

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 30, 2017

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Kingsley Okereke provides a copy of the February 2017 Investment Report.

B. OPPOSITION LETTER TO ASSEMBLY BILL 252 (RIDLEY-THOMAS)

A copy of the letter sent to Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas in opposition of AB 252 Local Government Taxation Prohibition/Video Streaming Services is attached for your review.

C. MANAGEMENT PARTNERS REPORT

A copy of the report from Management Partners summarizing the outcome of the March 10, 2017 City Council Workshop is provided for your review.

D. INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR HUANGLONGBING CITRUS DISEASE

Kim Huy provides information on a citrus disease to be aware of.

E. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 346 (DALY)

A copy of the letter sent to Assembly Member Daly in support of AB 346 Redevelopment: Housing Successor: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund is attached for your review.

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

A. Notice of Adjournment of Local Agency Formation Commission of OC (LAFCO) Annual Strategic Planning Session.

B. Mayor Jones received a Letter from SCAG congratulating the City on being approved for a Sustainability Planning Grant Award.

• OTHER ITEMS

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
From: Kingsley Okereke
Dept: City Manager
Dept: Finance
Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT
FOR FEBRUARY 2017
Date: March 15, 2017

Enclosed is the February 2017 Investment Report which shows the financial institutions, types of investment instruments, monthly transactions, current month interest received, and the par and fair market value of investments held. The month-end cash in the bank and petty cash balances are also listed on the Cash and Investment Report. The pie chart (please see chart on attachment A) reflects the investment instruments as a percentage of the total portfolio.

This investment portfolio meets State guidelines and adheres to the City's investment policy. As of February 2017, the City's total portfolio is invested in:

Type of Investment	Total Investment	% of Investment
US Treasury	\$45,000,000	19.765%
Fed Home Loan Banks	\$39,250,000	17.240%
Fed Farm Credit Banks	\$28,500,000	12.518%
Fed Nat Mort Assoc	\$47,000,000	20.644%
City LAIF	\$43,146,829	18.951%
Cash with Fiscal Agents	\$24,775,132	10.882%
Total	\$227,671,961	100.000%

The cash with fiscal agents is restricted as they are funds held and invested by an outside fiscal agent. The restrictions were set forth in the related bond indentures. As of February 2017, 10.882% of the portfolio is restricted.

In summary, the investment portfolio is secured and the City has the necessary cash to pay its bills for six months in a timely manner. Please call me at extension #5060 if you have any questions.

 for
KINGSLEY OKEREKE
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

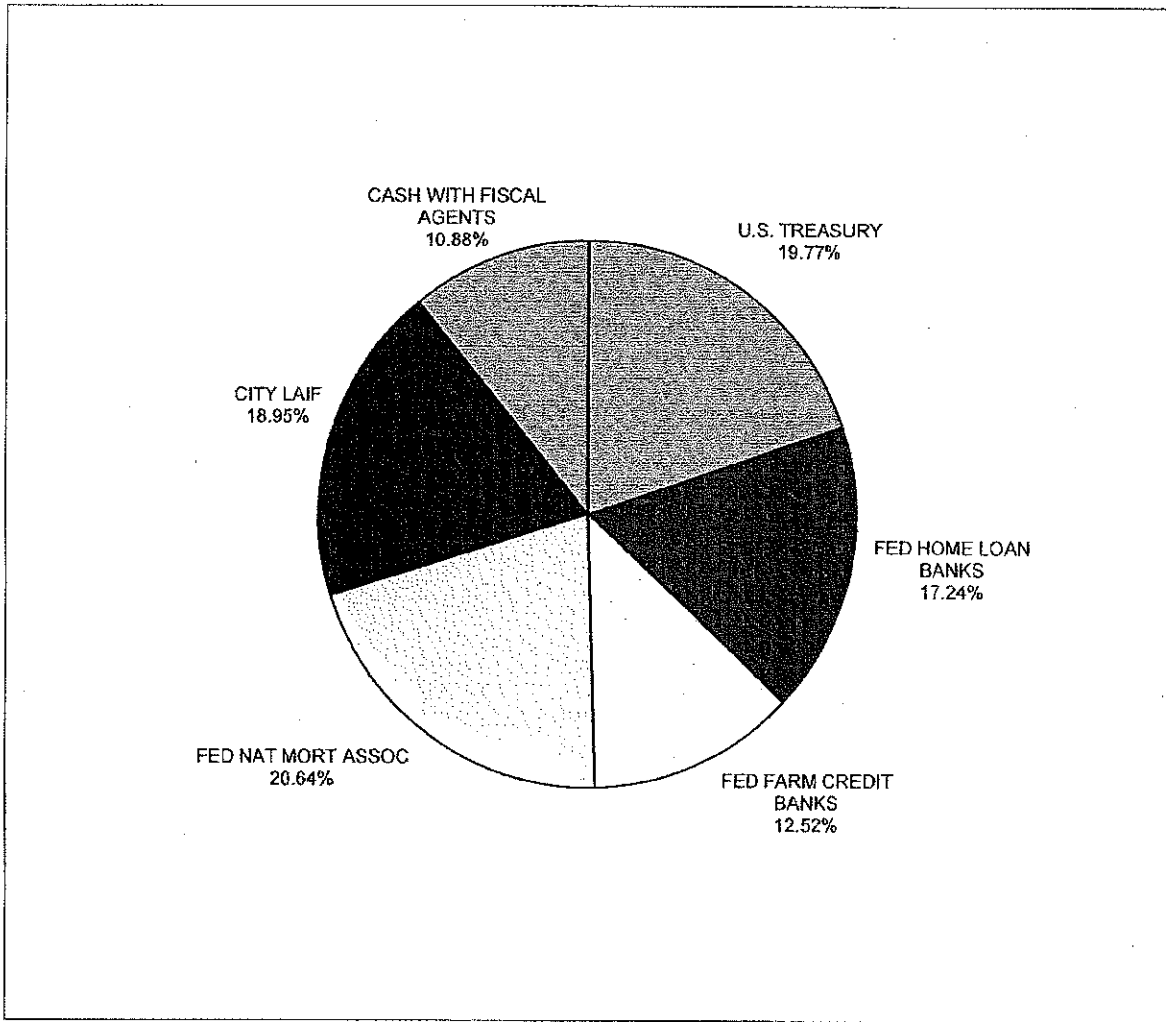
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Attachments
cc: Monica Neely

ATTACHMENT A

INVESTMENT SUMMARY
February 2017

<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT / FIN INSTITUTION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
U.S. TREASURY	\$ 45,000,000	19.765%
FED HOME LOAN BANKS	\$ 39,250,000	17.240%
FED FARM CREDIT BANKS	\$ 28,500,000	12.518%
FED NAT MORT ASSOC	\$ 47,000,000	20.644%
CITY LAIF	\$ 43,146,829	18.951%
CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS	\$ 24,775,132	10.882%
TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS	\$ 227,671,961	100.000%



WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITIES
February 2017

Investment	Yield (Rate)	UBOC Held	Amount	Date of Maturity	No. Days to Mat. 2/28/2017 x (b)	Weighted Average (a / total a = c)	Weighted # of Days (b x c)
			(a)				(b x c)
TREASURY							
U S TREASURY	0.500	*	3,000,000	07/31/17	153	1.47858%	2,262
U S TREASURY	0.625	*	3,000,000	08/31/17	184	1.47858%	2,721
U S TREASURY	0.625	*	3,000,000	11/30/17	275	1.47858%	4,066
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	06/30/18	487	1.47858%	7,201
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	07/31/18	518	1.47858%	7,659
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/31/18	549	1.47858%	8,117
U S TREASURY	1.250	*	3,000,000	10/31/18	610	1.47858%	9,019
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	761	1.47858%	11,252
U S TREASURY	0.875	*	3,000,000	07/31/19	883	1.47858%	13,056
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	03/31/20	1,127	1.47858%	16,664
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	11/30/20	1,371	1.47858%	20,271
U S TREASURY	1.125	*	3,000,000	02/28/21	1,461	1.47858%	21,602
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	07/31/21	1,614	1.47858%	23,864
U S TREASURY	2.000	*	3,000,000	08/31/21	1,645	1.47858%	24,323
U S TREASURY	2.000	*	3,000,000	10/31/21	1,706	1.47858%	25,225
CITY							
FHLB	1.000	*	3,000,000	06/09/17	101	1.47858%	1,493
FHLB	1.125	*	3,000,000	07/28/17	150	1.47858%	2,218
FHLB	2.250	*	3,000,000	09/08/17	192	1.47858%	2,839
FHLB	0.875	*	3,000,000	03/10/17	10	1.47858%	0,148
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/14/18	563	1.47858%	8,324
FHLB	1.500	*	3,000,000	03/13/19	743	1.47858%	10,986
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/13/19	927	1.47858%	13,706
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	06/14/19	836	1.47858%	12,361
FHLB	1.750	*	3,000,000	06/12/20	1,200	1.47858%	17,743
FHLB	0.875	*	3,000,000	03/19/18	384	1.47858%	5,678
FHLB	2.375	*	3,000,000	09/10/21	1,655	1.47858%	24,471
FHLB	2.000	*	3,250,000	11/10/21	1,716	1.60180%	27,487
FHLB	1.875	*	3,000,000	11/29/21	1,735	1.47858%	25,653
FFCB	1.000	*	3,000,000	05/16/17	77	1.47858%	1,139
FFCB	1.160	*	3,000,000	10/23/17	237	1.47858%	3,504
FFCB	0.750	*	3,000,000	02/16/18	353	1.47858%	5,219
FFCB	1.590	*	3,000,000	10/01/18	580	1.47858%	8,576
FFCB	1.460	*	3,000,000	11/21/18	631	1.47858%	9,330
FFCB	1.300	*	3,000,000	02/01/19	703	1.47858%	10,394
FFCB	1.300	*	3,000,000	06/06/19	828	1.47858%	12,243
FFCB	2.060	*	1,500,000	08/01/19	884	0.73929%	6,535
FFCB	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/05/19	888	1.47858%	13,130
FFCB	1.280	*	3,000,000	09/29/21	1,674	1.47858%	24,751
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	08/28/17	181	1.47858%	2,676
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	10/26/17	240	1.47858%	3,549
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	02/08/18	345	1.47858%	5,101
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	05/21/18	447	1.47858%	6,609
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	09/28/18	577	1.47858%	8,531
FNMA	1.625	*	3,000,000	11/27/18	637	1.47858%	9,419
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	02/27/19	729	1.47858%	10,779
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	09/18/19	932	1.47858%	13,780
FNMA	1.320	*	2,000,000	10/22/19	966	0.98572%	9,522
FNMA	1.750	*	3,000,000	11/26/19	1,001	1.47858%	14,801
FNMA	1.800	*	3,000,000	06/30/20	1,218	1.47858%	18,009
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	11/30/20	1,371	1.47858%	20,271
FNMA	1.520	*	3,000,000	07/28/21	1,611	1.47858%	23,820
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	08/24/21	1,638	1.47858%	24,219
FNMA	1.100	*	3,000,000	10/17/19	961	1.47858%	14,209
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	10/07/21	1,682	1.47858%	24,870
LAIF/REPO/COMMERCIAL PAPER							
LAIF	0.500		43,146,829	02/28/17	-	21.26540%	0.000
			202,896,829		44,947	100.00000%	655
							Wtd. Avg. Maturity
RESTRICTED							
2008 Katella Cottages			175,518	02/28/17	-	0.70845%	0.000
2008 UBOC			2,319,955	02/28/17	-	9.36405%	0.000
2006 Sewer			1,505,518	02/28/17	-	6.07673%	0.000
2010 Water			697,170	02/28/17	-	2.81399%	0.000
2014 TAR B			6,259,621	02/28/17	-	25.26574%	0.000
2015 TAR B			8	02/28/17	-	0.0003%	0.000
2015A COP's			10,219,924	02/28/17	-	41.25073%	0.000
2016 TAB			3,597,419	02/28/17	-	14.52028%	0.000
			24,775,132			100.00000%	-
Investment Total			227,671,961				

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2017

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT		CURRENT MONTH		ENDING INVESTMENT		PERIOD	PAR	MARKET	LAST			
	PURCHASES	RATE %	PURCHASES	DATE	AMOUNT	MATURITIES					INTEREST	VALUE	INT RECD
LAIF	0.500		48,146,828.73		5,000,000.00		43,146,828.73						
			48,146,828.73		5,000,000.00		43,146,828.73						
			SHARES/ UNITS HELD										
UNITED STATES TREASURY			3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	07/31/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,997,900.00	01/31/17			
U.S. TREASURY	0.625	06/07/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	08/31/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,998,590.00	02/28/17			
U.S. TREASURY	0.625	06/07/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	11/30/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,985,770.00	11/30/16			
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	03/27/14	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	08/31/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,019,590.00	01/03/17			
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	06/05/14	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	07/31/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,013,590.00	01/31/17			
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	04/02/14	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	08/31/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,018,160.00	02/28/17			
U.S. TREASURY	1.250	08/04/14	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	10/31/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,005,160.00	10/31/16			
U.S. TREASURY	0.875	01/09/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	03/31/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,022,740.00	09/30/16			
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	11/05/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	07/31/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,987,340.00	01/31/17			
U.S. TREASURY	1.625	12/15/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	11/30/20	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,982,740.00	09/30/16			
U.S. TREASURY	1.125	01/25/17	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	02/28/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,927,560.00	02/28/17			
U.S. TREASURY	2.250	12/15/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	07/31/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,032,860.00	01/31/17			
U.S. TREASURY	2.000		3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	10/31/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,016,890.00	02/28/17			
U.S. TREASURY	2.000	12/21/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,016,890.00				
			42,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		45,000,000.00	45,000,000.00	45,026,680.00				
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS			3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	03/10/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,030,270.00	09/13/16			
FHLB	0.875	01/09/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	06/09/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,033,120.00	12/08/16			
FHLB	1.000	06/25/13	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	07/28/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,035,310.00	01/30/17			
FHLB	1.125	07/29/13	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	09/08/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,023,490.00	09/28/16			
FHLB	2.250	12/17/13	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	03/19/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,996,940.00	09/19/16			
FHLB	0.875	08/17/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	09/14/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,030,760.00	09/14/16			
FHLB	2.000	12/23/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	03/13/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,360.00	09/13/16			
FHLB	1.500	03/13/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	06/14/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,016,650.00	12/14/16			
FHLB	1.625	08/03/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	09/13/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,041,010.00	09/13/16			
FHLB	2.000	05/07/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	08/12/20	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,033,030.00	12/12/16			
FHLB	1.750	06/30/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	09/10/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,059,690.00				
FHLB	2.375	10/27/16	3,000,000.00		3,250,000.00	11/10/21	3,250,000.00	3,250,000.00	3,283,715.00				
FHLB	2.000	11/10/16	3,250,000.00		3,000,000.00	11/29/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,989,810.00				
FHLB	1.875	12/13/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00				
			39,250,000.00		3,250,000.00		39,250,000.00	39,250,000.00	39,440,115.00				

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2017

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT REC'D DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS										
FFCB	1.000	05/16/12	3,000,000.00			05/16/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,003,240.00	11/16/16
FFCB	1.160	01/23/14	3,000,000.00			10/23/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,007,470.00	10/24/16
FFCB	0.750	06/07/16	3,000,000.00			02/16/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,994,450.00	02/16/17
FFCB	1.990	10/01/14	3,000,000.00			10/01/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,018,610.00	10/03/16
FFCB	1.460	06/05/14	3,000,000.00			11/21/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,012,240.00	11/21/16
FFCB	1.300	06/03/16	3,000,000.00			02/01/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,993,970.00	12/03/16
FFCB	2.050	07/28/15	1,500,000.00	3,000,000.00		06/06/19	3,000,000.00	1,500,000.00	1,521,990.00	02/01/17
FFCB	1.500	08/11/15	3,000,000.00			08/05/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,995,910.00	02/06/17
FFCB	1.280	10/06/16	3,000,000.00			09/29/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,900,520.00	
			25,500,000.00		3,000,000.00		28,500,000.00	28,500,000.00	28,455,350.00	
FED NAT MORT ASSOC										
FNMA	0.875	01/16/14	3,000,000.00			08/28/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,003,050.00	02/28/17
FNMA	0.875	09/13/13	3,000,000.00			10/28/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,001,740.00	10/28/16
FNMA	0.875	01/09/14	3,000,000.00			02/09/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,997,120.00	02/09/17
FNMA	0.875	05/05/14	3,000,000.00			05/21/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,993,250.00	11/21/16
FNMA	1.000	10/01/13	3,000,000.00			09/29/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,004,260.00	09/20/16
FNMA	1.525	12/19/13	3,000,000.00			11/27/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,021,750.00	11/29/16
FNMA	1.375	02/27/15	3,000,000.00			02/27/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,540.00	02/27/17
FNMA	1.500	07/15/15	3,000,000.00			09/18/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,994,840.00	09/19/16
FNMA	1.100	10/17/16	3,000,000.00			10/17/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,996,910.00	
FNMA	1.350	05/03/15	2,000,000.00			10/22/19	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	1,989,280.00	10/24/16
FNMA	1.750	05/07/15	3,000,000.00			11/26/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,550.00	11/29/16
FNMA	1.500	05/30/15	3,000,000.00			06/30/20	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,840.00	12/30/16
FNMA	1.500	12/23/15	3,000,000.00			11/30/20	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,974,470.00	11/30/16
FNMA	1.520	07/28/16	3,000,000.00			07/28/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,991,840.00	01/30/17
FNMA	1.000	06/24/16	3,000,000.00			06/24/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,975,730.00	02/24/17
FNMA	1.375	10/07/16	3,000,000.00			10/07/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,927,580.00	
			47,000,000.00				47,000,000.00	47,000,000.00	46,773,770.00	
SUBTOTAL			201,656,928.73	6,000,000.00	5,000,000.00		202,656,928.73	189,825.00	159,579,115.00	

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
 PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2017

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES	DATE	AMOUNT	CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES	DATE	AMOUNT	ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES	DATE	AMOUNT	PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INTRCD DATE
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CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS

CITY RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS																	
2006 SEWER			02/28/17	1,505,517.83							02/28/17		1,505,517.83				
2010 WATER			02/28/17	687,170.06							02/28/17		687,170.06				
2015 Refinancing			02/28/17	7.69							02/28/17		7.69				
2015A COOP			02/28/17	10,218,923.57							02/28/17		10,218,923.57				
				<u>12,422,618.15</u>									<u>12,422,618.15</u>				
SUCCESSOR RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS																	
2006 Katella Cottages (Vankamper)			02/28/17	175,518.26							02/28/17		175,518.26				
UBCC			02/28/17	2,319,954.53							02/28/17		2,319,954.53				
2014 TARE			02/28/17	6,289,821.25							02/28/17		6,289,821.25				
2016 TAB			02/28/17	3,597,418.69							02/28/17		3,597,418.69				
				<u>12,352,512.73</u>									<u>12,352,512.73</u>				
TOTAL INVESTMENTS				<u>8,000,000.00</u>			<u>8,000,000.00</u>			<u>5,000,000.00</u>			<u>227,671,960.61</u>				

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2017

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES	DATE	AMOUNT	CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES	DATE	AMOUNT	ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES	DATE	AMOUNT	PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT RECD DATE

CASH IN BANK																	
Ending Cash Balance																	
COMMERCIAL BANK-Willowick			02/28/17	82,250.88								02/28/17	82,250.88				
WELLS FARGO BANK - Civic Center Housing			02/28/17									02/28/17					
UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA																	
Charge Back Account			02/28/17	11,092.77	2042201638							02/28/17	11,092.77				
General Account			02/28/17	4,098,063.75	2042850020							02/28/17	4,098,063.75				
Home			02/28/17	216.22	2042438554							02/28/17	216.22				
Housing Authority (Accounting)			02/28/17		2042114021							02/28/17					
Housing Authority Escrow			02/28/17	123,387.62	2042438436							02/28/17	123,387.62				
Liability			02/28/17	48,548.44	2042005871							02/28/17	48,548.44				
Workers Camp			02/28/17	716,724.08	204237764							02/28/17	716,724.08				
Successor Agency			02/28/17	38,009.30	2740032316							02/28/17	38,009.30				
SUBTOTAL				5,118,263.06									5,118,263.06				

PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS																	
Change Fund																	
Finance			02/28/17	3,680.00								02/28/17	3,680.00				
Departments			02/28/17	3,000.00								02/28/17	3,000.00				
Police Dept-S/U			02/28/17	3,500.00								02/28/17	3,500.00				
Police Dept-Drug			02/28/17	30,000.00								02/28/17	30,000.00				
Police Dept-Reg			02/28/17	3,500.00								02/28/17	3,500.00				
SUBTOTAL				48,980.00									48,980.00				

GRAND TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS																	
				6,000,000.00					5,000,000.00					1,89,825.00	159,750,000.00	159,879,115.00	
				231,834,183.67					232,834,183.67					1,89,825.00	159,750,000.00	159,879,115.00	



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 22, 2017

The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2176
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 252 (Ridley-Thomas) – Local Government Taxation Prohibition / Video Streaming Services - **Notice of Opposition**

Dear Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas,

The City of Garden Grove is opposed to AB 252 and the provisions that would prohibit local governments from imposing any tax, which includes a sales or utility user tax (UUT) on video streaming services. Garden Grove is concerned with not only the immediate revenue loss implications to local governments if AB 252 were to become law, but the precedent set by undoing the will of local voters that adopted UUT ordinances.

AB 252 sets a dangerous precedent and undermines the established will of local voters. ERAF was a major reason why many cities went to the voters to obtain a local UUT. Currently, there are 152 cities and 3 counties with a UUT ordinance. Over the last two decades, voters in over 107 cities and 3 counties have adopted measures to modernize their local UUT ordinances; of these 87 cities and 1 county approved ordinances to permit a UUT on video providers. These modern ordinances anticipated changing technologies, and were overwhelmingly adopted by the electorate to address the issue of the same service delivered in a technically different format; wired vs Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol (VOIP) Telecommunications.

AB 252 is a concern to not only local governments with a UUT ordinance, but any entity that relies on the tools for local balloting. Local governments must have tools available to them to keep pace with the rapidly changing world we live in today. Changes in technology are not only impacting telecommunications and entertainment. The changes are impacting the way we purchase our goods and services. The State of California and its voters have clearly defined methods for local governments to obtain voter approvals for taxes.

By passing Propositions 13 (1978) and 218 (1996), the people of California made it clear that they are the ones who should decide whether they should be taxed on the local level. By passing Propositions 1A (2004) and 22 (2010), the people of California also made it clear that they do not want the State interfering with their local revenues. To the extent AB 252 is being proposed out of concern that taxing OTT will be "too much of a tax burden," that is a choice properly for the voters of each city or county. Under Propositions 13 and 218, the voters of a city or county have the right and the power to decide whether to tax themselves. AB 252's proposed exemption applies to ordinances approved by local-voters.

Steven R. Jones

Mayor

Phat Bui

Mayor Pro Tem - District 4

Kris Beard

Council Member - District 1

John R. O'Neill

Council Member - District 2

Thu-Ha Nguyen

Council Member - District 3

Stephanie Klopfenstein

Council Member - District 5

Kim Bernice Nguyen

Council Member - District 6

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An unintended consequence with AB 252 includes pre-empting local voters after a local vote. The City of Garden Grove opposes AB 252 because of its preemption of local control. If AB 252 were to become law, industry will have no reason to negotiate with local governments because they will be exempt from tax until 2023. Instead they will probably exert their efforts on extending the ban, as was done with the Internet Tax Freedom Act, which was enacted as a temporary ban in 1998, and was continually extended until it was made permanent in 2015.

For the reasons stated above, the City of Garden Grove joins the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the California Cable & Telecommunications Association in opposing AB 252.

Respectfully,



Steven R. Jones
Mayor

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GARDEN GROVE

City of Garden Grove
City Council Workshop
Held March 10, 2017

March 2017

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City Council Workshop Report

Workshop Overview

The City of Garden Grove held a workshop with the Council, City Manager and staff on Friday, March 10, 2017 at the Sheraton Garden Grove – Anaheim South Hotel from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the workshop was to review and affirm good governance principles and discuss priorities for the coming year.

Workshop Objectives

- Review good governance principles and the important roles performed by Council and the City Manager with the City's new district-based governance structure;
- Discuss the results of peer benchmarking and trends likely to affect the City and understand the financial picture of the City;
- Review key accomplishments from the previous year and establish Council priorities for FY 2017-18.

Participants

Workshop participants included the following:

- Mayor Steven Jones
- Mayor Pro Tem Phat Bui
- Councilmember Kris Beard
- Councilmember Stephanie Klopfenstein
- Councilmember Thu-Ha Nguyen
- Councilmember John O'Neill
- Councilmember Kim Nguyen
- Scott Stiles, City Manager
- Maria Stipe, Deputy City Manager
- Kingsley Okereke, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
- Omar Sandoval, City Attorney
- Todd Elgin, Police Chief
- Tom Schultz, Fire Chief
- Lisa Kim, Community and Economic Development Director
- Kim Huy, Community Services Director
- Laura Stover, Human Resources Director
- Charles Kalil, IT Director
- Bill Murray, Public Works Director
- Shawn Park, Administrative Analyst

Nancy Hetrick of Management Partners facilitated the workshop with support from Patricia Black.

Workshop Agenda

- Welcome by the Mayor and Call to Order
- Oral Communications
- Opening Comments and Workshop Overview
- Warm-Up Activity
- Good Governance Principles and the Key Roles of Council and the City Manager
- Peer Benchmarking Results and Related Trends
- Budget Forecast and Highlights
- Key Accomplishments and Major Activities from the Previous Year
- FY 2017-18 Priorities Discussion
- Wrap up and Adjourn

Ground Rules

The facilitator suggested several ground rules to help the group work together and achieve the workshop objectives.

- Seek consensus
- Listen to each other
- Share thoughts and ideas
- Focus on issues

Workshop Preparation

Prior to the workshop, Management Partners facilitated a workshop with the City's Central Management Team and conducted individual interviews with members of the City Council to inform the formation of the agenda and the identification of priorities to be considered.

Warm-up Activity

Council and staff engaged in a warm-up activity designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas about special places and qualities found in Garden Grove. Participants assumed the role of an Orange County Register beat reporter and interviewed their partner to get the scoop on hidden gems across the city and desired accomplishments for the coming year. The “interview” results are summarized below.

Hidden Gems

Question posed: *What hidden gem, landmark or quality do you want people to know about the City or your district?*

- Garlic and Chives Restaurant
- Diversity of community
- Untapped potential of the people
- 7 Leaves Café
- Can Do City
- Community garden on Garden Blvd.
- Red Pot Restaurant
- Little Saigon and Korean business district
- Sabroso Grill
- Public school system in Garden Grove and the City’s general location to incredible colleges
- People in Garden Grove and sense of community
- Historic site on Euclid Ave.

Accomplishments

Question posed: *What single accomplishment would you like to pursue in the coming year that will benefit of the whole City?*

- Successfully champion a community-identified issue
- Improve streets; increase pride in ownership
- Bring the “garden” back to Garden Grove
- Improve parks
- Build a strong community; champion the Latino community
- Improve external awareness of Garden Grove in the region
- Achieve fiscal sustainability
- Focus on parks

- Develop a 5-year strategic plan that engages council, staff and community in long-range planning

Discussion on Good Governance

To introduce the topic of good governance, Management Partners presented six principles the Council and staff can embrace to maintain the highest quality of service for the residents of Garden Grove. These principles were initially identified by the Central Management Team during their January workshop and then refined by Management Partners. Participants reviewed and discussed the principles and shared their thoughts on how they could best support them.

Key principles for good governance:

1. Encourage a citywide perspective/vision.
2. Be informed of interests and issues within each district.
3. Maintain professionalism in our work (e.g., service delivery based on needs, data-based decisions, customer focused).
4. Utilize long-range plans to provide big picture context that is realistic and achievable.
5. Educate and engage the public about City services and needs, and be continually transparent with information.
6. Honor the roles of the council-manager form of government.

General Discussion Comments

The Mayor and City Manager emphasized the importance of embracing and demonstrating these principles. They commended the commitment and respect found among the current Council and the openness and support demonstrated by staff. Council members agreed and offered the following additional observations:

- Working well together sends an important signal about getting things done
- Moving to a 2-year budget will help with continuity and communication
- Providing support for residents, businesses and visitors is recognized by people and draws in businesses
- These good governance principles help us to be an open partner for the public

The Council then reflected on what could get in the way of their success; what they need from each other to maintain these principles; and what commitments they can make to each other. They also identified rules of engagement when issues emerge across district boundaries. The discussion themes for each of these topics are included below.

Question 1: What could get in the way of our success?

- Politics and personal self-interest
- Communication breakdown, mixed messaging and inconsistent messaging
- Not respecting roles (Staff over-stepping bounds to set policy and/or Council micromanaging operations)

Question 2: What do we need from each other to maintain these principles?

- Active, regular and constant dialogue
- Respect
- Trust
- To feel comfortable asking questions and talking openly
- Maintaining the spirit of helping
- Openness to share ideas
- Collaboration and encouragement
- Recognizing strengths
- Building consensus

Question 3: What commitments can we make to each other?

We will...

- Be supportive and open-minded
- Listen to understand
- Challenge ourselves to continuously grow
- Communicate our values
- Stay actively engaged
- Be here for the community and bring the community with us
- Continue the honeymoon – be sensitive to what others need and be mindful of staff

Question 4: What should be the rules of engagement when issues or opportunities emerge across districts boundaries?

- As a body, we all represent the whole city
- When issues or opportunities come up in other districts, we will engage district member immediately
- We will work together and foster collaboration
- We are each empowered to engage across districts boundaries but will do so with open and timely communication to be sure all are informed
- We recognize that district boundaries are “soft” and likely inconsequential to constituents
- We will maintain professional courtesy
- We will inform each other of conversations the involve their districts and refer interested stakeholders and/or constituents to each other for support
- We will check in with each other to keep informed of activities that may impact our districts
- We recognize the likelihood and importance of both inter-district and intra-district projects

Discussion on Roles of the City Council, Mayor and City Manager

After the good governance discussion, participants brainstormed the different roles performed by the City Council, Mayor and City Manager. The results of this brainstorm are provided below.

Roles of City Council Members

- Represent the City and all residents
- Set City policy
- Be knowledgeable about issues and opportunities in the district and informed about the community
- Define a long-term vision
- Adapt to meet the varied needs of constituents
- Act as a connector
- Be an active and engaged listener
- Be professional
- Act as a bridge between City Hall and community stakeholders
- Be accountable to constituents

Roles of the Mayor

- Set tone of the Council

- Act as a figure head for the Council and City
- Be democratic and equitable
- Build consensus
- Act as a mediator
- Bring people together
- Compromise
- Maintain focus
- Receive feedback
- Be a facilitator
- Collaborate
- Lead meetings
- Act as a role model
- Provide leadership

Roles of the City Manager and Staff

- Provide good advice to council
- Hear council priorities and implement policy
- “The professionals”
- Perform day-to-day operations
- Communicate with everyone to ensure messaging is consistent
- Develop, maintain and support a positive organizational culture and implement succession planning
- Provide fair and unbiased information
- Demonstrate a depth of knowledge
- Provide leadership to the organization
- Maintain neutrality
- Provide timely response to questions

Review of Peer Benchmarking Results and Related Trends

Management Partners presented trend data and highlights of a peer benchmarking study that utilized publicly available information (e.g., demographic, budget, staffing, comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) and crime data) and facilitated a discussion about what the comparison data indicated.

Budget Forecast and Highlights

Finance Director Kingsley Okereke provided a budget update including information on:

1. Revenue
2. Expenditures
3. Anticipated CalPERS increases

Key Accomplishments and Major Activities Completed Last Year

Staff presented key accomplishments achieved in the last year. The presentation was organized by the six focus areas established by the City Council in 2016.

Discussion about Council Priorities for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Management Partners facilitated a discussion to determine what items from the FY 2016-17 Action Plan (City Council Priorities) should remain on the list or be removed, and what items should be added. The Council reviewed, discussed, and prioritized goals and objectives to inform the City's annual action plan. Following the discussion, the Council participated in a dot-voting exercise to identify their top priorities for FY 2017-18.

The FY 2017-18 priorities are included as Attachment A. The dot voting results are included Attachment B.

The notes that follow reflect the discussion that occurred and are organized by focus area. Specific changes to the set of priorities as requested by Council have been incorporated into the document presented as Attachment A.

Priorities Discussion by Focus Area

Focus Area 1: Economic Development

Discussion Notes:

- Harbor redevelopment is not cohesive, we should create a vision/specific plan; the Harbor Corridor Project crosses through Districts 5 and 6
- We could make it into a Re:Imagine Harbor Corridor

- We could expand on the success of the Re:Imagine Downtown Initiative to include other areas
 - Prioritize areas and implement in phases
 - The plan should be aspirational and phased to garner support
- We need to discuss beautification opportunities
 - Neighborhood watch
 - Community ownership
 - Communication
 - CDBG
- We should consider what to do with the golf course
- Update the priority to “Continue Re:Imagine Downtown Initiatives” to be “Expand Re:Imagine Initiatives”

Focus Area 2: Public Safety

- Staffing need is implied and a staffing analysis could be needed to determine how many police officers and firefighters are needed to adequately staff departments
- Improve crime reporting
 - Online reporting system
 - Incorporate into mobile app
- Increase public safety along the Harbor corridor
- Big city trend affects public safety needs
 - Need to generate revenue
- Council wants staff to clarify what resources are needed in order to address challenges

Focus Area 3: Community Engagement and Outreach

- We have an opportunity for district-level connection
- Council has an active role in connecting with residents
- Support the idea of district forums (may be part of Strategic Planning?)

Focus Area 4: Financial Sustainability

- Commitment to identify revenue options and then develop a plan for implementation
- Analysis of staffing needs and resources

Focus Area 5: Effective, Transparent Government

- Emergency operations plan will be reviewed by Council and Council will be trained regarding implementation
- Network security plan and systems evaluation needed

Focus Area 6: Other Community Issues

- Organization review of Community and Economic Development is underway
 - Council may want to clarify wording of objectives and strategies related to Building and Code Enforcement Divisions

Next Steps

Participants ended the workshop by reviewing next steps and sharing their thoughts on their most valuable takeaway of the workshop with each other, which are summarized below.

Closing Comments

- Because everyone is focused on the City, cool stuff will get done
- Collaborative process
- Positive change in council dynamics
- Potential for positive growth
- Respectful treatment of others
- Great to get everyone together
- Good to interact with everyone but would like to mix up seating (staff and council members)
- Increase opportunities to get together more
- Refreshing to see calm heads ready to collaborate to make important decisions

Attachment A – City of Garden Grove FY 2017-18 Council Priorities

City of Garden Grove
 FY 2017-18 Council Priorities

(Items in red are new for FY 2017-18)

Focus Area	Objective	Strategy
Economic Development	Use Economic Development to grow revenues	Complete and implement citywide Economic Development study
		Develop incentives strategy
	Expand Re:Imagine Initiatives	Continue current development activities
		Facilitate OC Street Car Project
Public Safety	Invest in beautification efforts	Civic Center Adaptive Reuse
		Identify an ongoing funding sources for Open Streets
	Prioritize and enhance Public Safety	Complete Downtown Parking Management Plan
		Implement the Bike Master Plan
	Complete infrastructure projects that are underway	Develop a Harbor Corridor Plan
		Market the City's assets to get Garden Grove on the map
Community Engagement and Outreach	Develop a strategic plan that engages the community	Maintain and enhance staffing of key Public Safety positions as resources allow
		Complete Fire station #6
	Evaluate opportunities for enhanced communication to diverse groups	Complete Police lobby
		Complete the communications center
		Identify and implement new website tools
		Invest in tools and resources to communicate effectively
		Increase number of community forums held (town halls)

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 Attachment A – City of Garden Grove
 FY 2017-18 Council Priorities

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Focus Area	Objective	Strategy
Financial Sustainability	<i>Educate the public about local government</i>	
	<i>Explore new revenue options</i>	
	<i>Achieve a balanced budget</i>	
	<i>Create a long-range financial forecast</i>	
	<i>Update fees to be consistent with peer cities</i>	
	<i>Develop strategies to address pension liability</i>	
	<i>Implement new financial system</i>	
	<i>Identify assets that can be disposed (one-time revenue)</i>	
	<i>Implement action plan items from management system review</i>	
	<i>Continue to implement transparency initiatives</i>	
Effective, Transparent Government	<i>Complete the Parks Master Plan</i>	
	<i>Invest in data systems</i>	
	<i>Develop network security plan</i>	
	<i>Conduct fire negotiations</i>	
	<i>Complete and implement an organization review of Community and Economic Development department</i>	
	<i>Ensure implementation of emergency plan</i>	
Other Community Issues	<i>Update the phone system and related services</i>	
	Continue implementation of animal care transition	
	Monitor homelessness issue and take appropriate action	
	<i>Evaluate code enforcement program and policies</i>	Address parking issues
	<i>Develop a Latin hub that celebrates culture and heritage</i>	Identify best practices used in other cities

Attachment B – City of Garden Grove FY 2017-18 Council Priorities Dot Voting Results

**City of Garden Grove
 FY 2017-18 Council Priorities Dot Voting Results**

Number of Votes Received	Focus Area	Objective or Strategy
7	Financial Sustainability	Explore new revenue options
	Economic Development	Complete and implement citywide Economic Development study
	Public Safety	Enhance neighborhood watch and other community policing programs
	Community Engagement and Outreach	Develop a strategic plan that engages the community
	Public Safety	Maintain and enhance staffing of key Public Safety positions
	Other Community Issues	Evaluate code enforcement program and policies
	Economic Development	Develop Harbor Corridor plan
3	Effective, Transparent Government	Expand Re:Imagine Initiatives
	Other Community Issues	Complete the Parks Master Plan
	Economic Development	Monitor homelessness issue and take appropriate action
2	Public Safety	Market the City's assets to get Garden Grove on the map
	Community Engagement and Outreach	Complete Fire Station #6 and Police Lobby
	Financial Sustainability	Educate the public about local government
	Other Community Issues	Achieve a balanced budget
	Economic Development	Create a long-range financial forecast
	Community Engagement and Outreach	Develop a Latin hub that celebrates culture and heritage
	Financial Sustainability	Develop an incentives strategy
1	Public Safety	Continue current development activities
	Community Engagement and Outreach	Facilitate OC Street Car Project
	Financial Sustainability	Increase basic building security at public safety headquarters
	Community Engagement and Outreach	Evaluate opportunities for enhanced communication to diverse groups
	Financial Sustainability	Update fees to be consistent with peer cities
		Develop strategies to address pension liability

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 Attachment B – City of Garden Grove
 FY 2017-18 Council Priorities Dot
 Voting Results

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Number of Votes Received	Focus Area	Objective or Strategy
		Implement new financial system
	Effective, Transparent Government	Ensure implementation of emergency plan
	Other Community Issues	Continue implementation of animal care transition

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Scott Stiles	From:	Kimberly Huy
Dept.:	City Manager	Dept.:	Community Services
Subject:	INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR HUANGLONGBING CITRUS DISEASE	Date:	March 30, 2017

Recently, representatives from the County of Orange and the Public Relations firm representing the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Program, met with members of the City's Office of Community Relations. The discussion involved the discovery of the Huanglongbing (HLB) or citrus greening disease in Los Angeles County. The LA city affected by the citrus disease in closest proximity to Garden Grove, was Cerritos. Cerritos, and other cities with the confirmed HLB disease are currently under a citrus quarantine.

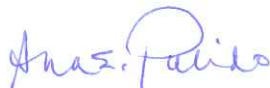
In addition to the HLB, the agencies also warned of an Asian citrus psyllid (insect) that can spread the disease.

In light of this information, the City's Office of Community Relations will undertake an informational campaign to help prevent the spread of the HLB to Garden Grove citrus. Important points to keep in mind are that the citrus disease is not harmful to humans, and there is no cure for the HLB.

Attached is information on the citrus disease, with the number for residents to call to report a diseased, or insect-infested tree.

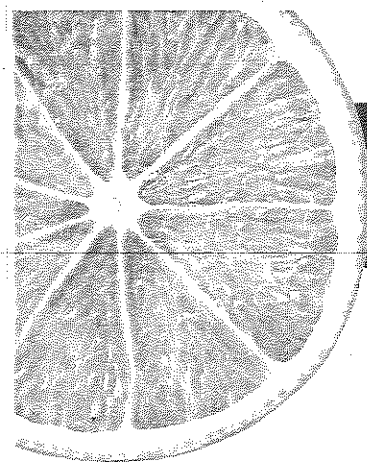


KIMBERLY HUY
Community Services Director



By: Ana Pulido
Community Services Supervisor

Attachment



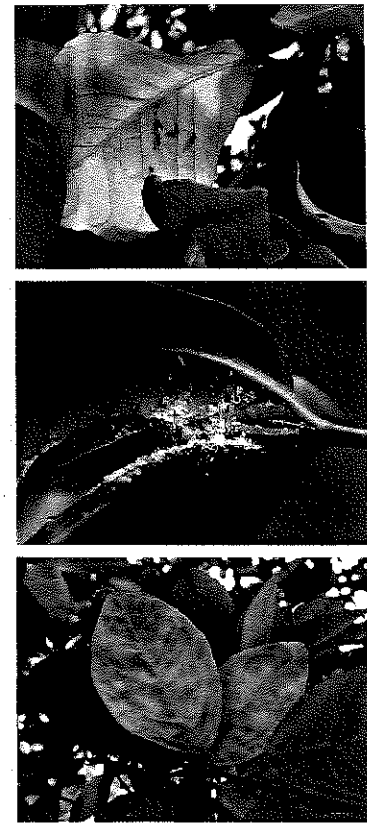
Save Your Community's Citrus

A Deadly Plant Disease and Dangerous Pest Have Been Found in California

The California citrus we all know and love is at risk. A devastating plant disease called Huanglongbing, also known as HLB or citrus greening, has been found in Southern California. HLB kills citrus trees and there is no cure. Diseased trees produce bitter, hard and lopsided fruit, and eventually die. The disease is spread by a pest called the Asian citrus psyllid as it feeds from tree to tree. Psyllids are small, about the size of an aphid, and can be seen on the small, tender, new leaves of citrus trees. The best way to protect California citrus from the disease is to stop the spread of the pest.

We All Play a Critical Role:

- Inspect your citrus trees monthly for the pest and disease.
- Do not move citrus plants, leaves or foliage in or out of your community, or across state or international borders. Keep it local.
- Cooperate with agriculture crews placing traps, inspecting trees and treating for the pest.
- Talk to your local nursery or garden center about products that can protect your tree from the Asian citrus psyllid.
- Plant citrus trees from reputable, licensed nurseries in your area.
- When grafting trees, only buy registered budwood with source documentation.
- Control ants on your citrus trees. Ants interfere with beneficial insects and actually protect the Asian citrus psyllid. Talk to your local nursery about ant bait that can help.
- If you no longer wish to care for your citrus tree, consider removing it so it does not become a host to the pest and disease.
- If you suspect your tree has the psyllid or disease, act fast! Call the California Department of Food and Agriculture at 800-491-1899.



Citrus Pest & Disease
Prevention Program

CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org



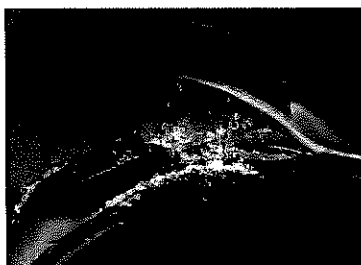
Salve los frutos cítricos de su comunidad

Una enfermedad mortal de las plantas y una plaga peligrosa se han encontrado en California

Los frutos cítricos de California que tanto nos gustan y disfrutamos están en peligro. En el sur de California se encontró una enfermedad devastadora de las plantas llamada Huanglongbing, también conocida como HLB o enverdecimiento de los cítricos. La enfermedad HLB mata los árboles de cítricos y no tiene cura. Los árboles enfermos producen fruta amarga, dura y deforme, y mueren con el tiempo. El insecto llamado psílido asiático de los cítricos transmite la enfermedad HLB propagándola de árbol en árbol conforme se alimenta de las hojas. El psílido asiático de los cítricos es pequeño, como del tamaño de un áfido, y se puede ver en los brotes nuevos y tiernos de los árboles de frutos cítricos. La mejor manera de proteger de la enfermedad a los árboles de cítricos de California, es encontrar y parar la plaga para que no se propague.

La participación de todos es muy importante:

- Inspeccione sus árboles de cítricos una vez al mes en busca de la plaga y la enfermedad.
- No transporte plantas de cítricos, hojas o ramas en su misma zona, ni las lleve a otras partes, estados o países.
- Coopere con las cuadrillas de agricultura que instalan trampas, inspeccionan árboles y aplican tratamientos contra la plaga.
- Platique con el personal de su vivero o centro de jardinería local para conocer cuáles productos pueden ayudar a proteger sus árboles contra el psílido asiático de los cítricos.
- Plante árboles de frutos cítricos adquiridos en viveros con licencia y de buena reputación en su zona.
- Cuando haga injertos, solo compre yemas con registro y documentación de origen.
- Controle las hormigas en sus árboles de cítricos. Las hormigas interfieren con los insectos beneficiosos y protegen al psílido asiático de los cítricos. Platique con el personal de su vivero local para que le recomienden cebos para controlar hormigas.
- Si usted ya no desea cuidar sus árboles de cítricos, considere sacarlos de raíz para que no se conviertan en foco para la plaga y la enfermedad HLB.
- Si sospecha que sus árboles tienen psílicos o la enfermedad ¡haga algo rápido! Llame al Departamento de Alimentos y Agricultura de California al 800-491-1899.



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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 30, 2017

The Honorable David Chiu
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0017

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
State Capitol
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Council Member - District 6

RE: AB 346 (Daly) Redevelopment: Housing Successor: Low and Moderate Income
Housing Asset Fund – **Notice of Support**

Dear Assembly Members Chiu and Aguiar-Curry,

The City of Garden Grove would like to express its support for Assembly Bill 346 (Daly), a measure that would provide housing successor agencies the flexibility they need to utilize the dollars remaining in their Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF).

Garden Grove is currently a recipient of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which funds an average of \$170,000 for homeless services that include street outreach, emergency shelter, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing. Despite the City's best effort to maximize services with limited funds, there is still a great challenge to curtail the problems of homelessness as the population continue to increase County wide. Through collaboration with the County and surrounding Cities to develop better strategies to become more effective and efficient in solving the problem of homelessness, the lack of funding still remains as the biggest obstacle. AB 346 would help bridge this disparity.

AB 346 would allow housing successors to extend their Low to Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF) dollars toward homelessness services, transitional housing, or emergency housing, in addition to affordable housing. AB 346 looks to create more flexibility to use the LMIHF funds to help residents who are homeless or needing other housing services associated to affordable housing. The type of services that AB 346 will support is in line with the City's ESG fund. The assistance that AB 346 seek to provide for the homeless population of Orange County will be a great addition to the efforts of Garden Grove to end its problem of homelessness. For this, the City of Garden Grove is proud to support AB 346.

Assembly Bill 346 (Daly) – Redevelopment: Housing Successor: Low and Moderate
Income Housing Asset Fund - **Notice of Support**

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Should you have any questions about our position or about the City of Garden Grove, please contact Maria Stipe, Deputy City Manager, 714-741-5106 or at marias@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

Sincerely,



Mayor Steven R. Jones

c: Janet Nguyen, Senator, 34th District
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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION ORANGE COUNTY

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ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

AGENDA

Friday, March 31, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Santa Ana Police Department
Community Room
60 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701

The March 31 Annual Strategic Planning Session will be rescheduled to a future date. The next scheduled meeting of this Commission will be **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Orange County Transportation Authority's Headquarters at 550 South Main Street, Conference Room 7, Orange, CA 92868.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Carter-Benjamin, Clerk of the Commission, at (714) 640-5100.

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NOTICE: State law requires that a participant in a LAFCO proceeding who has a financial interest in a decision and who has made a campaign contribution of more than \$250 to any commissioner in the past year must disclose the contribution. If you are affected, please notify the Commission's staff before the hearing.

LAFCO Agendas and supporting documentation are available on the Internet at <http://oclafco.org>.



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March 24, 2017

Hon. Steve Jones
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Subject: SCAG Sustainability Planning Grant Award

To Hon. Jones:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Regional Council, I am pleased to inform you that the City of Garden Grove submittal for the Safe Routes to School: Phase I Plan project has been approved at the meeting on February 2nd. The City of Garden Grove has been awarded a Sustainability Planning Grant valued at approximately \$160,000 in planning services. The Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) looks forward to partnering with the City of Garden Grove on this planning grant and appreciates your interest.

This project is another step towards implementing the approved 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) that was developed through a bottom-up collaborative process. The Sustainability Planning Grant program enables SCAG to partner directly with our members by providing financial assistance to local planning initiatives that help implement the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and, at the same time, support local priorities.

SCAG staff will be in touch shortly to discuss this process. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Marco Anderson, Program Manager, at (213) 236-1879 or by email at anderson@scag.ca.gov. Thank you again for your interest in partnering with SCAG to plan for a better future for your community and the entire SCAG region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hasan Ikhata', written over a white background.

Hasan Ikhata
Executive Director

CC: Scott Stiles, City Manager
Lisa Kim, Community/Economic Development Director
Erin Webb, Senior Planner

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NEWS ARTICLES

COURTS

Ambulance company's lawsuits dismissed

Federal judge rejects notion that a dozen O.C. cities ran illegal monopolies on service

By Sean Emery
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SANTA ANA » A federal judge has dismissed a local ambulance company's lawsuits that accused a dozen Orange County cities of running illegal monopolies over emergency services.

U.S. District Court Judge Josephine L. Staton, in a written ruling this week, sided with the cities by noting that the Legislature has favored local oversight of ambulance services.

"Municipal oversight over emergency-medical response and ambulance services is an essential city function," said Kendall MacVey, an attorney designated to argue on behalf of the cities during a recent hearing, in a statement. "A longstanding, critical role of local government was upheld with this decision."

In a series of complaints filed last year at the federal courthouse in Santa Ana, AmeriCare MedServices — a family-owned business that operates emergency services in Orange, Riverside and San Diego coun-

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Lawsuits

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ties — accused these cities of conspiring to "monopolize the market": Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Orange, Newport Beach, La Habra, Fullerton, Fountain Valley, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Laguna Beach, Buena Park and San Clemente.

Attorneys for AmeriCare contended that the existing ambulance contracts held back competition, arguing that opening the process up to more emergency service providers could lead

to lower prices and better service.

AmeriCare was seeking damages, contending it was frozen out of getting a chance to win contracts from the cities.

Attorneys for the cities had countered that California law allows them to contract with any qualified ambulance company they choose, or provide the emergency services themselves. Many of the cities sued don't go out to bid because they choose to staff their own departments.

"While AmeriCare would have this court view emergency ambulance services as the equivalent of

generic courier or transportation services, the patients whose lives are at risk expect and deserve more," Attorney Philip D. Kohn wrote on behalf of Anaheim in a court filing.

In her ruling, Judge Staton agreed that the immunity provided by state law when it comes to ambulance services protected the various cities against the AmeriCare lawsuit.

Not targeted were the local cities that contract with the Orange County Fire Authority, which include Santa Ana, Irvine and most of South County.

Garden Grove

The United Way offers free tax help to Garden Grove residents who earn less than \$60,000 at Bahia Village, 13096 Blackbird St., and Coastline Community College, 12901 Euclid St. They can also go to myfreetaxes.com. Information: 888-434-8248

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Garden Grove

Gabriela Mafi, the superintendent for the Garden Grove Unified School District, and Assistant Superintendent Sara Wescott will receive a community spotlight from the City Council tonight for starting a dual-language immersion program.

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Garden Grove

The Orange County Transportation Authority, Garden Grove, Anaheim, Santa Ana and Fullerton are having an open house to discuss how to improve transit options along Harbor Boulevard, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, at the Community Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

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Garden Grove

Garden Grove High School has a 2012 graduate, Jil-



Ramig

lian Ramig, working as an information systems technician aboard the USS Sterett, a guided-missile destroyer based in San

Diego, the U.S. Navy's Office of Community Outreach said recently. That office regularly publishes profiles of sailors.

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Garden Grove

Los Amigos High School student Ashley Sotelo recently received the Every Student Succeeding award from the Association of California School Administrators' region 17. The award honors students who overcome adversity; Sotelo has a 4.09 GPA and is a student-athlete.

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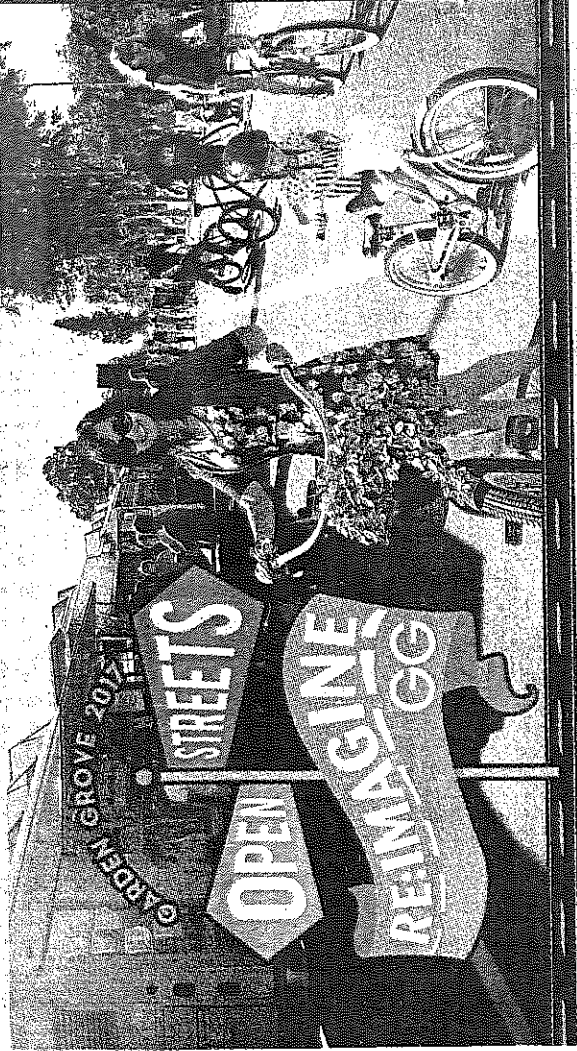
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Garden Grove

The City Council this week awarded a \$145,000 contract to OCC Builders to remodel an existing building at 13802 Newhope St. so Garden Grove can use it as an animal shelter holding facility. The city took over animal control from Orange County in January.

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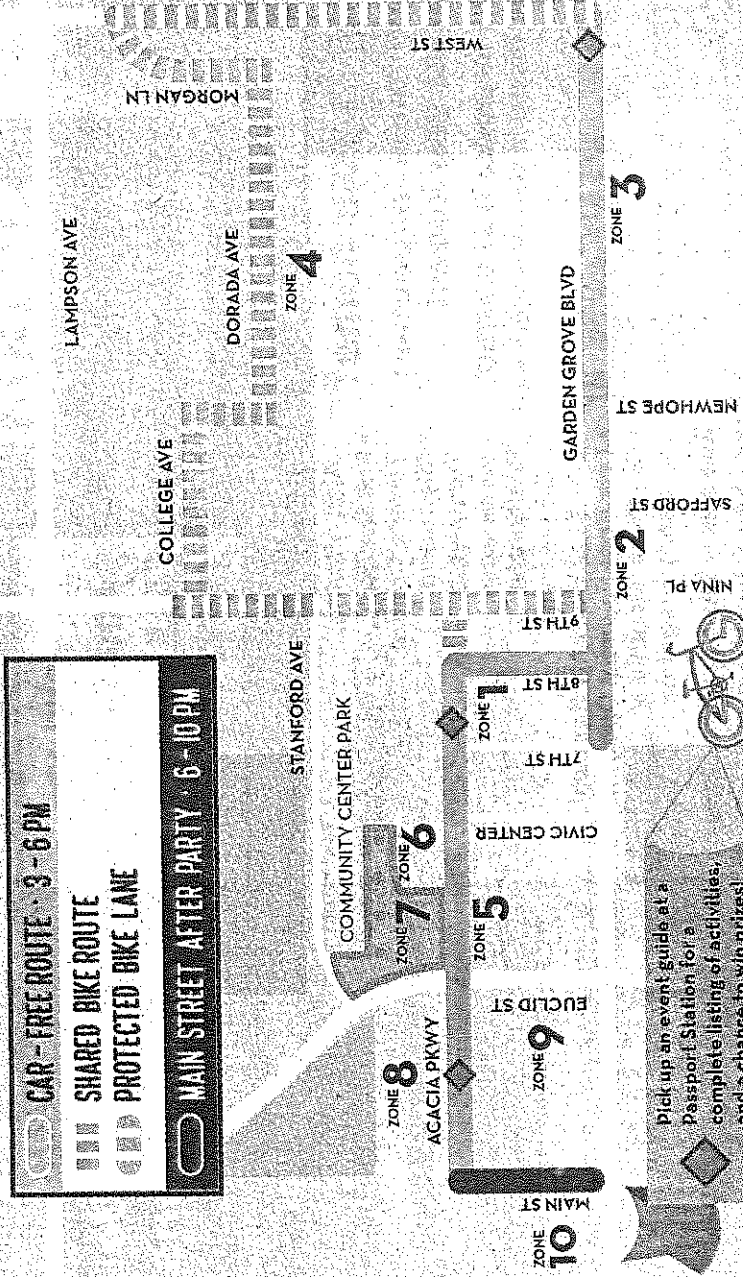
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4-D Interactive Chalk Art
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- ZONE 8 Dog Agility Show & Expo
- ZONE 9 Classic Rock Band "The Answer"
Beer Garden
Strolling Performers
- ZONE 10





Photos by Loreen Berlin

Above left, Cub Scout Luca Alvarez, 7, with Garden Grove Cub Pack No. 57, salutes as one of the new American flags is installed along Historic Main Street in Garden Grove. Above right, Cub Scout Zachary Gaulrapp, 11, hands Main Street Association treasurer and event organizer Scott Weimer (on the ladder) one of the 20 flags installed.

Cub Scouts help spruce up Main Street

Twenty American flags are replaced with new ones

By Loreen Berlin
Volunteerism.

It's that time in a person's life when, without being paid for a service, one can feel greater pride in their life than at any other time, by helping his or her community or a charitable organization.

That pride was evident Satur-

day morning along Historic Main Street as Cub Scouts and many volunteers from the community met to replace the 20 American flags on the street in time for the April 1 Downtown Open Street Event.

The morning began with patriotic music performed by Karl

Carrasco on keyboard and Edgar Flores on guitar; the two are musical instructors from H.O.P.E. (Helping others prepare eternity), an organization that works to turn despair into hope.

Hope Founder Gayle Knight attended.

Flags are replaced every six

months as needed, according to Main Street Association treasurer and former president Scott Weimer.

It's nice to see American flags that are actually made in America. The flags were made right here in Long Beach, by the Tay-

FLAGS:

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lor Company, in business since 1932.

"It was wonderful seeing the Cub Scouts out on Main Street this morning, performing the kind of hands-on volunteerism that really makes a difference in our town," said Weimer, event organizer. "They did a great job and should be commended for their community service."

Cub Scout Pack No. 75, led by Cub Master Sarah Witty and Den Leader Jeff Gaulrapp, gathered early Saturday morning on Historic Main Street to be part of the placement of 20 new American flags on the light posts.

Scouts helped by properly and respectfully folding the worn flags according to the Flag Code and placing them in a large container; a proper flag-burning ceremony will be held later by the Cub Scout Pack with the help of the Young Marines, a national youth program that takes part in honoring veterans.

The flags were funded by Patti Widdicombe, owner of the five McDonald Restaurants in Garden Grove.

"I'm a member of the Garden Grove Main Street Association and so I volunteered that it would be an honor for me to

fund the flags this time because McDonald's is about supporting the communities where they're located," said Widdicombe. "McDonalds always gives back to the community and it's about giving back and thanking the customers; all of these people here today are my customers," she added.

"We love your support Patti, and appreciate the donation," said Main Street Association President Ric Lerma. "Today makes me so proud of Main Street and the progress we've made."

A long-time supporter and volunteer during the flag event is Charles Mitch, with American Legion Post No. 55, from Midway City.

Garden Grove City Manager Scott Stiles was on hand.

"This event gives us a sense of community and its a demonstration of the great volunteers who care so much for the city," he said. "We're grateful to Patti and the organizers for sponsoring the Main Street community. This helps energize the street and I think the whole street will take on a new energy with all of the new building that's taking place on the street. Looking up and down the street at the flags sends a wonderful message and makes a big difference how people see our city."

Also on hand was City Councilwoman Stephanie Klopfenstein.

"This is not my district but I've been in Garden Grove my whole life. I was raised here and I support the city," said Klopfenstein.

Josh McIntosh and Joe Saragosa manned the large rolling ladder provided by the Gem Theatre. Saragosa is new to Garden Grove, having moved in only two months ago, but was recruited by McIntosh to help with the flags.

Normally on the last Saturday of the month, McIntosh organizes a trash cleanup for high school students as Residents and Friends of Garden Grove on Facebook, which also helps with Main Street cleanup, but he said helping with the flags on Main Street was more important this time.

"I volunteer because Main Street is special to me. My grandparents met during WWII on Main Street and our family has been here for four generations making improvements," said McIntosh. "I've participated before and even helped sand and paint the flag/light poles."

The morning concluded with Weimer thanking volunteers for installing the flags.

"The street looks a lot better now with the new flags," he said. "What you've done here today is a great community service for our Main Street and for the city."

"Thank you for the opportunity for the Cub Scouts to have this experience," said Den Leader Gaulrapp.

Weimer commented that the flags only last six-months to a year because they're illuminated and on the lamp posts 24-7.



Photo by Loreen Berlin

Historic Main Street in Garden Grove has 20 new American flags as of Saturday thanks to community leaders, supporters and volunteers, including local Cub Scouts. Nearly 30 volunteers helped to replace the worn flags with bright new ones, all of which were made in America.

Community Calendar

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Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out
Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Orange County Emergency Pet Clinic, 12750 Garden Grove Blvd. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

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

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

Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

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

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

Cartoonist lessons offered
Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.
School Board to meet
The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular

meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

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

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

School bus drivers earn awards

The Garden Grove Unified School District hosted the 57th annual "School Bus Safety Road-eo" recently, a safe driving competition among bus drivers from across the state.

District bus drivers earned 11 of the 23 awards presented in various categories, and were cheered on by district employees, administrators, and board members.

"GGUSD is proud to employ some of the most committed, skilled bus drivers in the industry," said Teri Rocco, district Board of Education trustee. "We are grateful that our drivers take such pride in ensuring students have a safe ride to and from school."

The competition is hosted by the

Driver Trainer Advisory Council and California Association of Transportation Officials. Contestants participated in written and driving performance tests, including an obstacle course that tested safe maneuverability as well as tests that examined parallel parking and backing up skills.

The district's team of David Hernandez, Jose Navarro and Kimberly Daily took home second place among teams competing from Orange County while Rosa Del Rio, Rosie Obregon and Shannon Lauricella earned third place in the same category.

The district also took home best represented. For individual drivers in Orange County, Rosa Del Rio earned second place and

David Hernandez earned fifth place.

In the novice category for bus drivers who have held their initial certification for fewer than 18 months, the district's Crystal Brown won first place and Rhonda Szucs won second place.

In individual events in the novice category, Julia Camacho scored highest on the written test, Rhonda Szucs had the best right turn, Crystal Brown won for the offset alley category and Gabriella D'Angeló won for best parallel parking performance. The district's numerous wins in the novice category are a reflection of how well the training program is run by our bus driver training team.

GG League play gears up

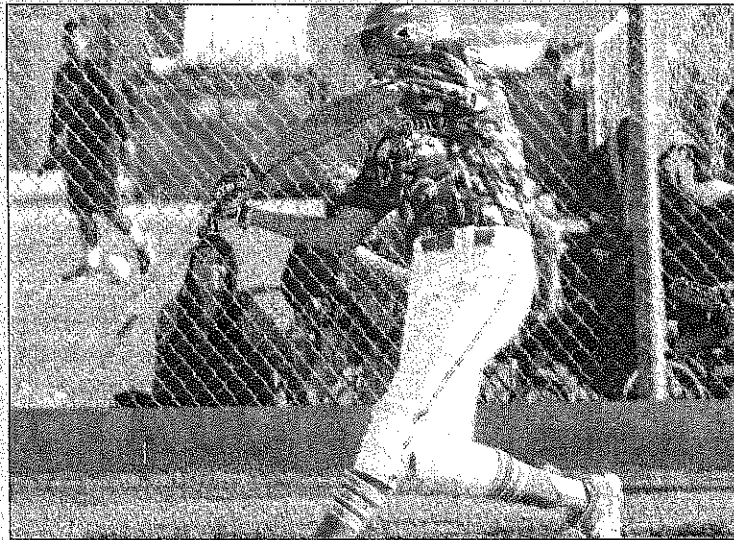


Photo by Ted Apodaca

La Quinta High's Trevor Butt lines up a pitch against Bolsa Grande High. Trevor had two doubles and three RBIs in the Aztecs' victory. La Quinta went into this week in first place in Garden Grove League play. For more baseball coverage, see pages 6-7.

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Teams vie for Garden Grove League title

Celebrate the national pastime by supporting your squad

By Brady Rhoades

Does anything beat sitting in the stands at a ballgame, sleeves rolled up, sun motherly in its warmth, the smell of cut grass tickling your nose and a hot dog delighting your palate?

Yes, it's that time of year.

Take me out to the ballgame!

Orange County's team, the Angels, open the season next week against Athletics. Manager Mike Scioscia hopes to improve on last year's 74 wins.

Centerfielder Mike Trout, widely recognized as the best player in the game, strives to win his third MVP award.

Here in Garden Grove, teams have already begun their campaign.

You don't have to trek up to Angel Stadium to take in a ballgame.

Early signs show that the Garden Grove League is up for grabs; there are a lot of strong teams in the running. Favorites are La Quinta High and Garden Grove High.

La Quinta is 7-3 on the season and 3-0 in league. The Aztecs have a high-powered offense: they average seven runs a game and scored 25 against Bolsa Grande last week. Nathan Medellin notched a career-best game at the plate in that game, going 5 for 5 with 3 RBIs.

Garden Grove High is 5-4 on the season and 2-1 in league. Garden Grove is also averaging 7 runs a game.

If you get a chance, go out and support your local team, whether it be La Quinta, Garden Grove, Rancho Alamitos, Santiago, Los Amigos, Bolsa Grande or Pacifica.

You know another great way to take a break in the middle of the day?

Head over to the best batting cages around: Home Run Park, on the border of Stanton at 711 S. Beach Blvd. in Anaheim.

Home Run Park has been a staple on Beach since 1961. It features 20 batting cages, from slow pitch softballs to 90 mph fastballs. It also offers hitting and pitching lessons, all at a reasonable rate.

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Pacifica High wins award

The Garden Grove Unified School is proud to announce that Pacifica High School has been selected to receive the Civic Learning Award of Excellence.

The statewide recognition is co-sponsored by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and California Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye. Pacifica High School was one of only three schools selected from across California, and the only high school, to receive the Award of Excellence. As part of the recognition, school administrators will receive a plaque, an invitation to the California Gold Ribbon Award Banquet, and a visit from Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye set for April 6.

"We are proud that Pacifica High School is recognized among the best of the best in California for equipping students with the knowledge and skills to actively engage in important civic issues that impact our communities," said Teri Rocco, district Board of Education trustee.

Pacifica High School's Service Learning Project is in its 12th year and is the school's signature civic education practice. The project requires seniors to earn a minimum of 15 hours engaging in civic participation, including volunteering for political campaigns, the county poll worker program, non-profit organizations, or school community action initiatives. The project comes after students learn about civic issues, political participation, and national, state, and local politics in civics class. By their senior year, nearly all Pacifica students will have completed the Service Learning Project.

For three years, students have participated in a Community Action Project, completing service hours, by studying and developing an action plan for a school issue. Currently, students are creating a campus-wide recycling program which will be in place by the end of the year.

Pacifica has dozens of service-oriented extracurricular clubs and the senior class hosts a longstanding Adopt-a-Child program, which brings hundreds of economically disadvantaged elementary students to Pacifica for a massive holiday event. Additionally, in November, the ASB hosted a mock presidential election, where all students were invited to vote. All seniors also learned how to register to vote, and many who were 18, completed their registration. Pacifica's history and social science teachers frequently simulate democratic processes as part of their instruction, including mock trials of historical figures, bill-to-law simulations, political prognostication projects, and mock Supreme Court oral arguments. The Social Science Department's "Close Reading" approach to historical texts trains students to investigate claims made in various sources of information. This is something that caught the attention of the Award Committee given the fake news/alternative facts concerns this year.

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Mobile home help

Attention mobile home owners: great opportunity!

Openings are available for the Mobile Home Improvement Program until Oct. 1.

The City of Garden Grove will offer assistance on a first come, first serve basis. The program assists low-income applicants, through forgivable loans to residents who qualify to rehabilitate their mobile home.

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

For more information, call 714-741-5789.

Grads feted

College graduates, take notice.

The city is looking for Garden Grove residents who are graduating this year with an undergraduate or post-graduate academic degree from any college or university.

Graduates who submit their information by April 30 will be invited to the fifth annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception on May 9.

The event, which recognizes local college graduates for their outstanding achievements in higher education, is hosted by the mayor and City Council, and offers a catered dinner, an opportunity to network with key businesses and organizations, the chance to win an iPad, and a \$500 and two \$250 cash drawings.

Profiles in service: Nester Contreras

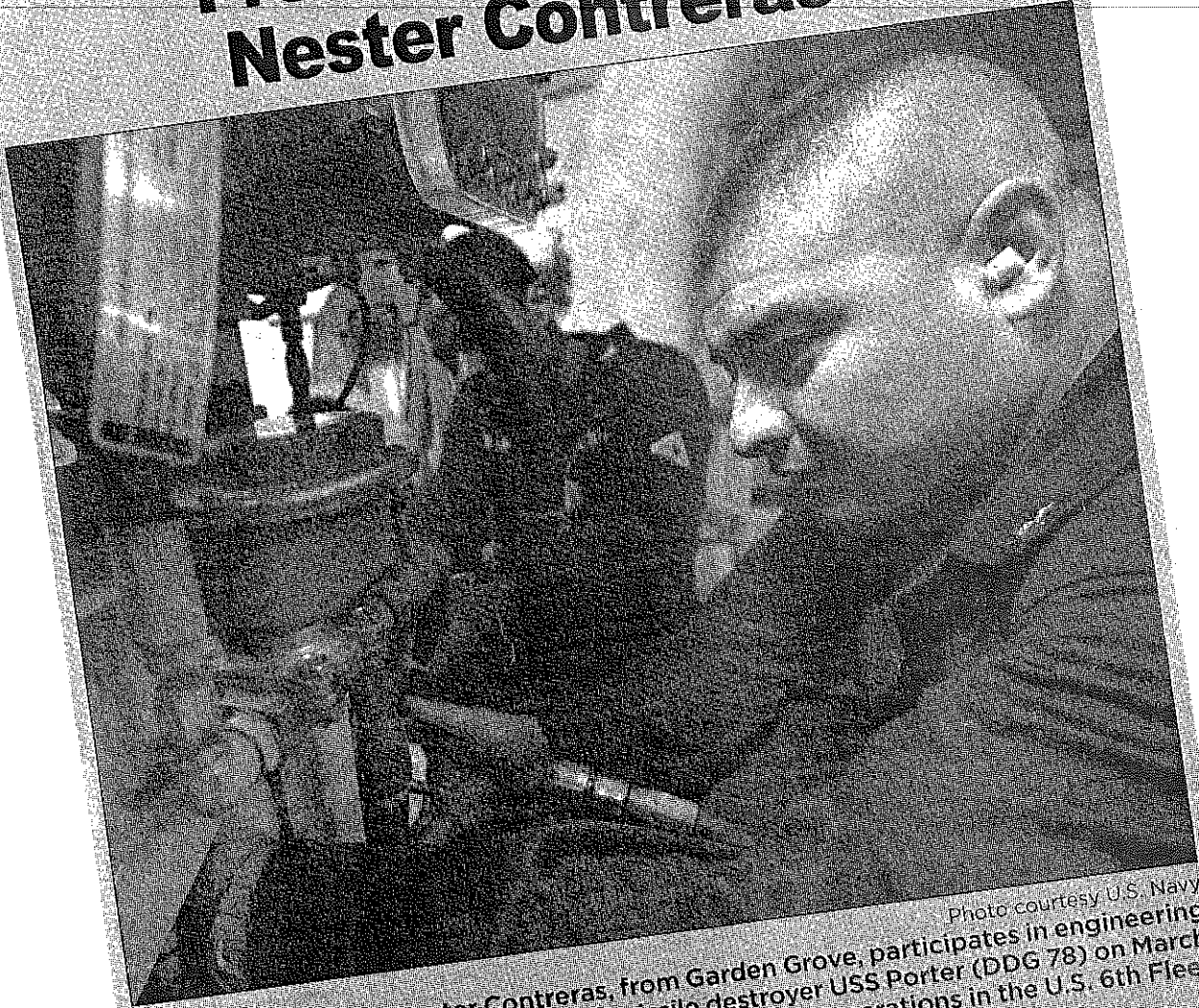


Photo courtesy U.S. Navy.
Technician 2nd Class Nester Contreras, from Garden Grove, participates in engineering training team drills aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG 78) on March 21. Porter, deployed to Rota, Spain, is conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., APRIL 20, 2017

AMENDMENT NO. A-018-2017

A request by the City of Garden Grove for the adoption of zoning text amendments to Chapters 9.04 (Definitions), 9.16 (Commercial, Office Professional, Industrial, and Open Space Development Standards), and 9.18 (Mixed Use Regulations and Development Standards) of Title 9 of the Municipal Code to update the definitions, operating conditions, and development standards in the City's Land Use Code, pertaining to crematoriums, mortuaries, funeral homes, and cemeteries. Pursuant to the proposed Amendment, changes include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) establish a minimum 500 foot distance requirement from any new "Crematoriums" or "Crematoriums with Incidental Funeral Home/Mortuary" use to a property boundary of any "O-S" (Open Space) zoned property, or to a property boundary of any "R" (Residential) zoned property or any PUD (Planned Unit Development) established exclusively for residential use; (ii) remove "Crematoriums" as a conditionally permitted use in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone; (iii) add "Crematoriums" as a conditionally permitted use in the M-1 (Light Industrial) and M-P (Industrial Park) zones; (iv) add "Crematoriums with Incidental Funeral Home/Mortuary" as a conditionally permitted use in the C-3 (Heavy Commercial), M-1, and M-P zones; (v) add "Funeral Home/Mortuary with No Crematorium" as an automatically permitted use in the C-2, C-3, and A-R (Adaptive Reuse) zones with a minimum 250 feet distance requirement to a property boundary of any "R" (Residential) zoned property or any PUD established exclusively for residential use; (vi) prohibit crematorium or funeral home/mortuary services or activities for "Cemetery" uses; and (vii) establish minimum parking requirements for "Crematorium", "Crematorium with Incidental Funeral Home/Mortuary", and "Funeral Home/Mortuary with No Crematorium" uses. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment).

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on April 20, 2017. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741-5312.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., APRIL 20, 2017

AMENDMENT NO. A-017-2017

A request by the City of Garden Grove to amend portions of Title 9 (Zoning) of the Garden Grove Municipal code, including Chapters 9.04, 9.08 and 9.12 to update the definition, the land use matrix, and special operating conditions for accessory dwelling units to be consistent with state law. Also, an amendment to Chapter 9.52 and repealing Chapter 5.85 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to maintain the ban on commercial cannabis activities consistent with state law. The project is exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 (CEQA does not apply to the adoption of an ordinance by a city or county to implement the provisions of Section 65852.1 or Section 65852.2 of the Government Code) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment).

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1214

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide all Materials, Labor, and Equipment for the Installation and Delivery of a Walk-In Freezer for the Garden Grove Police Department per the Bid Specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., local time, on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at the Garden Grove Police Department located at 11301 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA. Please direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m., local time, on Monday, May 1, 2017. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: March 29, 2017

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

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
NOTICE REQUESTING PRE-QUALIFICATION OF
BIDDERS
PROJECT NO. 6708

Notice is hereby given that the City of Garden Grove ("City") has determined that all bidders on "Garden Grove Police Department Remodel Project, Project No. 6708" ("Project") to be undertaken by the City must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on the project. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$400,000. It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid, fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all requested materials and information, and be approved by the City to be on the final qualified Bidders list. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements.

The project generally consists of:

- * Interior remodel of the existing Record Section, lobby, rest room, stairs and elevator of Garden Grove Police Department;
- * Interior remodel of the existing second floor lobby area, wall and window;
- * Interior remodel of the existing electrical system
- * Interior remodel of the existing Audio Visual system;
- * Design-build interior remodel of the existing HVAC system;
- * Design-build interior remodel of the existing Fire sprinkler system;
- * Design-build plumbing system for new kitchen sink in Break room, remove existing and install new toilet and sink in rest room and installing new water lines, sewer and vent lines;
- * Install new furniture including cubical offices, chairs, tables, cabinets, countertop, millwork etc.;
- * Other items not mentioned above that are required by the plans and specifications.

This project will require maintaining the existing sewer flows during construction; shoring and dewatering; removal and reconstruction of concrete pavement.

The pre-qualification package* can be obtained from City of Garden Grove for free of charge. The documents may be made available for "will call" or shipped directly to you (shipping & handling charge may be applied).

Fully completed pre-qualification package* and required information are due in the City Clerk's Office of the City of Garden Grove (11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92842) by no later than 3:00 PM on April 21, 2017.

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Mr. Navin B. Maru, Associate Engineer, (714) 741-5180 or you can e-mail your order to navinm@garden-grove.org.

*pre-qualification package includes pre-qualification questionnaire (19 pages) and a list of scorable questions (11 pages)

Dated: March 23, 2017
Published: March 29, 2017 and April 5, 2017

/s/Teresa Pomeroy, CMC
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

• THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., APRIL 13, 2017

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-100-2017

A request to operate a new 10,807 square foot restaurant, Nova Restaurant, with a new State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Bona Fide Public Eating Place) License. The site is at 12361 Chapman Avenue in the PUD 104-82 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on April 13, 2017. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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Brandon Tran takes 1st

Patton Elementary student edges out other pupils

Garden Grove Unified School District's 30th annual Elementary School Spelling Bee trophy was awarded to Patton Elementary School fifth grader Brandon Tran on March 15.

Tran correctly spelled the deciding word, mnemonic, to become the top speller among students from 43 elementary schools in the district.

Jeremy Nguyen from Sunnyside Elementary School took second place, and Tommy Nguyen from Allen Elementary School took third place.

"Our young spellers demonstrated a tremendous level of

focus and it was clear that a lot of studying went into preparing for this competition," said Lan Nguyen, Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education president.

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The first place trophy was awarded by Board of Education President Lan Nguyen, Trustee Teri Rocco, Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Sara Wescott, and Patton Elementary School Principal Jennifer Carter.

Each of the district's 43 elementary schools entered their top speller after they held their school spelling bees in January.

in spelling bee

*Orange County News
March 24, 2017*



Courtesy photo

Patton Elementary School student Brandon Tran, third from left, recently took top honors in the Garden Grove Unified School District's 30th annual Elementary School Spelling Bee. With Tran, from left, are Board of Education President Lan Nguyen, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Sara Wescott, Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, Board of Education Trustee Teri Rocco and Patton Elementary School Principal Jennifer Carter.

Gotcha! Local squads starting strong



Photo by Ted Apodaca

Local girls softball squads are preparing for Garden Grove League play. So far, Santiago High is off to the most impressive start, compiling a 12-0 record. La Quinta High looks to challenge the Cavaliers, however. La Quinta is 7-2 on the season and has posted robust performances. Here, La Quinta third baseman Emily Erhardt makes the tag on a runner trying to take third on a base hit in a recent victory. For full coverage of girls softball, see pages 6-7.

School bus drivers earn awards

The Garden Grove Unified School District hosted the 57th annual "School Bus Safety Road-ee" recently, a safe driving competition among bus drivers from across the state.

District bus drivers earned 11 of the 23 awards presented in various categories, and were cheered on by district employees, administrators, and board members.

"GGUSD is proud to employ some of the most committed, skilled bus drivers in the industry," said Teri Rocco, district Board of Education trustee. "We

are grateful that our drivers take such pride in ensuring students have a safe ride to and from school."

The competition is hosted by the Driver Trainer Advisory Council and California Association of Transportation Officials. Contestants participated in written and driving performance tests, including an obstacle course that tested safe maneuverability as well as tests that examined parallel parking and backing up skills.

The district's team of David

Hernandez, Jose Navarro and Kimberly Daily took home second place among teams competing from Orange County while Rosa Del Rio, Rosie Obregon and Shannon Lauricella earned third place in the same category.

The district also took home best represented. For individual drivers in Orange County, Rosa Del Rio earned second place and David Hernandez earned fifth place.

In the novice category for bus drivers who have held their initial certification for fewer than 18 months, the district's Crystal Brown won first place and Rhonda

Grads feted

The city is looking for Garden Grove residents who are graduating this year with an undergraduate or post-graduate academic degree from any college or university.

Graduates who submit their information by April 30 will be invited to the fifth annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception on May 9.

The event, which recognizes local college graduates for their outstanding achievements in higher education, is hosted by the mayor and City Council, and offers a catered dinner, an opportunity to network with key businesses and organizations, the chance to win an iPad, and a \$500 and two, \$250 cash drawings.

4 hurt in crash

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

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

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

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

Szucs won second place.

In individual events in the novice category, Julia Camacho scored highest on the written test, Rhonda Szucs had the best right turn, Crystal Brown won for the offset alley category and Gabriella D'Angelo won for best parallel parking performance. The district's numerous wins in the novice category are a reflection of how well the training program is run by our bus driver training team.



THÔNG TỪ THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE

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

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Ban Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng

Thứ Sáu, 24/3/2017

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 15 tháng 4, 2017 từ 11:00 giờ đến 2:00 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, \$7 cho trẻ em từ 3 đến 10 tuổi. Vé sẽ được bắt đầu bán vào ngày Thứ Hai, 27 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).

Để biết thêm chi tiết hoặc gọi mua vé trước, vui lòng liên lạc ở số điện thoại (714) 741-5200.

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Garden Grove: Mừng Lễ Phục Sinh Ở Atlantis Play Center

25/03/2017 00:00:00



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 15 tháng 4, 2017 từ 11:00 giờ đến 2:00 giờ trưa. Địa chỉ của Atlantis Play Center là 13630 Atlantis Way, phía sau Garden Grove Park.



Hình năm trước.

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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Garden Grove City Hall shared their photo.

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Don't forget to come out to the Public Open House tonight, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m... at the #GardenGrove Community Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue!

We need your questions and thoughts to help us improve Harbor Boulevard.

OCTA City of Anaheim - Municipal Government City of Santa Ana City of Fullerton, CA Government



Help Us Improve Harbor Boulevard

Harbor Boulevard, located in one of Orange County's most densely populated areas, is the busiest north-south travel corridor providing a vital link for residents, businesses, schools and senior citizens. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), with the cities of Fullerton, Anaheim, Garden Grove and Santa Ana, is leading a study to improve trunk options in the Harbor Blvd / Coward area. The study explores south from Coward Ave. in addition to Westhaven Blvd, Santa Ana with potential connections along Legion St. or Anaheim Blvd, and could travel east along Kettle Ave. to 55th St.

Please join us for an Open House to learn about the 12 trunk alternatives under consideration. Ask questions and provide your thoughts.

Public Open House

Thursday, March 30
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

presentation: 5:30 p.m.

Garden Grove Community Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Wednesday, April 5

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

presentation: 5:30 p.m.

Garden Grove - Conference Room
11300 Stanford Avenue
200 S. Anaheim Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Anaheim, CA 92801

Special accommodations and translations are available for the public by calling (714) 960-5001. Requests must be made within 7 days of advance of the scheduled meeting.

Admission is free. No registration is required. For more information, please call (714) 960-5001. The information is subject to change without notice. It is subject to the terms of the applicable agreements.

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Water Services has two scheduled water outages today:

6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Marin, Waverly, Presidio, and Crissey

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - La Dona and Dolan... See More

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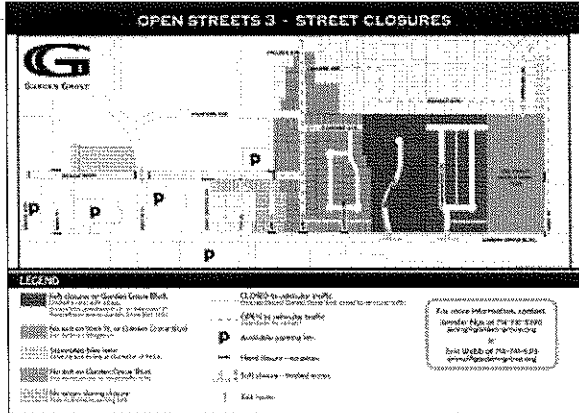
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*****STREET CLOSURES THIS SATURDAY*****

Streets will be closed from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. this Saturday, April 1st. Please share this with anyone who may be affected by the temporary road closures!

#GGOpenStreets #GardenGrove GG Open Streets Garden Grove Public Works Department Garden Grove Fire Department Garden Grove Police Department



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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Missy M. Mendoza (21) · Yesterday at 8:00am · 🌐

Water Services has a scheduled water outage today, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on the following streets: Old Fashion Way, Patricia Drive, Easy Street, and Easy Way. Residents were notified.

#GardenGrove Garden Grove Public Works Department

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#GGOpenStreets is just a few days away! Don't miss out on Saturday, April 1st, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. What are you looking forward to?

Visit <http://ggopenstreets.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1399482050124505/> for more information!

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Just a few days away from #GGOpenStreets! Spend the day walking, biking, and skating through Garden Grove streets. Can't wait? Visit www.ggopenstreets.com for more.

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It's peanut butter jelly time!

The Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center's True Neighborhood Teens (TNT) program is seeking donations for their Peanut Butter and Jelly project. They are hoping to serve sandwiches to 150 kids in the Buena Clinton neighborhood.

You can donate loaves of bread, peanut butter, and jars of jelly at City Hall or Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, until Thursday, March 30th! ... See More

SEEKING DONATIONS

for supporting Peanut Butter and Jelly Project

The Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center (BCL) program is seeking donations for their upcoming TNT program.

With this program, the students of the TNT program hope to serve 150 kids living in the Buena Clinton neighborhood by providing them with PB & J sandwiches during the week of Spring break. Next year's charity, March 28, 2015, TNT students are collecting jars of peanut butter and jars of jelly to make sandwiches to serve during Spring break.



Goal: To serve 150 kids

For More Information: 0-10



where last day to turn in donations is Thursday, March 31!

they will appreciate

City Hall Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center
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Garden Grove Public Works Department

March 28 at 8:32am · 🌐

The Water Services Division has a scheduled outage today from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on Louise Street between Stanford and GG Blvd.

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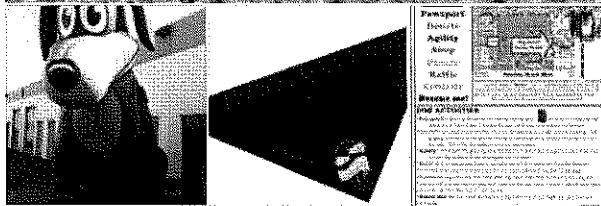
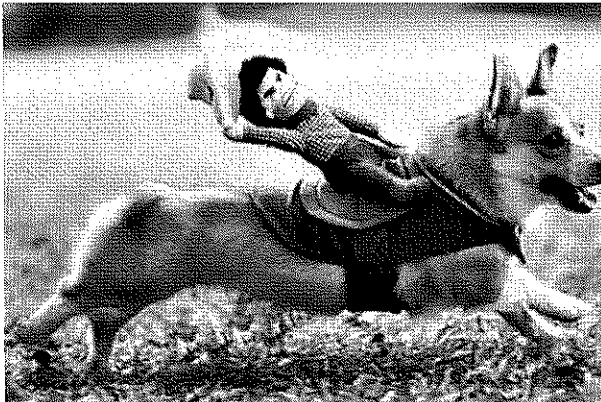
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We Double Dog Dare You to Attend Open Streets on April 1st!

Garden Grove's biggest spring event isn't just for people. It's also for our furry, four-legged friends...

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Garden Grove City Hall

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The dig is on...for Easter eggs!

Tickets are now available for the 9th annual Eggscavation event on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commserv/eggscavation-2017...> See More

City of Garden Grove Community Services Department

9th Annual Eggscavation

Saturday, April 15, 2017
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$7 for children ages 0-10 participating in the egg hunt. \$2 for spectators.

ATLANTIS Play Center

13630 Atlantis Way, Garden Grove, 92844

ONLY 300 egg hunt tickets available.

Tickets: By phone at (714) 741-5200 or in person at the Recreation Counter in City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, starting Monday, March 27, 2017.

No refunds except in the event of rain or event cancellation.

No ticket sales at the door.

Cash or Credit ONLY!

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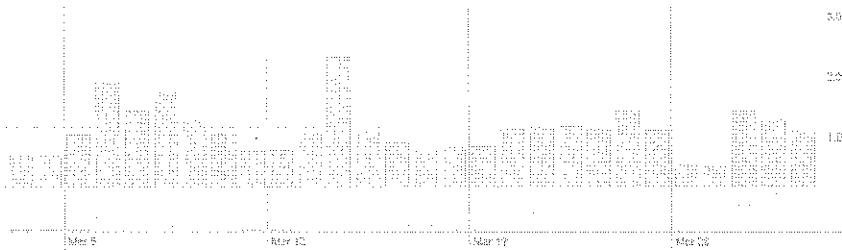
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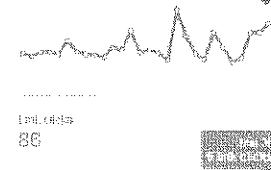
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Today's weather will reach a high of 82°F & a low of 56°F. #GG

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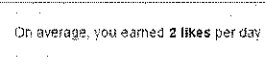
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City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Mar 28
#PB&J to #GGOpenStreets! Come out next Saturday, 4/1.

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Contact: Kim Huy (714) 741-5200
Community Services Director

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

Thursday, March 30, 2017

MEDIA ALERT

THOUSANDS EXPECTED AT SATURDAY'S OPEN STREETS

Organizers for this year's Garden Grove Open Streets anticipate large crowds at Saturday's 3rd annual event, due to heightened publicity and new programming. Media is invited to cover the 2.5-mile car-free route, filled with activities, demos, performances, pop-up bike lanes, and more. At 4:00 p.m., Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and members of the Garden Grove City Council, will hold a media photo and interview session at the giant Adirondack chairs, located in Garden Grove Civic Center park, at the corner of Acacia Parkway and Euclid Street.

WHO: City of Garden Grove, in partnership with Go Human

WHAT: Garden Grove 3rd Annual Open Streets

WHEN: Saturday, April 1, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; after party 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: Garden Grove Boulevard, from West Street to Acacia Parkway; Historic Main Street (after party).

WHY: To experience Garden Grove streets in a unique, car-free way, while promoting healthier forms of transportation through street improvements and community participation.

INFO: www.ggopenstreets.com, or @ggopenstreets on Facebook.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 30, 2017

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1. Calendar of Events
 2. Notice of a Special Meeting of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission for April 3, 2017.
 3. Agenda for the Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting on April 6, 2017.
 4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated March 24, March 29, and March 30, 2017.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 30, 2017 – April 13, 2017

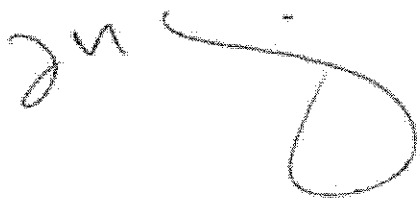
Thursday	March 30		Casual Day – March Madness Favorite College Basketball Team Shirt/Jersey
		11:00 a.m.- Noon	Customer Services Coaches present "Stress Management", CMC B Room
Friday	March 31		City Hall Closed
Saturday	April 1	3:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	3 rd Annual Open Streets Event Civic Center Events – 3:00-6:00 p.m. West St. from Garden Grove Blvd. to Acacia After Party – 6:00-10:00 p.m. Downtown Main St.
Monday	April 3	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Special Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	April 5	1:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Trade Connect Introductory Workshop hosted by Economic Development - 1:00-4:30 p.m. Networking Reception - 4:30-5:30 p.m. Community Meeting Center, AB Room
Thursday	April 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Tuesday	April 11	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	April 12	10:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Spring Celebration Community Meeting Center, A Room
		2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	April 13	6:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast hosted by Public Works Municipal Service Center
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Council Chamber

NOTICE AND CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission is hereby called to be held on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

Said Special Meeting shall be held to discuss the attached Agenda.

DATED: March 28, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ramirez', is written over a faint, large, stylized letter 'D'.

John Ramirez
Chair



AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Council Chamber
11300 Stanford Avenue

April 3, 2017

6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: CHAIR RAMIREZ, VICE CHAIR MCINTOSH
COMMISSIONERS BLACKMUN, BRIETIGAM, CRAWFORD, PHAM,
SERRANO

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except Public Hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's Office to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2)

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

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

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

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 2.a. Minutes from March 6, 2017 meeting
3. MATTERS FROM STAFF
 - 3.a. Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2017-18 Action Plan
4. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
5. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will be held Monday, June 5, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA.



AGENDA

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 6, 2017

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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

ROLL CALL: CHAIR KANZLER, VICE CHAIR BRIETIGAM
COMMISSIONERS LAZENBY, LEHMAN, NGUYEN, SALAZAR,
TRUONG

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 16, 2017
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
 - C.1. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. GPA-001-2017
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT NO. PUD-006-2017
TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. TT-17927-2017
SITE PLAN NO. SP-028-2017
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA-006-2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR THE LEWIS STREET REORGANIZATION
BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AND THE CITY OF
ORANGE (RO 17-01) AND RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

APPLICANT: SHEA HOMES (JOHN DANVERS)

LOCATION: NORTHWEST CORNER OF LAMPSON AVENUE AND
LEWIS STREET AT 12901 LEWIS STREET

REQUEST: A request by Shea Homes to develop a gated residential subdivision with 70 single-family detached residential units and related street and open space improvements on a 9.01-acre site located in the Cities of Garden Grove and Orange at Lewis Street and Garden Grove Boulevard, at 12901 Lewis Street (APN Nos. 231-041-26, 231-041-27, 231-041-28, and 231-255-01). The Project proposes two floor plans, each of which would feature four bedrooms and a two-car garage accessed from the front of each unit. All units would feature private outdoor areas to the sides and rear of the units. The Project could also include the development of a private recreation area that would be located near the entrance of the residential community. The recreation area would feature the following amenities: a playground, an open turf area, two covered barbeque dining areas, and a shade structure with bench seating. The project site currently contains a church and a school consisting of nine buildings, two play yards, and a parking lot. The project includes a proposed sphere of influence change and annexation of 0.901 acres from the City of Orange to the City of Garden Grove.

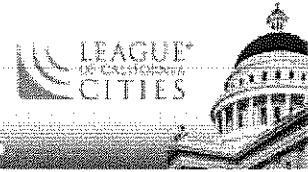
As part of the Project, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation for City Council approval of amendments to the City's General Plan Land Use map and Zoning map in conjunction with the proposed annexation and to modify the General Plan Land Use designation of the project site from Civic Institution to Low Density Residential and to adopt Residential Plan Unit Development zoning with R-1 (Single-Family Residential) base zoning for the entire site. The Planning Commission will also consider contingent approval of a Site Plan and Tentative Tract Map to subdivide the property into 70 single-family lots and to facilitate development of the proposed 70-unit small lot single-family residential subdivision, along with a

recommendation for City Council approval of a Development Agreement with the applicant. The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of GPA-001-2017, PUD-006-2017, and DA-006-2017 to City Council, and approval of TT-17927-2017 and SP-028-2017, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

- D. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
 - D.1. REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS
- E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- F. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- G. ADJOURNMENT

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League's Executive Officers Meet with White House Officials, Congressional Members on City Priorities

Thousands of city officials from across the country assembled in Washington, D.C., last week for the 2017 National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference. *For more, see Page 2.*



Fresno Council Member Esmeralda Soria, Kings County Supervisor Craig Pedersen and the Fix Our Roads Coalition Hold Fresno Press Conference to Urge Legislature to Pass Transportation Funding Package

The Longer They Delay, the More We Pay

Local government, state government, labor and business leaders held a press conference Friday to call on legislators to pass a transportation funding package. The Fresno press event was the third of the week being held by the Fix Our Roads Coalition. *For more, see Page 2.*



April 28 Application Deadline for Two League Board of Directors Positions

The League of California Cities® is now accepting nominations from elected officials interested in serving in one of six at-large board positions (two-year term), or as second vice president (one-year term). All nominees for second vice president must currently be serving or have previously served on the board of directors. Applications for second vice president from northern California are encouraged. April 28 is the deadline to apply. *For more, see Page 3.*

'NLC' Continued from Page 1...

Despite heavy snowstorms hitting the nations' capital, League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman, President JoAnne Mounce and Immediate Past President L. Dennis Michael took to Capitol Hill and the White House to meet with top Administration officials and members of the California congressional delegation to advocate for federal priorities most important to California cities. Sen. Kamala Harris, Rep. Judy Chu, and staff from the offices of Rep. Devin Nunes, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, and Rep. Grace Napolitano welcomed hearing directly from the city leaders on the importance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to support housing and infrastructure investment, the need for greater infrastructure investment in our communities, our insistence on local authority over drones, and about preserving the tax exemption for municipal bonds.

The group's travel to Washington came only days before President Donald Trump released his first budget proposal that called for less rather than more federal investment in our cities. Under the president's budget blueprint, CDBG, HOME funding for affordable housing, and the popular Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant program for transportation infrastructure investments would all be eliminated.

The Leagues' concerns regarding the importance of these programs were not lost on the Trump Administration. During a meeting with White House Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, Deputy Director Billy Kirkland, he acknowledged the real world positive impacts these programs have on cities large and small and was open to working with the League and cities across the country on solutions. Moving forward, League leaders will partner with cities across the country as well as other state municipal leagues to ensure the proposed funding cuts do not become law.

"Having a strong and unified voice in Washington will continue to be of vital importance moving forward", stated League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman. "We will work with the Administration, our congressional delegation, and our federal and state counterparts to ensure that our most important priorities are top of mind and preserved."

The 2017 federal priorities, which were adopted by the board of directors in February, and advocacy materials outline in detail the most critical federal issues facing California cities. These materials are available for use by cities throughout the year and can be found on the League's website.

'Fresno Press Conf' Continued from Page 1...

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

This past winter 2017 showed once again how desperate California's transportation infrastructure needs are as roads crumbled under the weight of heavy rains, mudslides and falling trees. The message came loud and clear that infrastructure must be regularly maintained to prevent small problems from becoming larger and more expensive to fix. For far too long, California has neglected regular road maintenance and upkeep, which is costing California drivers.

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

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

Friday's speakers included:

- Fresno Council Member Esmeralda Soria;
- Kings County Supervisor Craig Pedersen;
- Madera Council Member Will Oliver;
- Sharri Bender Ehlert, District 6 director, Caltrans;
- Tony Boren, executive director, Fresno Council of Governments;
- Chuck Riojas, secretary-treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Council for Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings; and
- Orville Thomas, director of Government Affairs, California Alliance for Jobs.

'Board' Continued from Page 1...

Board Composition

The board of directors comprises the League's officers — president, first vice president, second vice president, immediate past president and executive director — a representative from each of the League's 16 divisions, and a representative from each of the League's 11 functional departments, the mayors or designees (alternates) of the mayors of the 10 largest cities by population, and 12 at-large positions, with one reserved for a representative of a small city (under 12,000 population).

City officials serving on the National League of Cities (NLC) board of directors also serve on the League of California Cities board of directors for the duration of their term on the NLC board (two-year term).

The League board typically meets on a quarterly basis at locations throughout the state. Nominees are expected to make a commitment to attend all meetings. All travel-related expenses to attend League board meetings are reimbursed by the League.

Nomination Process

The 2017 Board Nominating Committee will meet on June 30, prior to the June 30-July 1 board meeting, to interview at-large finalists and all applicants for the position of second vice president.

The nominating committee members:

- Stephany Aguilar (Chair), council member, Scotts Valley
- Helen Schneider, mayor, Santa Barbara
- Sam Spagnolo, mayor pro tem, Rancho Cucamonga
- Christopher Cate, council member, San Diego
- Jerry Thorne, mayor, Pleasanton
- Ali Sajjad Taj, mayor, Artesia
- Kirsten Keith, mayor, Menlo Park
- Randi Johl, city clerk, Temecula
- Tony Dahlerbruch, city manager, Palos Verdes Estates
- Janet Arbuckle, council member, Grass Valley
- Curtis Hunt, council member, Vacaville

The committee will make recommendations to the board of directors at its June meeting. If the board approves the candidates, the recommended candidates will then be announced during the opening session of the League's 2017 Annual Conference and Expo in Sacramento, Sept. 13-15, 2017. Following confirmation of the final candidates, the 2017-18 board of directors will be announced at the closing session of the League's Annual Conference and Expo on Sept. 15.

Submission Process

If you are interested in submitting your name for nomination to the League board of directors, please provide the information requested on the nomination application, along with a biography and letters of endorsement, to the League's Sacramento headquarters on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, April 28.

The forms are available on the League website:

- [At-Large Director](#)
- [Second Vice President](#)

Nominations may be sent via email to msharpe@cacities.org

Or mail to:

Mimi Sharpe
Executive Assistant
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Board nominations packets can also be faxed to the attention of Mimi Sharpe at (916) 658-8240.

Bills in Committee and Legislative Hearings of Interest March 27 – April 19

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

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

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

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

March 27

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

- **AB 181 (Lackey)** Taxation: renters' credit. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 960 (Brough)** Sales and use taxes: exemptions: textbooks. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1081 (Burke)** Sales and use taxes: exclusion: low-emission motor vehicle: trade-in. *League position: Oppose Unless Amended.*

March 28

Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **SB 252 (Dodd)** Water wells. *League Position: Concerns.*

Assembly Health Committee

- **AB 1095 (Harper)** Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery treatment facilities. *League position: Support.*

March 29

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

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

Senate Environmental Quality Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 3191

- **SB 589 (Hernandez)** Municipal separate storm sewer systems: financial capability analysis. *League position: Support.*

April 3

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

- **AB 561 (Voepel)** Sales and use taxes: exclusion: public safety first responder vehicle and equipment: local public employee retirement: employer contributions. *League position: Oppose.*

April 4

Assembly Public Safety Committee, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- **HOT AB 1326 (Cooper)** Theft: aggregate valuation. *League position: Support.*

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

- **SB 618 (Bradford)** Load-serving entities: integrated resource plans. *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT SB 649 (Hueso)** Wireless telecommunications facilities. *League position: Oppose.*

Senate Public Safety Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **HOT SB 75 (Bates)** Violent felonies. *League position: Support.*

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **SB 347 (Jackson)** State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act. *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 540 (Roth)** Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone. *League position: League Sponsor.*

April 5

Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 444

- **AB 890 (Medina)** Local land use initiatives: environmental review. *League position: Concerns.*

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

- **AB 852 (Grayson)** Planning and zoning: general plan: report. *League position: League Sponsor.*
- **AB 1505 (Bloom)** Local land use: zoning regulations. *League position: Sponsor.*

April 19

Senate Education Committee, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **SB 78 (Leyva)** After school programs: grant amounts. *League position: Support.*

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

- **HOT SB 711 (Hill)** Infrastructure finance: Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program. *League position: Support.*
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League of California Cities® Commends Governor, Senate Pro Tem, Speaker of the Assembly and Transportation Committee Chairs on Agreement to Provide Historic Investment in California's Transportation System
Investment Split Evenly Between State and Local System

A large crowd surrounded Gov. Jerry Brown, Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) and Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) and Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley), chairs of their respective houses' transportation committees, as they stood on the East Steps of the Capitol today to announce the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. The Senate and Assembly are expected to vote on the measure by Thursday, April 6, which is the deadline set by the Governor and legislative leadership to complete work on a transportation funding package.

SB 1, the \$5.2 billion annual transportation funding and accountability agreement, represents years of work led by Sen. Beall, Assembly Member Frazier, the Pro Tem, Speaker and the Fix Our Roads Coalition, of which the League is a founding member. The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 is a significant investment in California's transportation infrastructure and if passed by the Legislature will provide the funding necessary to start repairing the state and local road system. California's streets and roads face a \$73 billion backlog of maintenance needs. The measure invests \$52.4 billion in the next decade split equally between the state and local system.

League President and Lodi City Council Member JoAnne Mounce commended the leadership and determination shown by the Governor, Senate President pro Tem and Speaker of the Assembly. "After years of discussion, debate and negotiation on transportation, our Governor and legislative leaders have made monumental progress with the crafting of this agreement. Their commitment in making transportation a priority and coming together on the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 will have a lasting impact on Californians for generations. The League and the cities of California are ready to get to work on our streets and begin fixing many years of deferred maintenance."

"Californians are sick and tired of driving on bad roads and we are all paying the cost of disrepair, traffic congestion and unsafe roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure," said League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman. "We want to thank the Governor and Legislative leaders and encourage all members of the legislature to pass this responsible plan by April 6."

The Governor's press release on the package provides some of the key details. The League has developed a document that contains these details and other information.

The fact that this financial package contains significant funds for cities and counties did not come by accident. It has taken years of work by the League and the California State Association of Counties, along with the County Engineers Association of California and California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, to educate state policy leaders and the public about the failing conditions of local streets and roads.

Since 2008, this group has prepared and released the biennial California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which surveys California's 58 counties and 482 cities and captures data from more than 99 percent of the state's local streets and roads. The most recent report, released in October 2016, documented the \$73 billion backlog and found that 65 percent

of streets and roads are at risk. Without additional funding, in 10 years it is projected that 22 percent of local streets and roads will be in failed condition.

The League has also been an active leader in the efforts of the Fix Our Roads Coalition since its formation to advance funding solutions to California's transportation funding crisis. Formed in 2015, the coalition comprises a large group of transportation stakeholders including cities, counties, business, labor and transportation advance solutions to the transportation funding challenge.

With a robust financing package finally in place, and the legislative leadership, Governor and a coalition of stakeholders united in support, it is time for the Legislature to finish the job and approve this much-needed investment package for California's future.

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League Member Briefing Scheduled for April 3 on Road Repair and Accountability Act

Now that Gov. Jerry Brown and legislative leadership have reached an agreement on the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1), the League will be holding a member briefing via webinar on April 3 from 12–1 p.m. The webinar will be an opportunity for cities to learn about the details of the \$52.4 billion transportation funding investment, which includes important accountability measures to ensure that the funds are spent the way they are intended. Cities will also hear about how they can get engaged to help the bills pass both houses of the Legislature. *For more, see Page 2.*



Bills in Committee April 3 – 19

The legislative policy committee schedule is in full gear and the League is tracking numerous bills affecting cities. The League is working on its legislative bills of interest to cities, which will be published once available. *For more, see Page 2.*



CDCR Enacts Emergency Regulations to Lower State’s Prison Population *Regulations will be in Effect for up to 180 Days*

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) issued emergency regulations aiming to reduce California’s prison population to comply with Proposition 57, which voters approved in November 2016. These emergency regulations go into effect Friday, March 31 and will remain for up to 180 days. CDCR will start the formal rulemaking process during this period, including the public comment period, to make the new regulations permanent. The League board of directors voted in October 2016 to oppose Prop. 57 because of public safety concerns stemming from reducing sentences for specific crimes that — despite debates over legal definitions — are clearly violent. *For more, see Page 4.*

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Topics to be covered include:

- New revenues and allocations;
- Restoration and stabilization of Proposition 42 replacement revenues (Gas Tax Swap);
- Reforms and accountability provisions;
- Expected schedule of legislative hearing and votes; and
- What you can do to help!

Registration and Login

Please register for this webinar at www.cacities.org/events by Monday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. Due to the expected interest in this call, only one connection will be allowed per city. This is a League member only briefing.

Log-in information will be sent after between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 3. For questions about how to register for the webinar, please contact [Megan Dunn](mailto:Megan.Dunn@leagueofcities.org). For all other questions, please contact [Sarah Nowshiravan](mailto:Sarah.Nowshiravan@leagueofcities.org).

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

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

Here are a number of key bills of interest to cities:

April 3

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

- **HOT SB 1 (Beall)** Transportation funding. *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 2 (Atkins)** Building Homes and Jobs Act. *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 3 (Beall)** Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018. *League position: Support.*
- **SB 37 (Roth)** Local government finance: property tax revenues allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments. *League position: Support.*

Assembly Natural Resources Committee, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- **AB 663 (Bloom)** Coastal resources: housing. *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1180 (Holden)** California tire fee: Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund. *League position: Support.*

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

- **AB 561 (Voepel)** Sales and use taxes: exclusion: public safety first responder vehicle and equipment: local public employee retirement: employer contributions. *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1322 (Bocanegra)** Property taxation: intercounty base year value transfers. *League position: Oppose.*

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

- **HOT SB 1 (Beall)** Transportation funding. *League position: Support.*

April 4

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

- **SB 618 (Bradford)** Load-serving entities: integrated resource plans. *League position: Oppose.*

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

Senate Public Safety Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **HOT SB 75 (Bates)** Violent felonies: *League position: Support.*

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

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

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **SB 167 (Skinner)** Housing and Accountability Act. *League position: Concerns.*
- **SB 347 (Jackson)** State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act. *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 540 (Roth)** Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone. *League position: Sponsor.*

April 5

Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 444

- **HOT AB 890 (Medina)** Local land use initiatives: environmental review. *League position: Oppose.*

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

- **AB 45 (Thurmond)** California School Employee Housing Assistance Grant Program. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 53 (Steinorth)** Personal income taxes: deduction: homeownership savings accounts. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 346 (Daly)** Redevelopment: housing successor: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund. *League position: Support.*

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

- **SB 139 (Wilk)** Harmful substances: local regulations. *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 540 (Roth)** Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone. *League position: Sponsor.*

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

- **AB 852 (Grayson)** Planning and zoning: general plan: report. *League position: Sponsor.*
- **AB 1505 (Bloom)** Local land use: zoning regulations. *League position: Support.*

April 18

Assembly Public Safety Committee, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- **HOT AB 1326 (Cooper)** Theft: Aggregate valuation. *League position: Support.*

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

- **SB 378 (Portantino)** Alcoholic beverages: licenses: emergency orders. *League position: Support.*

April 19

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

- **AB 678 (Bocanegra)** Housing Accountability Act. *League position: Concerns.*
- **AB 879 (Grayson)** Planning and zoning housing element. *League position: Sponsor.*
- **AB 1585 (Bloom)** Planning and zoning: affordable housing: single application. *League position: Oppose.*

Senate Education Committee, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **SB 78 (Leyva)** After school programs: grant amounts. *League position: Support.*

Senate Environmental Quality Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 3191

- **SB 589 (Hernandez)** Municipal separate storm sewer systems: financial capability analysis. *League position: Support.*

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

- **HOT SB 711 (Hill)** Infrastructure finance: Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program. *League position: Support.*

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Prop. 57 gave the state parole board the authority to grant early release to prisoners whose ~~primary sentences are not considered "violent" crimes. Many offenders are eligible under Prop. 57 to seek parole after serving the full term of their primary offense without factoring in any~~ sentencing enhancements they received in addition to the base term. The definition of "violent" crimes has led to controversy in the legislature where multiple bills have been introduced to expand the definition of what is considered a "violent" crime.

CDCR's emergency regulations are targeted to incentivize inmates to take rehabilitation opportunities more seriously by linking credit-earning opportunities to participation in CDCR's rehabilitation programs, including vocational training and educational programs. The programs on which these credits are based are expected to better prepare inmates for eventual release, and reduce their risk of recidivism. The credits themselves can advance the date of an inmate's release.

Under the emergency regulations, the Board of Parole Hearings retains its current discretion to weigh for itself an inmate's progress toward meaningful rehabilitation, and deny parole to any offender. In addition, a number of disqualifying events listed in the regulations will block inmates from early parole eligibility. Such incidents include fighting/acts of violence, the inmate being sentenced to a term in a Secured Housing Unit within a prison at any time over the past five years, or caught with contraband such as a controlled substance or makeshift weapon.

While the possibility of early release of "non-violent" offenders has fueled concerns among city officials and the law enforcement community alike, Parole Board discretion, along with the number of potentially disqualifying events for early parole, may reduce to some degree the volume of releases. CDCR Secretary Scott Kernan stated that as a result of the regulations, roughly half of the inmates potentially eligible for parole will be released in FY 2016-17 — approximately 600 inmates.

CDCR is expected to make these emergency regulations permanent, after a period of public comment, by adopting these regulations through the normal rulemaking process over the next three months. The regular rulemaking process includes a public notice and comment period, and making available documents and information on which the rulemaking action is based.

For questions regarding these regulations, please contact Vicki Waters at CDCR at (916) 324-8092.

President Trump Releases "Skinny" Budget, Proposes Cuts to Major Local Programs

President Donald Trump recently released his Administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 "Skinny Budget" blueprint. This initial proposal provides top-level concepts. The blueprint does not address tax policy or mandatory spending nor does it include revenue projections or larger policy statements. The proposal only includes dollar-for-dollar offsets. It is important to note that this budget is merely an initial proposal. Congress must ratify these proposals and have expressed bipartisan concerns for the major cuts proposed by the Administration.

Days before the budget was released, League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman and the League's officers took part in the National League of Cities' congressional advocacy conference where they met with top congressional leaders and Trump Administration officials in the nation's

capital. The League's concerns regarding the importance of these programs were not lost on the Administration. During a meeting with White House Department of Intergovernmental Affairs Deputy Director Billy Kirkland, he acknowledged the real world positive impacts these programs have on cities large and small and was open to working with the League and cities across the country on solutions. Moving forward, League leaders will partner with cities across the country as well as other state municipal leagues to ensure the proposed funding cuts do not become law.

"Having a strong and unified voice in Washington D.C. will continue to be of vital importance moving forward," said Coleman. "We will work with the Administration, our congressional delegation, and our federal and state counterparts to ensure that our most important priorities are top of mind and preserved."

Many programs were not explicitly mentioned in this proposal, but those which have a direct impact on cities are detailed below. Again it is important to note that these are proposed cuts.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Requests \$40.7 billion in funding for HUD, a \$6.2 billion or 13.2 percent decrease from the FY 2017 continuing resolution (CR) level.
- Eliminates funding for the Community Development Block Grant program (\$3 billion in savings from the FY 2017 CR level).
- Eliminates funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Choice Neighborhoods, and the Self-help Homeownership Opportunity Program (totaling \$1.1 billion in savings).
- Eliminates funding for Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing (\$35 million in savings).

Note: According to the administration, these programs are better suited for state and local budgets and implementation.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Includes \$2.3 billion for the State Revolving Funds, a \$4 million increase over the 2017 annualized CR level, and \$20 million for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program, equal to FY 2017 CR levels.
- Reduces Categorical Grants (states receive funds to implement water, air, waste, pesticides, and toxic substances programs) to \$597 million, a decrease of \$482 million in funding.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

- Requests \$16.2 billion for DOT, a \$2.4 billion (13 percent) decrease from 2017.
- Limits funding for the New Starts program to only projects with existing full funding grant agreements.
- Eliminates \$499 million in funding for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grants.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Requests \$47.7 billion, a \$1.1 billion (3.8 percent) decrease from 2017.
- Requests a \$175 million increase to support law enforcement targeting criminal organizations and drug traffickers.
- Asks for \$171 million above the 2017 level for additional short-term detention space for federal detainee but proposes funding cuts to reimburse state and local governments for costs of incarcerating undocumented immigrants.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Requests \$44.1 billion, a \$2.8 billion (6.8 percent) increase from 2017.
- Requests \$1.5 billion for enhancing cybersecurity programs that protect federal networks and critical infrastructure.
- Eliminates \$667 million from state and local agencies grant funding, including FEMA grant programs.

Proposition 64 — Regulation Under the Adult Use of Marijuana Act Webinar Scheduled for April 6

The League of California Cities® is hosting a webinar on April 6 from 10–11:30 a.m. to educate its members on various aspects of Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA).

The webinar will cover:

- Summary of Prop. 64;
- Key Differences: AUMA vs. MMRSA;
- Prop. 64 and Regulation;
- Personal Use and Personal Cultivation;
- Regulatory Response to Indoor Cultivation;
- State Licensing of Commercial Operations;
- Local Regulation of Commercial Operations;
- Prop. 64 and Taxation;
- Allocation of Revenues;
- Local Taxes and Fees;
- State and Local Sales Tax Exemptions; and
- Local Policy Issues.

This webinar is free for League members and League Partners. Non-member cities may register for \$100.

Please register online for this webinar by Tuesday, April 4 at 5 p.m. Due to the capacity for this webinar, two connections per city will be permitted to provide easier access for League members.

Webinar log-in information will be sent on April 5. For questions about how to register for the webinar, please contact Megan Dunn. For all other questions, please contact Sarah Nowshiravan.

Transactions and Use Taxes: Updated Report

On April 1, more than 50 new local sales taxes, which were approved by voters in November 2016, will go into effect in California. These “Transactions and Use Taxes” added on to the 7.25 percent statewide base sales and use tax rate, are now in effect in 32 counties and 176 cities and generate over \$6 billion annually, mostly for countywide transportation purposes but increasingly for city general services including police fire, parks and libraries.

The full update of the status and history of local add-on sales taxes in California is available through CaliforniaCityFinance.com.

There’s Still Time to Submit Session Ideas for the 2017 Municipal Finance Institute Submissions due by April 12

The League of California Cities® is now accepting session ideas for the 2017 Municipal Finance Institute, which will be held Dec. 13–14 in Newport Beach. This two-day premiere event is geared towards finance officers, city treasurers, city managers and all city staff who assist these professionals in their stewardship of public resources and focuses on current issues and timely topics that will assist officials in their daily roles and operations within their city.

Submission Guidelines

- Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome.
- The Program Planning Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information.
- Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind.
- Proposals must be submitted online.

For more information or to request a copy of last year's program, please contact [Katie Sacco](#).

San Leandro Director of Engineering and Transportation Keith Cooke Recognized with Public Works Lifetime Achievement Award

The League of California Cities® Public Works Officers Department honored San Leandro Director of Engineering and Transportation Keith Cooke with the prestigious James L. Martin Award on March 24 for his significant contributions towards the public works profession. The award was presented to Cooke during the League's Public Works Officers Institute held March 22–24 in San Diego, which is the largest gathering of municipal public works professionals in California.

The James L. Martin Award has been presented annually since 2003 to individuals who demonstrate outstanding contributions to the public works field, including fostering professional development, mentoring of others and actively participating in League activities such as department leadership and policy committee representation.

"It is an honor to acknowledge Keith Cooke's dedication to the advancement of the public works profession, both for local public works agencies and in leadership roles in the League of California Cities and elsewhere," said Jay Spurgin, public works director with the city of Thousand Oaks and president of the League's Public Works Department. "His more than 35 years of involvement in numerous professional organizations demonstrates a passion for public works few could match."

Cooke's career spans more than three decades, as he first began practicing civil engineering in 1984. He has been with the city of San Leandro since 1994 and became director of the city's Engineering and Transportation Department in 2015. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis and a master's degree in structural engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. He also holds licensure as a Professional Engineer. He is a member of the American Public Works Association and represented San Leandro on the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee of the Alameda County Transportation Commission from 2003 to 2015.

"I am humbled that my colleagues in the Public Works Officers Department of the League of California Cities have honored me as the 2017 James L. Martin Award recipient and I hope my service inspires others to volunteer their time and efforts to this worthy cause as we all work to make our cities a better place for all."

Cooke's contributions to the League of California Cities are extensive. He served as president of the League's Public Works Officer Department from 2013 to 2014 and as a member of the League's Transportation, Communication and Public Works Policy Committee since 2015. Previously from 2007 to 2015, he was a member of the League's Public Safety Policy Committee. Since 2008, he has been part of the joint League of California Cities and County Engineers' Local Streets and Roads Oversight Committee from 2008 to the present.

James L. Martin dedicated his career to the advancement of public works, serving as the League's Public Works Department president in 1970-71, and national president of the American Public Works Association in 1983-84. Over his 35-year career he served the communities of Richmond, Berkeley, San Leandro and Fresno as Public Works Director. He passed away in 2008.
