What: The Voice of Garden Grove's 7th annual singing competition for local high school students

When: During the free Summer Concert Series Thursdays in July and August 2018

Where: Eastgate Park / 12001 St. Mark Street

For more information, please email thevoice@garden-grove.org, or call (714) 741-5168



DOG PARK REOPENS

Garden Grove Dog Park, located at 13601 Deodara Drive, in Garden Grove Park, is now re-open for public use. Hours of operation are from dawn to dusk, seven days per week.

Along with new fencing and signage, the park underwent complete turf renovation, the installation of new public benches, dog waste enclosures, and a drinking fountain for owners and pets.

Originally opening in 2009, Garden Grove Dog Park offers canine owners a spacious and enclosed area for their pets to play off the leash and with other dogs. The park features separate play areas for large and small breeds.

For more information about Garden Grove Dog Park, contact the City's Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Garden Grove's namesake Strawberry Festival celebrates "60 Years of Fun and Funding Charities." The popular 4-day event is held during the Memorial Day weekend, May 25 through May 28, 2018, in Garden Grove's Village Green, at the corner of Main and Euclid Streets. Activities include a giant strawberry cake cutting, parade, carnival rides, "Berry Beautiful" baby contest, live entertainment, and more. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.strawberryfestival.org.

And, don't forget to sign up for the Strawberry Stomp 5K on Saturday, May 26, at 8:00 a.m. The 3.1-mile route begins and ends on Historic Main Street, taking walkers and runners on a scenic tour through downtown Garden Grove. All participants will receive an exclusive Strawberry Stomp 5K T-shirt and finisher medal. Registration is \$45. To register and for more information, visit ggsistercity.org.



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NEWS ARTICLES

DEPORTATION

Immigrant rights group sues, says ICE is holding Vietnamese in limbo

By Roxana Kopetman

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Hoang Trinh was 4 years old when he arrived from Vietnam, part of a large Catholic family that fled a war-torn homeland to build a new life together in Garden Grove.

But now the U.S. government wants him to return to Vietnam, despite a 10-year-old agreement between the two countries that dictates who Vietnam will and won't accept back.

The detentions of Vietnamese refugees and other Asian immigrants may easily get lost in the immigration debate, which typically centers on Latinos. But civil rights advocates brought it front and center on Feb. 28 when they announced a class-action lawsuit challenging what they allege are unlawful detentions by the Trump administration.

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"This administration is an equal opportunity abuser of people. It's important to highlight that this issue certainly is impacting Asian American communities. ... They are just as vulnerable" as Latino immigrants, said Laboni Hoq, litigation director with Los Angeles office of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, a nonprofit that advocates for Asian-American civil rights.

Specifically, the group says the Trump administration has targeted a handful of Vietnamese refugees who have been in the United States since before 1995 and detaining them indefinitely for deportation.

The lawsuit cites Trinh and three other petitioners among approximately 40 Vietnamese refugees awaiting deportation while housed in immigration detention facilities. Some have been detained over 90 days; some as long as 11 months. And that is illegal, their attorneys say, because the U.S. government doesn't have the right to hold people indefinitely unless there's an expectation that their country of origin will take them back.

In the case of Vietnam, that country doesn't just take anyone back. And, traditionally, it hasn't.

There is a 2008 agreement that sets the provisions, conditions and procedures under which a Vietnamese citizen living in the United States can be repatriated. The Vietnamese government considers requests on a case-by-case basis. But if the refugees left Vietnam for the United States before July 12, 1995, the date when diplomatic relations were re-established between the two countries, they may not be deported back to their home country.

Yet, that's exactly what started happening last year, attorneys said.



JEFF GRITCHEN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christopher Lapinig, of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, addresses the media during a press conference about a lawsuit filed against ICE to stop incarceration of Vietnamese refugees in Santa Ana in February.



Tung Nguyen

"Today, the American government — the one that my Mom equates with freedom and justice — is illegally and indefinitely incarcerating Vietnamese refugees who came to the United States before July 12, 1995, and who therefore cannot be removed under a longstanding agreement between Vietnam and the United States," said Phi Nguyen, litigation director with the Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Atlanta affiliate. Her family also are Vietnamese refugees, though none are represented in the suit.

Officials with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement declined to comment on the potential class action.

According to data available through ICE, 71 individuals were deported to Vietnam last year, compared with 35 the previous year. An ICE spokesman said the agency does not break down deportation cases by the year in which the refugees arrived in the United States.

Attorneys with Asian Americans Advancing Justice said there are at least half a dozen cases of Vietnamese refugees who arrived before 1995 who

have been deported since last year. But the trend, if this becomes a new policy, could affect as many as 8,000 to 10,000 Vietnamese with final orders of removal from this country, attorneys said.

That includes people like Tung Nguyen. He arrived from Vietnam as a teenager in 1991. The way he described it Feb. 28, he did "stupid" things when he was young. At 16, he was involved in a fatal stabbing and was tried and convicted as an adult. He was sentenced to 25 years to life. But after serving 18 years in prison, after he risked his life to protect civilians during a prison brawl, he was released on parole by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Since then, he said, "I have dedicated my life to service in the community." He founded a program called Asian Pacific Islander Re-Entry Orange County to help people coming out of jail.

Still, though Nguyen is not among the detainees currently held by ICE, he is among those who face potential deportation. He's not a citizen of the United States, but Vietnam hasn't said it will take him back. "I live every day with uncertainty and fear," he said.

In Trinh's case, he arrived in Orange County in 1980, where he attended private Catholic high

schools, including Mater Dei, according to his attorneys. He's married and a father of a 13-year-old son and an 18-year-old daughter who attends Cal State Long Beach. In 2015, he was arrested on a drug charge and served one year in prison. Then, after he was allegedly found in possession of a marijuana plant last year, he went back to jail. He says that's where his odyssey with the immigration agency began.

Trinh was ordered deported on July 27 and since then has been held at the Theo Lacy detention facility in Orange County.

"What we think is happening is that they're rounding people up and hoping Vietnam will take them back," Hoq said. "That's a violation of law."

The Vietnamese currently in immigration detention previously were charged with crimes but all have already served time for those incidents, the lawyers said. Since then, Hoq said, they have "reintegrated into society."

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Santa Ana on Feb. 22 names ICE, Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens and other officials.

A similar lawsuit filed by the same group in October alleges ICE is ordering the deportation of Cambodian refugees, in many cases, for decades-old convictions. More than 100 Cambodian refugees were detained in October, many of them from Long Beach, Modesto and Stockton. Cambodia has accepted an average of 35 individuals for repatriation annually, but the U.S. government is pressuring that country to take more, attorneys said.

In both communities, ICE agents are often showing up at people's homes or work places to arrest them.

"For those who believe in learning from your wrongs and being forgiven," Hoq said, "this isn't right."

REAL ESTATE

Garden Grove or Westminster: Where is housing hotter?

By Jonathan Lansner

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Homebuying in Garden Grove in the fourth quarter outpaced Westminster sales activity.

Using CoreLogic data, we compared sales patterns from this October-to-December period vs. a year earlier.

In Garden Grove, sales rose as 331 residences sold vs. 310 a year earlier. That's a gain of 6.8 percent vs. a 2.2 percent gain countywide for the October-to-December period.

In Westminster — ZIP 92683 — 149 homes sold vs. 153 a year earlier. That's a sales loss of -2.6 percent. Westminster's median selling price was \$624,500 vs. \$ 589,151 a year earlier, a gain of 6.0 percent.

In Garden Grove neighborhoods ...

Garden Grove ZIP code 92840 — 105 homes sold in the period vs. 101 a year earlier. That's a sales gain of 4.0 percent. Median selling price of \$566,250 vs. \$498,899 a year earlier, a gain of 13.5 percent.

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Garden Grove ZIP 92841 — 58 homes sold vs. 59 a year earlier. That's a sales loss of -1.7 percent. Median of \$620,000 vs. \$549,159 a year earlier, a gain of 12.9 percent.

Garden Grove ZIP 92843 — 79 homes sold vs. 80 a year earlier. That's a sales loss of -1.3 percent. Median of \$505,000 vs. \$452,915 a year earlier, a gain of 11.5 percent.

Garden Grove ZIP 92844 — 38 homes sold vs. 30 a year earlier. That's a sales gain of 26.7 percent. Median of \$442,500 vs. \$447,422 a year earlier, a loss of -1.1 percent.

Garden Grove ZIP 92845 — 51 homes sold vs. 40 a year earlier. That's a sales gain of 27.5 percent. Median of \$635,000 vs. \$626,851 a year earlier, a gain of 1.3 percent.

From 2017's fourth quarter, eight countywide trends to ponder:

1. At the neighborhood level, prices were up in 66 of 83 Orange County ZIP codes compared to the previous year.

2. Sales rose in 38 of 83 Orange County ZIPs.

3. Builder sales were 1,544 — up 4.2 percent from a year earlier. Median selling price was \$869,000 — up 0.2 percent from a year earlier.

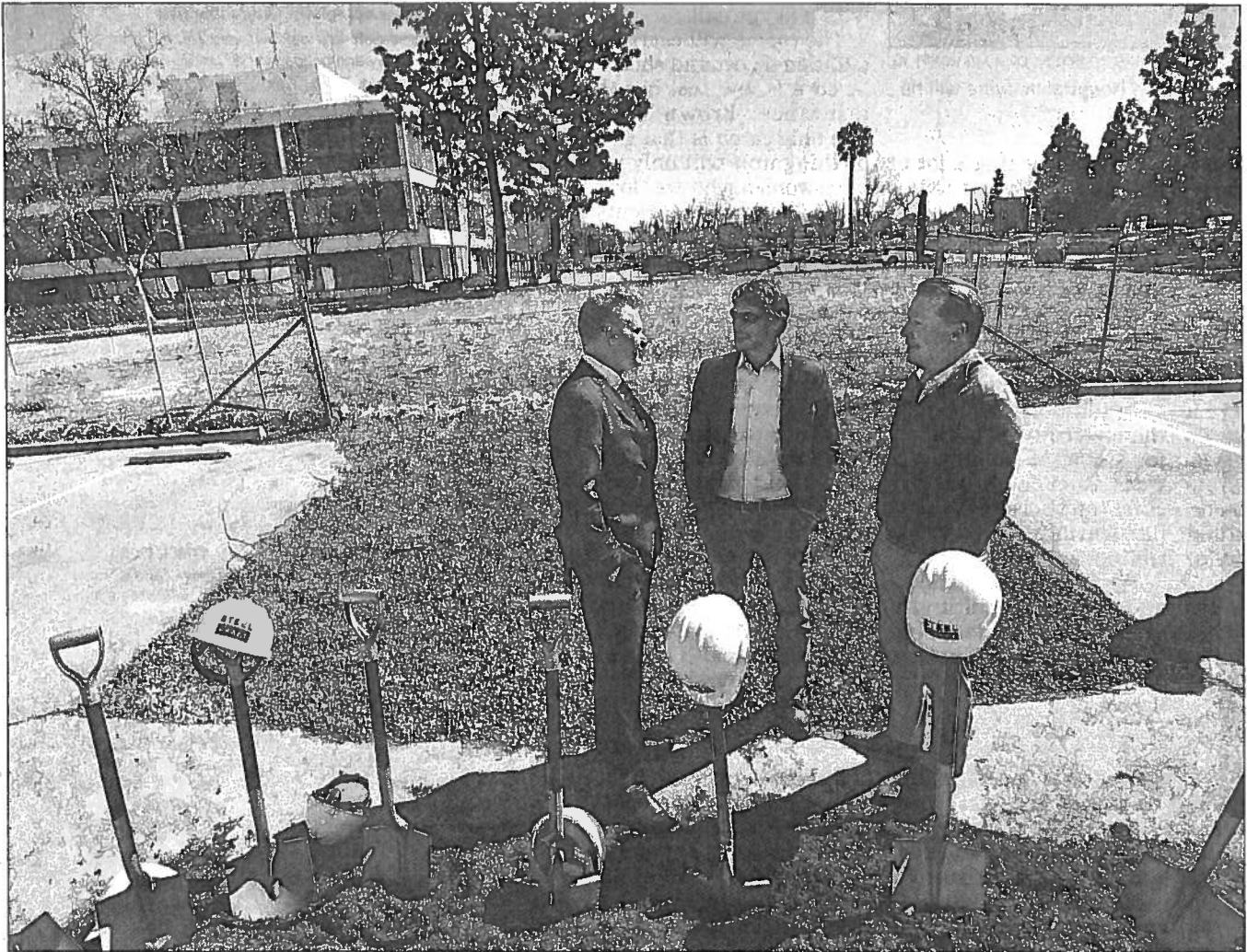
4. In the cheapest third of the county's market — the 27 least expensive ZIPs, median of \$622,500 and below — 2,540 homes sold. That's down 0.9 percent compared to a year earlier.

5. In the 27 priciest ZIPs — median of \$789,050 and higher — 3,236 homes sold. That's down 0.2 percent.

6. In the 11 Orange County ZIPs with medians above \$1 million, sales totaled 720 homes, down 1.9 percent in a year. There were 10 seven-figure ZIPs a year earlier.

7. In the county's 16 beach-close ZIPs, 1,484 homes sold in the latest period, down 0.6 percent vs. a year earlier.

8. As for relative bargains, there were six ZIPs with medians under \$500,000 with total sales of 440 homes. A year earlier, 14 ZIPs had medians under \$500,000 with 1,039 sales, or a drop of 58 percent in a year.



JEFF GRITCHEN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Ducks player Teemu Selanne, center, and his business partner, Kevin Pratt, right, chat Monday with Mayor Steven Jones at the site of the SteelCraft Garden Grove food mall project, which will be constructed of steel shipping containers.

For newest eatery, ex-NHL pro Selanne thinks inside the box

He plans a burger joint at Garden Grove's shipping container food mall

By Anne Valdespino
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A second restaurant for hockey hall of famer Teemu Selanne? Not sure if he's going for a hat trick, but when SteelCraft Garden Grove broke ground Monday, his new concept, Teemu Selanne Presents The Penalty Box, appeared on the list of tenants.

Slated to open in this fall,

it will be much more casual than his Selanne Steak Tavern in Laguna Beach, which was a winner in the Register's Best of Orange County's "Romantic" and "Splurge" categories. Apparently the Finnish Flash, a longtime forward for the Anaheim Ducks, enjoys the dining business. "I really like talking with our customers and seeing how the kitchen and restaurant oper-

ations work," he said.

The Penalty Box, a counter service eatery, will be a kitchen housed in a 40-foot cargo container. Part of a collection of cargo containers, it's joining an unconventional food hall with communal seating.

SteelCraft Garden Grove is the second shipping container development for partners Howard CDM and SteelCraft. The two Long Beach companies developed and opened SteelCraft Long Beach in early 2017.

Other tenants include

Beachwood Brewing Co., Dark Horse Coffee Roasters, Renegade Taco, The Chick 'N Shack, The Nest, Urban Pie Pizzeria, Honey and Butter Macarons and Cauldron Ice Cream.

The theme of the restaurant perfectly suits the Olympic medalist, with fare that celebrates the game: pucks (burgers, a blend of short rib, sirloin and Wagyu beef), sticks (Kobe and all-beef hot dogs) and twigs (fries). Selanne Steak Tavern chef Josh Severson will oversee the menu, which

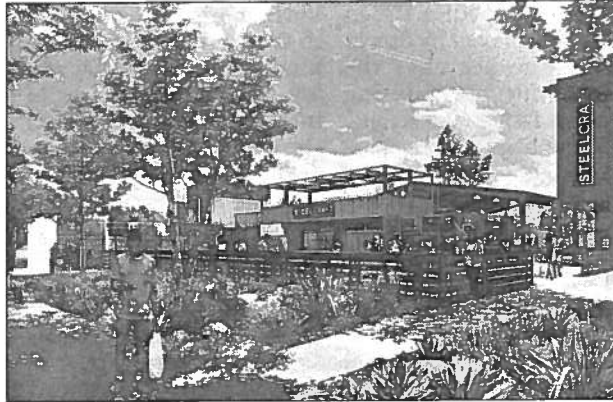
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includes draft and bottled sodas, shakes blended with housemade ice cream and some “secret” items.

It’s an ideal fit even though the opportunity came completely by chance, according to Selanne’s business partner Kevin Pratt. “A friend of mine worked with SteelCraft’s founder Kim Gros, which is how we all met. We looked at the project and liked the idea of an open-air, communal dining experience. The burger concept was inspired by the popularity of our Flash



A rendering shows how SteelCraft Garden Grove is expected to look.

Burger at Selanne Steak Tavern.”

Although it’s still too early to know whether The Penalty Box will be able to

host watch parties and special events, the restaurant will definitely be a hockey hangout for fans as well as players, Selanne says.

NEWS > CRIME + PUBLIC SAFETY

Trial begins for man charged in sting of violent assaults against women in Anaheim and Garden Grove



Ulises Omar De La Torre is suspected of assaulting women in Anaheim and Garden Grove. (OCDA)

By **KELLY PUENTE** | kpunte@scng.com | Orange County Register
March 7, 2018 at 12:20 pm

1 COMMENT

Trial began Wednesday, March 7, for a 32-year-old Buena Park man accused of attacking five women in a five-hour crime spree that spanned two cities.

Ulises Omar De La Torre is facing multiple felony counts including stabbing, kidnapping and attempted murder. If convicted, he faces 251 years to life in prison.

De La Torre is accused of attacking five women within a 1 1/2-mile radius in Anaheim and Garden Grove between about 5:15 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Jan. 16, 2014.

Prosecutors said De La Torre tried to engage one woman in conversation as she walked home in Garden Grove and then attacked her and tried to pull down her pants before fleeing.

He then allegedly grabbed another woman as she arrived home, stabbed her in the arm and back, and then fled when her boyfriend walked inside the home.

The third and fourth victims were in an Anaheim hotel when prosecutors said De La Torre attempted to force his way into their room and then stabbed the women as they screamed and struggled.

He is also accused of attacking a fifth woman while she was jogging in Garden Grove.

De La Torre's lawyer, Deputy Public Defender Patricia Bradwell, said he was one of several accomplices participating in a string of burglaries and robberies that day and was arrested in a "rush to provide closure" for the victims.

The women were not attacked with the intent of sexual assault but were being "subdued" during the commission of the burglaries and robberies, she said.

While the women believe they were sexually assaulted, the truth will show otherwise, Bradwell said.

"The problem with this story is that although it represents their truth... it is not the truth," she said.

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Garden Grove police shoot, kill wanted man, 31, in Santa Ana

By MARILYN KALFUS Orange County Register
March 3, 2018

SANTA ANA – A 31-year-old man was shot multiple times and killed by Garden Grove officers in a Santa Ana 7-Eleven parking lot late Friday night, March 2, police said.

Garden Grove police investigators were conducting surveillance on the man, who was wanted on a no-bail warrant for violating the terms of his probation, Garden Grove police Lt. Carl Whitney said.

The officers located the suspect in the parking lot of the 7-Eleven at 1700 E. Dyer Road in Santa Ana.

“Investigators contacted the man in his vehicle in the parking lot, which is when the officer-involved shooting occurred,” Whitney said in a news release.

It wasn't clear what happened before the shooting or why the officers shot the man.

After he was shot, investigators and paramedics called to the scene rendered first aid, according to Whitney. The man was taken to a hospital, where he died Saturday at 12:10 a.m.

No officers involved were hurt, Whitney said.

The suspect's name was not released pending notification of his family.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office, along with the Santa Ana Police Department, is conducting an investigation into the shooting.

No additional information was immediately available.

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

THE DIG IS ON FOR EASTER EGGS

It's that time of year for Garden Grove's 10th annual "Eggs-cavation" event on Saturday, March 31, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Atlantis Play Center. Atlantis Play Center is located at 13630 Atlantis Way in Garden Grove Park. Only 300 tickets for egg hunt participants are available.

In addition to egg hunts, activities at the event include inflatable bouncers, carnival games, arts and crafts, animal balloons, airbrushed tattoos, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The egg hunts begin and take place by the following age groups:

3 to 4 years old - 1:45 p.m.

5 to 6 years old - 2:15 p.m.

7 to 8 years old - 2:45 p.m.

9 to 10 years old - 3:15 p.m.

Raffle prizes will take place after each egg hunt. Candy grabs for 2-year-olds and under will be held at 1:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 for children, ages 3 to 10, participating in the egg hunt, and \$2 for spectators, ages 11 and up. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

Ticket sales for the Eggs-cavation begin Monday, March 12, 2018, until quantities run out. Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Counter, located on the 1st floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway. To order by phone, or for more information, call (714) 741-5200.

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Tuesday, March 6, 2018

**SENIORS CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY
WITH SPECIAL TREATS AND DANCE**

Garden Grove seniors are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a fun-filled event that includes Irish tradition, themed beverages, and dancing to live music provided by "The Serenaders." The free event will take place on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, A Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The event is sponsored by SCAN health plan group. For more information and reservations, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Thứ Tư, 7/3/2018

THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE MỞ BUỔI ĐIỀU TRẦN CÔNG KHAI

ĐỀ XUẤT GIA TĂNG TIỀN NƯỚC

Ban Công trình Công cộng của Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức một buổi điều trần công khai để thảo luận về các điều chỉnh được đề xuất về mức giá tiền nước vào Thứ Ba, 13 Tháng 3 năm 2018, lúc 6:30 chiều. Buổi điều trần công khai sẽ được tổ chức trong cuộc họp thường kỳ của Hội đồng Thành phố trong Trung tâm Hội nghị Cộng đồng Garden Grove (Community Meeting Center), tọa lạc tại 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Thành phố cần có những điều chỉnh về mức giá tiền nước hiện tại để tiếp tục trang trải những chi phí gia tăng trong việc cung cấp nguồn nước cho cư dân, cũng như những chi phí trong tương lai để lấy nước từ các cơ quan khác. Mặc dù mức phí thay đổi tùy theo cách sử dụng nước mỗi nhà và những yếu tố khác, hiện tại, mức nước trung bình hàng tháng đối với một gia đình sử dụng 30 đơn vị nước trong khoảng thời gian hai tháng là \$106.31. Với việc điều chỉnh năm đầu tiên, khoản phí mới ước tính sẽ là \$109.22. Những điều chỉnh hàng năm sau đó cho đến năm thứ 5 là \$126.65. Để xem thêm ví dụ về so sánh tỷ lệ, xin xem tại trang 38-41 của bản thảo "Water rate study" ngày 14 tháng 12, 2017 trên trang web của City. Các khách hàng nước trong Garden Grove đã nhận được một thông báo gửi qua đường bưu điện vào tháng Giêng cho buổi điều trần công khai về đề xuất gia tăng giá nước.

Sẽ có thông dịch viên tiếng Việt sẵn sàng trợ giúp tại buổi điều trần. Muốn biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc với Ban Public Works Garden Grove tại số (714) 741-5520 hoặc ghé thăm www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water-rate-study.

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Thứ Sáu, 9/3/2018

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH MỪNG LỄ PHỤC SINH TẠI ATLANTIS PLAY CENTER

Trung tâm Atlantis Play Center thuộc Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức chương trình để các em thiếu nhi vui chơi nhân dịp lễ Phục sinh. Chương trình "Eggs-Cavation" sẽ được tổ chức vào Thứ Bảy, ngày 31 tháng 3, 2018 từ 1:00 giờ đến 4:00 giờ trưa. Địa chỉ của Atlantis Play Center là 13630 Atlantis Way, phía sau Garden Grove Park.

Chương trình bao gồm những tiết mục như vẽ màu nước, sơn mặt, xổ số, và đương nhiên không thể thiếu trò chơi tìm kiếm quả trứng vàng. Các em sẽ được chia ra thành từng nhóm tùy độ tuổi để vui chơi.

Giá vé để tham gia là \$2 cho người lớn, \$10 cho trẻ em từ 3 đến 10 tuổi. Vé sẽ được bắt đầu bán vào ngày Thứ Hai, 12 tháng 3, tại Recreation Center, thuộc lầu một của Tòa thị chính Garden Grove, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway. Chỉ nhận tiền mặt hoặc thẻ tín dụng (credit card).

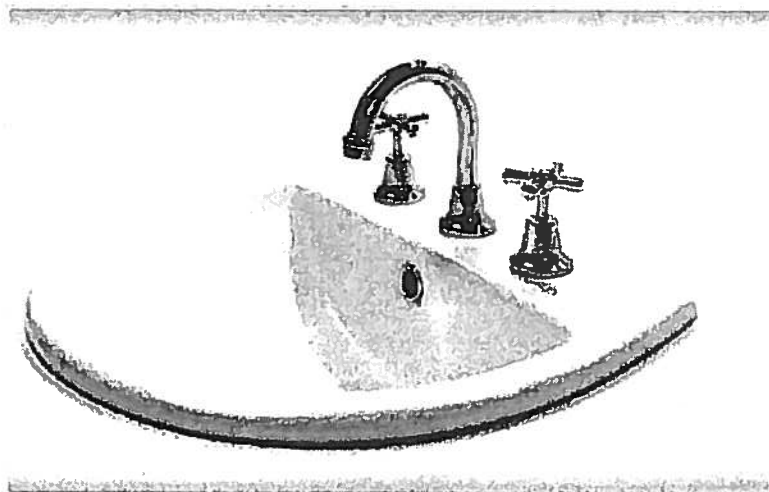
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Garden Grove Điều Trần Công Khai Xin Tăng Tiền Nước

08/03/2018 00:00:00



Xài nước sẽ tốn hơn tại Garden Grove.

GARDEN GROVE – Ban Công trình Công cộng của Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức một buổi điều trần công khai để thảo luận về các điều chỉnh được đề xuất về mức giá tiền nước vào Thứ Ba, 13 Tháng 3 năm 2018, lúc 6:30 chiều. Buổi điều trần công khai sẽ được tổ chức trong cuộc họp thường kỳ của Hội đồng Thành phố trong Trung tâm Hội nghị Cộng đồng Garden Grove (Community Meeting Center), tọa lạc tại 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Thành phố cần có những điều chỉnh về mức giá tiền nước hiện tại để tiếp tục trang trải những chi phí gia tăng trong việc cung cấp nguồn nước cho cư dân, cũng như những chi phí trong tương lai để lấy nước từ các cơ quan khác. Mặc dù mức phí thay đổi tùy theo cách sử dụng nước mỗi nhà và những yếu tố khác, hiện tại, mức nước trung bình hàng tháng đối với một gia đình sử dụng 30 đơn vị nước trong khoảng thời gian hai tháng là \$106.31. Với việc điều chỉnh năm đầu tiên, khoản phí mới ước tính sẽ là \$109.22.

Những điều chỉnh hàng năm sau đó cho đến năm thứ 5 là \$126.65. Để xem thêm ví dụ về so sánh tỷ lệ, xin xem tại trang 38-41 của bản thảo "Water rate study" ngày 14 tháng 12, 2017 trên trang web của City. Các khách hàng nước trong Garden Grove đã nhận được một thông báo gửi qua đường bưu điện vào tháng Giêng cho buổi điều trần công khai về đề xuất gia tăng giá nước.

Sẽ có thông dịch viên tiếng Việt sẵn sàng trợ giúp tại buổi điều trần. Muốn biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc với Ban Public Works Garden Grove tại số (714) 741-5520 hoặc ghé thăm www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water-rate-study.

- Phân Ưu Anh Đỗ Văn Giàu
- Abu Sayyaf Bị Đánh Dữ Dội Lĩnh Phi Trán Vào 4 Trại
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WEEKLY MEMO 3-08-18

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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Garden Grove City Hall

The official groundbreaking event for SteelCraft Garden Grove is this Monday, March 5! The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m., at the project site, 12900 Euclid St.

3.3k 153 29 15% 544

#GG1956 #SteelCraftGG

SteelCraft Garden Grove Groundbreaking Ceremony Monday, March 5, 2018 - SteelCraft

(Post) March 02, 2018 12:47 pm



Garden Grove City Hall

Peanut Butter and Jelly Project!

1.8k 58 8 7% 115

The Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center's True Neighborhood Teens (TNT) program is seeking donations for their upcoming PB&J Project.

You can donate loaves of bread, peanut butter, and jars of jelly now through Friday, March 23 at Garden Grove City Hall, 11222 Acacia Pkwy, or Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, 12661 Sunswept Ave.

For more information, please call Gabi O'Cadiz-Hernandez at (714) 741-5769.

#GG1956 #GardenGrove



(Post) March 07, 2018 9:57 am

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Garden Grove City Hall

The I-405 will experience lane and ramp closures tonight, from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., between Seal Beach Boulevard and Magnolia Street. This nightly closure is part of the I-405 Improvement Project and will continue routinely until Friday, March 9. All necessary freeway lane closures for this project are expected to occur overnight.

5.8k 52 15 11% 828

Motorists are advised to plan ahead to avoid delays. Please see the Pre-Construction Activities website for specific work locations and times. --> <http://bit.ly/2oXRzHQ>

For more information, visit OCTA at <http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/Under-Construction/I-405-Improvement-Project/?frm=7135>.

405 Improvement Project Garden Grove Public Works Department Garden Grove Police Department Garden Grove Fire Department



(Post) March 06, 2018 5:22 pm



Garden Grove City Hall

The City of Garden Grove is now hiring for multiple positions!







4.2k 44 16 15% 1.0k






For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/gardengrove>






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(Post) March 04, 2018 9:00 am

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	Garden Grove City Hall	Steelcraft Groundbreaking Ceremony! #Steelcraft #GG1956	843	41	5	16%	179
							
		(Post) March 05, 2018 10:06 am					
	Garden Grove City Hall	New CEDD mapping tool available on the website!	645	19	1	8%	68
		<p>The mapping icon will lead you to the interactive mapping tools where current active cases are listed in Code Enforcement, Building Abatement, Inspections, and Planning.</p>					
		#GG1956 #GardenGrove					
		Building Services Division City of Garden Grove					
		(Post) March 07, 2018 1:44 pm					
	Garden Grove City Hall	The City wants to hear from you about your neighborhood priorities!	950	14	2	9%	96
		<p>As we work to protect and maintain your services, we want to hear from you. Please visit https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/garden-grove-quality-of-life and fill out the Community Feedback Survey today!</p>					
		#GG1956 #GardenGrove Garden Grove Fire Department Garden Grove Police Department					
		Garden Grove Quality of Life - Join the Conversation! City of Garden Grove					
		(Post) March 06, 2018 12:23 pm					
	Garden Grove City Hall		1.1k	6	-	7%	108
		(Post) March 01, 2018 1:47 pm					

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	Garden Grove City Hall March and April City Works!	1.1k	6	-	7%	108
From job opportunities to the Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception and so much more, be sure to check out the City's latest news and information!						
https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/city-files/CityWorks-March-April-2018.pdf						
#GG1956 #GardenGrove						
						
(Post) March 01, 2018 1:47 pm						
	Garden Grove City Hall The City is taking action to make sure our water supply remains safe and reliable. Watch this short video about #GardenGrove's water, produced by Garden Grove TV 3. #GG1956 Garden Grove Public Works Department	500	1	-	5%	32
						
(Post) March 06, 2018 4:26 pm						
	Garden Grove City Hall City of Garden Grove on Twitter	128	-	-	2%	3
(Post) March 07, 2018 5:28 pm						

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	Garden Grove Police Department				
<p>***DETECTIVES NEED HELP IDENTIFYING A ROBBERY SUSPECT*** Earlier today GGPD officers responded to the US Bank branch inside the Vons on 11861 Valley View, for a robbery that just occurred. The robbery happened at 10:45 AM. The male suspect used a demand note to rob the bank for an undisclosed amount of cash and fled on foot towards Valley View. If you know who he is, please call us at 714-741-5800. For the entire press release, see http://bit.ly/2oSFUdH #GGPD32 #bankrobbery</p> <p>GGPD-Bank Robbery 03052018.pdf</p>	16.1k	210	120	20%	5.0k
(Post) March 05, 2018 4:05 pm					
	Garden Grove Police Department				
<p>#FlashBackFriday. The dog days: Morales, Whitley, Fischbeck, Compton, Ybarra and K9 Thunder (c. 1968-1977). ***If anyone knows the actual year, please help us update our records.*** #GGPD32 #GG1956 #policehistory #K9 #policedog #fbf</p>	2.6k	136	32	13%	431
					
(Post) March 02, 2018 12:00 pm					
	Garden Grove Police Department				
	4.1k	119	20	15%	953
(Post) March 06, 2018 1:16 pm					

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	 <p>Garden Grove Police Department The City wants to hear from you about your neighborhood priorities! As we work to protect and maintain your services, we want to hear from you. Please visit https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/garden-grove-quality-of-life and fill out the Community Feedback Survey today!</p> <p>#GGPD32 #GG1956 #GardenGrove Garden Grove City Hall</p>  <p>(Post) March 06, 2018 1:16 pm</p>	4.1k	119	20	15%	953
	 <p>Garden Grove Police Department Last week #GardenGrovePD officers collaborated with officers from Cypress Police Department, Irvine Police Department and Orange County Sheriff's Department, CA to hand deliver care packages to cancer patients at Compassionate Care Center in Fountain Valley. #GGPD32 #cancersucks #community #policework</p> <p>Behind the Badge OC</p> <p>(Post) March 01, 2018 12:00 pm</p>	1.9k	117	3	9%	119
	 <p>Garden Grove Police Department "Do you know why I pulled you over today?" #GGPD32 #motorofficer #policework Thanks for the capture, Rotor Monkey Photo.</p>  <p>(Post) March 07, 2018 12:00 pm</p>	1.7k	94	8	17%	316

Date Sent	Total Reach	Reactions	Comments	Engagement	Clicks	
	<p>Garden Grove Police Department We are Garden Grove PD. We are family. Our Chaplain was in dire need of a new car, so the family pulled together to give the man who has given us so much. #policechaplain #thinblueline #family #community</p>	1.3k	71	5	18%	301
<p>Behind the Badge OC</p>	<p>(Post) March 07, 2018 6:08 pm</p>					
	<p>Garden Grove Police Department ***UPDATE*** The scene is now cleared. If you have any information on what occurred, please call our detectives at 714-741-5704. Original post: Garden Grove PD officers and detectives are currently investigating a shooting near Buena & Westminster. A male victim is being treated by paramedics. Please avoid the area for the next few hours. #GGPD32 #shooting</p>	4.8k	68	12	16%	919
<p>(Post) March 01, 2018 8:42 pm</p>						
	<p>Garden Grove Police Department ***Traffic Advisory for the I-405 Fwy*** #GGPD32 #PlanAhead</p>	1.7k	19	3	10%	222
<p>(Post) March 06, 2018 5:45 pm</p>						
	<p>Garden Grove Police Department Do you have plans this summer? If not, how about a summer job with the City of Garden Grove? Apply now. #GGPD32</p>	1.8k	18	6	6%	157

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Garden Grove Fire Department

A FAMILY OF THREE WAS...

4.4k 84 42 26% 1.5k

displaced after a cooking fire got out of control before fire department arrival. **#Firefighters** were dispatched after 11:30 p.m. for a residential structure fire. GE3 was first on scene, and reported fire through the roof. GE3 initiated an attack of the fire and ensured all residents were out. The fire began in a deep fryer and quickly extended into the attic. It took firefighters approximately 20 minutes to get the fire under control.

Two adults and one child were displaced. There was no report of injury to the residents or firefighters. Damage totaled \$70,000.

One of the residents attempted to extinguish the fire with a garden hose which spread it. If you experience a cooking fire, cover it with a lid or something similar. DO NOT pour water on it.



(Post) March 01, 2018 8:36 am



Garden Grove Fire Department

Newstation 6.

1.1k 82 12 18% 217



(Post) March 07, 2018 4:41 pm

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Garden Grove Fire Department

#TimeChange is coming up on March 11, and we're sure you know the routine. Turn your clock forward an hour, and most importantly, replace your **#smokealarm** batteries. If you know someone that needs a little motivation, check out this video of a recent fire in Texas.

2.6k 15 1 4% 117

Smoke alarms save lives.



Family of Four Rescued From Third Alarm Apartment Fire

youtube.comDATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 2/26/17 1:50AM (CST) LOCATION: 14131 Cornerstone Village Dr CITY: Harris County INCIDENT DETAILS: Champions Fire with supporting agenc...

(Post) March 05, 2018 9:51 am



Garden Grove Fire Department





THERE'S STILL TIME TO APPLY Looks like we have another opportunity for a Summer Job hunter!

1.2k 14 3 6% 92

There are a number of really great opportunities available this Summer within the City of Garden Grove! Join us and become part of the Garden Grove community. Application deadline is Thursday, March 8 by 12:00 p.m. **#GG1956 #GardenGrove #NowHiring #SummerJobs**



(Post) March 01, 2018 5:26 pm

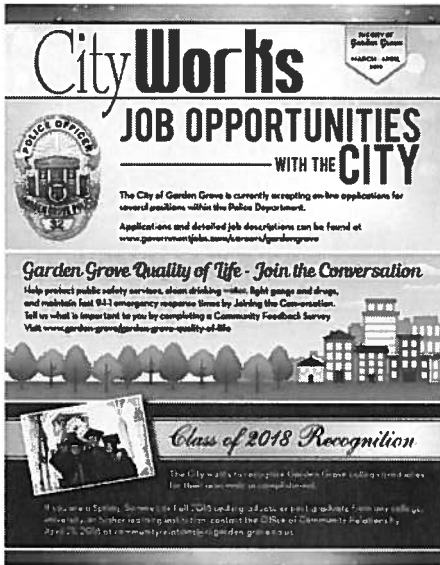
Date Sent	Total Reach Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Engagement		
	<p>Garden Grove Fire Department Do you know someone out there looking for a Summer job? THERE'S STILL TIME TO APPLY!</p> <p>There are some great opportunities available this Summer within the City of Garden Grove! Join us and become part of the Garden Grove community. Application deadline is Thursday, March 8 by 12:00 p.m. #GG1956 #GardenGrove #NowHiring #SummerJobs</p> 	1.3k	11	4	5%	73
(Post) March 01, 2018 5:19 pm						
	<p>Garden Grove Fire Department Expect possible delays or detours if you're traveling this route.</p> 	906	4	-	6%	64
(Post) March 06, 2018 7:37 pm						

Date Sent Reach Organic Impressions Responses Likes Clicks



CityGardenGrove
 March and April City Works! #GG1956
 #GG bit.ly/2GTSiBj
 pic.twitter.com/N25Ktp2tpi

3.9k 586 1 - 2



(Tweet) March 01, 2018 1:49 pm



CityGardenGrove
 New CEDD mapping tool available on the website! #GG1956 bit.ly/2Fp5pu6
 (Tweet) March 07, 2018 1:46 pm

2.5k 176 - - 13



CityGardenGrove
 The City wants to hear from you about your neighborhood priorities!

2.5k 387 - 2 -

As we work to protect and maintain your services, we want to hear from you. Please visit ci.gardengrove.ca.us/garden-grove-q... and fill out the Community Feedback Survey today!

#GG1956 #GG @GardenGrovePD
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(Tweet) March 06, 2018 12:44 pm

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 8, 2018

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the November 16, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 8, 2018 – March 27, 2018

Thursday	March 8		Casual Day
		9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, Constitution Room
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Thursday-Sunday	March 8-March 11		One More Productions presents "Bullets Over Broadway", Gem Theater
Tuesday	March 13	5:30 p.m.	City Council Closed Session, Founders Room
		5:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	March 14	10:00 a.m.- Noon	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day Celebration, CMC A Room
		2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Thursday	March 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	March 15-March 18		One More Productions presents "Bullets Over Broadway", Gem Theater
Friday	March 16		City Hall Closed
Thursday	March 22		Casual Day
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		10:15 a.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Stanley House Excursion, H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Friday	March 23	8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	City Council Special Meeting Embassy Suites, 11767 Harbor Blvd.
Tuesday	March 27	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founder Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Kanzler
Vice Chair Brietigam
Commissioner Lazenby
Commissioner Lehman
Commissioner Nguyen
Commissioner Salazar
Commissioner Truong

Absent: Lehman, Salazar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Lazenby.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

Commissioner Salazar joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

November 2, 2017 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Brietigam Second: Truong

Ayes: (5) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Nguyen, Truong

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Lehman

Abstain: (1) Salazar

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-044-2017, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-116-2017, AND VARIANCE NO. V-017-2017. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12900 EUCLID STREET, EAST SIDE OF EUCLID STREET, SOUTH OF ACACIA PARKWAY.

Applicant: STEELCRAFT LONG BEACH, L.P.

Date: November 16, 2017

Request: Site Plan approval to develop a food-focused multi-tenant project, known as SteelCraft, which includes a proposal to construct a new 9,532 square foot two-story building, consisting primarily of recycled and re-

purposed metal shipping containers, along with other associated site improvements. Additionally, a request for Variance approval to deviate from the maximum setback requirement along the Euclid Street frontage and from the minimum ground floor height requirement for commercial ground floor spaces. SteelCraft will be an outdoor urban eatery providing space for various local artisan food vendors, and will also include outdoor communal dining areas, entertainment, incubator office space, and micro-retail space. Also included, is a request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow entertainment and/or alcohol sales or consumption within the communal dining areas of the SteelCraft Development. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303(c) – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Kim Gros, Martin Howard

Action: Resolution No. 5905-17 was approved with a modification to Condition No. 10 clarifying that the City, as the property owner, would be responsible to remediate any soil contamination.

Motion: Brietigam Second: Salazar

Ayes: (6) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Nguyen, Salazar, Truong

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Lehman

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Brietigam challenged the City of Garden Grove City Council to increase the number of police officers to 200 by the year 2020.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that the December 7th Planning Commission meeting would be cancelled, and asked Commissioners to save the date of Thursday, December 21st for the Planning Commission Holiday Dinner. Staff and Commissioners wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:33 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: Brietigam Second: Lazenby

Ayes: (6) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Nguyen, Salazar, Truong

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Lehman

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary