

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
June 23, 2016

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A.** FY 2016-17 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOLLOW-UP
Memorandum to update City Council on staff proposed resolution to Council budget study session follow-up items.

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

- A.** Letter and pamphlet from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California summarizing the 2015 update for their Integrated Water Resources Plan.

III. RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (PINKS)

- A.** CITIZEN REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF A FIRE LANE AND CROSSWALK ON HASTER STREET AT TWIN LAKES PARK – PINK 3720
Information is provided on Mr. Abraham Medina's concerns regarding pedestrian safety on Haster Street near Twin Lakes Park which was discussed at the 4/26 Council meeting.

• 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: Mayor and Members of City Council From: Scott C. Stiles *MS*
Dept.: Dept.: City Manager
Subject: Budget Workshop Follow- up Date: June 14, 2016

OBJECTIVE

To update City Council on staff proposed resolution to the Council Budget study session follow up items.

BACKGROUND

On June 8, 2016 staff presented the City Council and public with a proposed FY2016-17 budget for review. Following public comments and City Council deliberation, staff was directed to add two (2) additional police officer positions to the proposed budget.

Comments were also made regarding the allocation of \$60K to fund the Garden Grove Open Streets event, and the nature of the Clear Channel contract that provided the funding source.

DISCUSSION

Staff have added the two (2) police officer positions to the proposed budget at the C salary step for a total additional cost of \$376K. The C salary step allocation affords the Police Department some flexibility in hiring already trained officers. The overall FY2016-17 proposed budget deficit will grow from \$3.917M (as reported on June 8, 2016) to \$4.293M.

With regards to the Open Streets event, the Clear Channel contract associated fees, while a general fund resource, specified that the funds would be applied to the downtown/civic center area. Hence, the Open Streets event being part of the Re:Imagine Downtown and civic center revitalization effort is a qualified expenditure.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

With the addition of the two (2) police officer positions, the overall FY2016-17 proposed budget deficit will grow from \$3.917M (as reported on June 8, 2016) to \$4.293M. To balance the proposed budget, staff is recommending that \$1.4M be drawn from the Workers Compensation Fund, which is a change from the \$1.0M that was originally recommended.

CC: Kingsley Okereke, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Attachment II. A.
Mgrs. Memo 06/23/16

June 16, 2016

Southern California faces significant and diverse challenges to ensure adequate and safe water supplies for homes, businesses and the environment. Twenty years ago, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California began work to develop and implement a long-term water vision with the first Integrated Water Resources Plan (IRP) to address those challenges and ensure the region has a reliable water system.

The results of that effort are benefitting Californians every day, especially during this historic drought. Since the 1990s, Metropolitan has developed over 5.5 million acre-feet of storage capacity including construction of the region's largest reservoir, Diamond Valley Lake in Riverside County. Record levels of investments in water conservation, including \$450 million over the past two years for rebates on water-saving devices and turf removal have fueled a market transformation which supports permanent water savings.

The 2015 IRP Update builds on the successes of these actions and our earlier vision. Developed through a collaborative public process of stakeholders and the public, it provides both the details and the vision for adaptively managing through the challenges and changes that are coming. This includes realistic expectations of imported supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River and a commitment to more conservation. It also focuses attention and resources on the need to develop more local supplies and adaptively manage to address the impacts of climate change and other risks. The Executive Summary is enclosed. A copy of the full document is available on our website www.mwdh2o.com.

We cannot eliminate all uncertainty, but we can prepare for it. This document represents Metropolitan's strategy to do just that by addressing water issues collectively and advancing a vision of long term sustainability that will pay off for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Kightlinger", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager

WATER  TOMORROW

Integrated Water Resources Plan 2015 UPDATE

Executive Summary



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SETTING THE 2015 IRP UPDATE RELIABILITY TARGETS

The 2015 IRP Update reliability targets identify developments in imported and local water supply and in water conservation that, if successful, would provide a future without water shortages and mandatory restrictions under planned conditions. For imported supplies, Metropolitan looks to make investments in additional partnerships and initiatives to maximize Colorado River Aqueduct deliveries in dry years. On the State Water Project, Metropolitan is looking to make ecologically-sound infrastructure investments so that the water system can capture sufficient supplies to help meet average year demands and to refill Metropolitan’s storage network in above-average and wet years. Lowering regional residential per capita demand by 20 percent by the year 2020 (compared to a baseline established in 2009 state legislation),

reducing water use from outdoor landscapes and advancing additional local supplies are among the planned actions to keep supplies and demands in balance. Today’s best estimates about future conditions are a sound basis for establishing reliability targets. Table ES-1 shows the 2015 IRP Update supply reliability and conservation targets. These targets represent a combined total of 723,000 acre-feet of increased conservation savings and supply production by the end of the forecast period; of these, 485,000 acre-feet are from the total conservation target and 238,000 acre-feet are from the total supply reliability target. These targets represent the projected levels of imported supplies, local supplies and water conservation necessary to meet the 2015 IRP Update reliability goals.

TABLE ES-1
2015 IRP Update Total Level of Average-Year Supply Targeted (Acre-Feet)

	2016	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Retail Demands before Conservation	4,878,000	5,219,000	5,393,000	5,533,000	5,663,000	5,792,000
Total Conservation Target	1,034,000	1,096,000	1,197,000	1,310,000	1,403,000	1,519,000
Retail Demands after Conservation	3,844,000	4,123,000	4,196,000	4,223,000	4,260,000	4,273,000
Minimum CRA Diversion Target	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000
Average Year SWP Target	1,202,000	984,000	984,000	1,213,000	1,213,000	1,213,000
Total Local Supply Target	2,199,000	2,307,000	2,356,000	2,386,000	2,408,000	2,426,000
Total Supply Reliability Target	4,301,000	4,191,000	4,240,000	4,499,000	4,521,000	4,539,000

ACHIEVE ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION SAVINGS

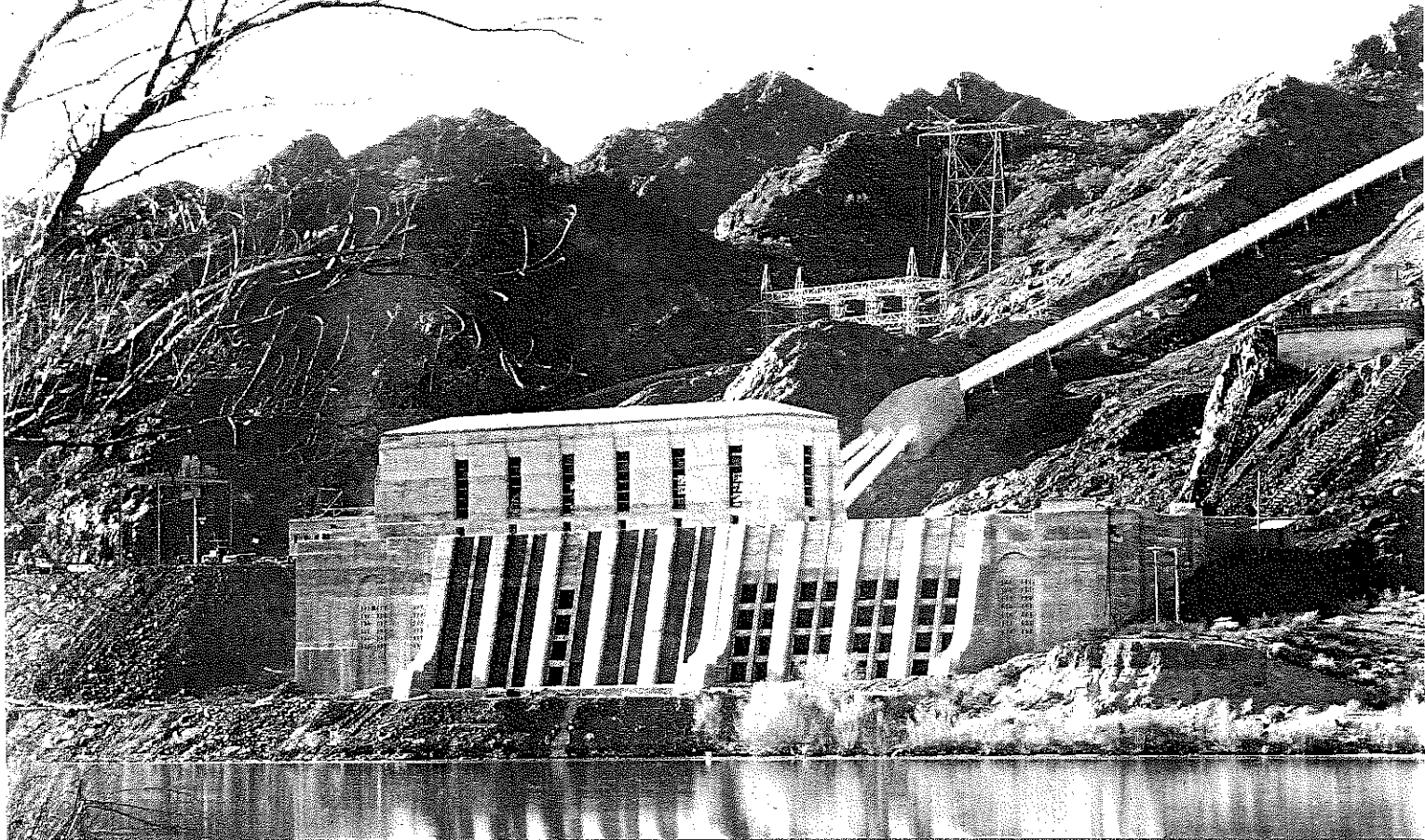
Pursue further water conservation savings of 485,000 acre-feet annually by 2040 through increased emphasis on outdoor water-use efficiency using incentives, outreach/education and other programs.

DEVELOP ADDITIONAL LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES

Develop 230,000 acre-feet of additional local supplies produced by existing and future projects. The region would reach a target of 2.4 million acre-feet by 2040, a key to providing water supply reliability into the future.

MAINTAIN COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT SUPPLIES

Develop programs to ensure that a minimum of 900,000 acre-feet is available when needed, with access to 1.2 million acre-feet in dry years.



Past Successes

The original 1996 IRP prepared Southern California to meet current water demands and conditions. A vision 20+ years in the making has allowed the region to withstand significant hardship imposed by record years of heat and drought. Southern California uses less imported water than it did a generation ago even though the population has grown by five million people. And a strong commitment to developing local resources, including new and emergency storage with 6 million acre-feet of capacity, has ensured greater reliability. With the vision in the 2015 IRP Update, Southern California can continue these achievements.

STABILIZE STATE WATER PROJECT SUPPLIES

Manage SWP supplies in compliance with regulatory restrictions in the near-term for an average of 980,000 acre-feet of SWP supplies. Pursue a successful outcome in the California WaterFix and California EcoRestore efforts for long-term average supplies of about 1.2 million acre-feet.

MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STORAGE AND TRANSFER

Develop a comprehensive strategy to pursue transfers and exchanges to hedge against shorter-term water demands and supplies imbalances until long-term solutions are in place.

CONSIDERING RISKS/FACTORING IN CHANGES

Uncertainty is a given in today's water world. Planning for reliability has to take uncertainty into consideration. Metropolitan cannot with absolute certainty predict what supply initiatives will fare perfectly or miss the mark, but the 2015 IRP Update process does consider the many potential risks. Diversifying the water portfolio provides an important hedge against risk, but also adds complexity to the process of considering the many positive and negative scenarios of how supplies may be affected by future conditions. Through the 2015 IRP Update process, foreseeable challenges and risk scenarios were identified that point to the potential of 200,000 acre-feet of additional water conservation and local supplies needed to address these risks.

FUTURE SUPPLY ACTIONS

Future water supply and demand conditions may be beyond any reasonable estimate that can be made today. That said, water agencies can take actions in the coming years to position themselves for what could be a very different future. Metropolitan's 2015 IRP Update calls for considering Future Supply Actions, which are important steps to prepare the region to adapt to water supply condition changes that are different than what is currently anticipated. These steps range from exploring the feasibility of new local supply options, investing in water-saving technologies, acquiring land and proposing ways to reduce regulatory impediments to supply development. The 2010 IRP Update referred to these forward-looking steps as Foundational Actions.



ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

Adaptive water management, as opposed to a rigid set of planned actions over the coming decades, is the most nimble and cost-effective manner for Metropolitan and local water districts throughout Southern California to effectively prepare for the future. An adaptive management approach is nothing new. It began to evolve with Metropolitan's first IRP in 1996, after drought-related shortages in 1991 prompted a rethinking of Southern California's long-term water strategy. Reliance on imported supplies to meet future water needs has decreased steadily over time, replaced by plans for local actions to meet new demands. The 2015 IRP Update continues to build a robust portfolio approach to water management.

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The development of the 2015 IRP Update reflects the intensely collaborative nature of water planning in Southern California, involving member agencies and numerous stakeholders.

The 2015 IRP Update Process

Developing a long-term water strategy for a region as complex as Southern California does not happen in a vacuum. Metropolitan is the largest regional water cooperative of its kind in the nation. The development of the 2015 IRP Update reflects the intensely collaborative nature of water planning in Southern California, involving member agencies and numerous stakeholders.

The 2015 IRP Update focuses on ascertaining how conditions have changed in the region since the last IRP update in 2010. This involves developing new reliability targets to meet the evolving outlook of the region's reliability needs, assessing strategies for managing short and long-term uncertainty and communicating technical findings. The 2015 IRP Update also identifies areas where policy development and implementation approaches are needed. These discussions will follow the adoption of this report, and involve extensive interaction with Metropolitan's Board of Directors and member agencies.

Metropolitan faces challenging circumstances with its traditional sources of imported supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River. Using feedback and input from numerous stakeholders, Metropolitan makes projections of the availability of these supplies from a range of potential scenarios. Water agencies throughout the region also offer visions of their futures through their Urban Water Management Plans. These and other planning documents provide important insight into both local supplies that are likely to come on line in the near future, as well as supplies with a more uncertain future. Any robust outlook about supplies must take into account the many variables that face all the potential sources of water for the region.

What's In The Numbers:

The 2015 IRP Update Technical Approach

Outlook of Demands and Supplies

Metropolitan and its member agencies have developed a wide array of water supplies, both local and imported, and a large portfolio of water storage programs. These existing water supplies are compared with the outlook of regional demands to assess what water supply reliability would look like without new investment. Even without investment in new water supplies or water conservation, these existing water supplies and programs will continue to provide water and water management. The question is whether they are sufficient to meet future demands.

Demands

Retail-level water demands, or the total amount of water that customers use, are largely a function of Southern California's future population and its expected level of water use. These two factors have been shifting over time. Population increases are estimated to be less than previously projected. Per-person water use has declined over the past 25 years as water conservation efforts increase.

Conservation

Water conservation serves the important regional function of reducing the demand for imported water supplies and thereby making regional water system capacity and storage available and accessible to meet the needs of users in the region.

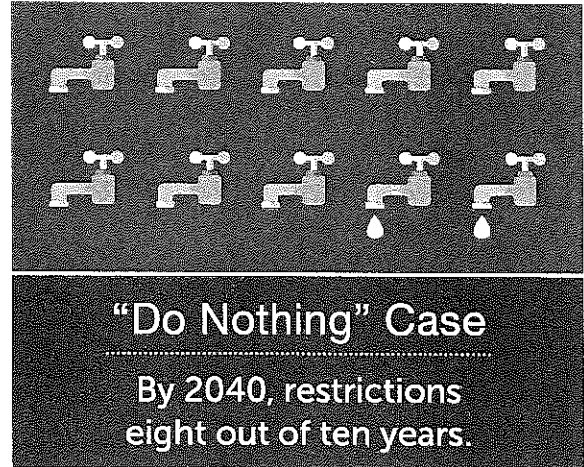
Local Supplies

Local supplies are a significant and growing component to the region's diverse water portfolio. Local supplies can provide over half of the region's water in a given year, and it is important to maintain these supplies. Similar to water conservation, local supplies serve the important function of reducing demands for imported water supplies and thereby making regional water system capacity and storage available and accessible to meet the needs of the region.

Groundwater: Groundwater is the production of water extracted from underground aquifers. Many people in Southern California depend on groundwater as a primary source of water supply.

Recycled Water: Recycled water is wastewater that has been treated so that it can be beneficially used for a variety of purposes ranging from landscape irrigation to groundwater recharge.

Seawater Desalination: Seawater desalination utilizes advanced technology to convert ocean water to potable water. The constant availability of ocean water is one of the key benefits.



Los Angeles Aqueduct: The city of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, a Metropolitan member agency, imports water from the eastern Sierra Nevada through the LAA.

Local Surface Water: Local surface water resources consist of runoff captured in storage reservoirs and diversions from streams.

Other Identified Resources: There are other local resources, including graywater and on-site stormwater capture and use that have the potential for future development. Current development is on a smaller scale with studies and pilot projects underway.

Imported Supplies

Imported water from Metropolitan serves as an additional source of supply to its 26 member agencies. For many member agencies, their primary source of water is produced locally.

The State Water Project: The SWP provides an additional water supply to the region from Northern California via the Feather River in the northern Sierra Nevada Mountains, down into the Sacramento River and then across the Delta.

The Colorado River Aqueduct: The CRA originates at Lake Havasu on the Colorado River and winds through a series of pump stations and reservoirs through the California desert to its terminal reservoir at Lake Mathews in Riverside County.

Storage and Transfers: Storage reserves and water transfers are essential to ensuring reliability for the region, and for guarding against risk and uncertainty. Over the past two decades, Metropolitan has developed a large regional storage portfolio that includes both dry-year and emergency storage capacity.



The Regional Water Balance

The projection of both demands and supplies over the next 25 years is the basis for determining what levels of actions are necessary in the 2015 IRP Update adaptive management strategy. In order to evaluate the results of a water balance analysis, a number of metrics can be evaluated to determine if individual water balance outcomes are reliable or not. The IRP looked at the frequency and depth of allocations or mandatory rationing— allocations occur when the region's storage resources reach a point of depletion where limitations are imposed in an attempt to stretch remaining resources to be prepared for future shortage conditions.

Two scenarios were modeled to look at future water supply reliability:

The "Do Nothing" Case

The first step in determining the remaining need is to evaluate the balance of existing levels of supplies against future projections of demands. Constructing a "Do Nothing" water balance provides a picture of what future reliability would look like with no additional actions or investments in water supply or demand management. The "Do Nothing" analysis determines whether additional developments that help to balance supplies and demands are needed to ensure reliability into the future.

Modeling results show that under a "Do Nothing" case, the probability of supply allocation increases dramatically over time, reaching an 80 percent likelihood in 2040. This finding is a reminder that working to maintain a reliable water system is never done. In this case, "doing nothing" and making no further investments in water supply and demand management would impose a huge cost on all Southern Californians.

The "IRP Approach" Case

The next step is to evaluate the balance of targeted future levels of supply development against future projections of demands. The "IRP Approach" case builds in the additional development targeted for CRA, SWP, conservation and local supplies:

Colorado River Aqueduct: Develop programs to ensure that a minimum of 900,000 acre-feet is available when needed, with access to 1.2 million acre-feet in dry years.

State Water Project: Manage SWP supplies in compliance with regulatory restrictions in the near-term for an average of 980,000 acre-feet of SWP supplies. Pursue a successful outcome in the California WaterFix and California EcoRestore efforts for long-term average supplies of about 1.2 million acre-feet.

Conservation: Pursue further water conservation savings of 485,000 acre-feet annually by 2040 through increased emphasis on outdoor water-use efficiency using incentives, outreach/education and other programs.

Local Supplies: Develop 230,000 acre-feet of additional local supplies produced by existing and future projects. The region would reach a target of 2.4 million acre-feet by 2040, a key to providing water supply reliability into the future.

Findings

The results of the "IRP Approach" analysis show that the probabilities of supply allocations decrease slightly in the near-term, and are substantially ameliorated in the longer-term. Successful implementation of the 2015 IRP Update targets is the key to providing for a robust water supply mix that will ensure a high degree of reliability into the future.



Effective Modeling

Effective modeling of supply and demand can point out the need to take action. Crafting the right strategy is an entirely different exercise. Lessons from history are to be learned. New possibilities are to be realized.

Overall, the 2015 IRP Update represents a refinement – not an overhaul – of Southern California’s water management strategy. Similar to the 2010 IRP Update, the 2015 IRP Update looks to local solutions to close any potential gap between supply and demand. In this refinement, the 2015 IRP Update projects a need for more than 723,000 acre-feet of growth in imported and local supplies and reduced water demands from conservation. This reliability target encompasses the 25-year horizon of the plan and it frames the upcoming Implementation Policy discussion process with Metropolitan’s Board of Directors and member agencies.

Within the overall strategy, there are potential new planning shifts for the years to come. The potential completion of the California WaterFix and a modernized water system in the Delta, for example, would create a new physical ability to move additional supplies in average and above-average years. In addition to providing water for storage management, this could also create opportunities for new markets and partnerships. Likewise, the long-time success of Metropolitan’s land management program on the Colorado River in the Palo Verde Valley points to the potential of new partnerships with farming communities on the river to stabilize the supply/demand future on the Colorado River.

The 2015 IRP Update represents an evolving point of Southern California’s future water strategy that will undoubtedly adapt in expected and perhaps surprising ways in the years to come.



The mission of the Metropolitan Water District is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way. This is not a singular mission. It reflects the diversity of the challenges of balanced water management and the many facets of any successful IRP.

Overall, Southern California is in an enviable position to approach tomorrow. A generation of diversification of the region's water portfolio provides an asset base and choices on how to adapt to changes ahead.

The Delta water system and ecosystem improvements being advanced by the state and federal administrations, for example, would advance California's official co-equal goals of improving the Delta ecosystem and providing a more reliable water supply for the state. Shoring up the reliability of Metropolitan's baseline imported supplies has proven to be a highly cost-effective investment that protects broad public interests as well as Southland ratepayers.

Looking locally to close the gap between supplies and demands, while making the necessary investments and initiatives to maintain the reliability of imported supplies, is a responsible approach from a regional and statewide perspective. This achieves California's policy for all regions to reduce their reliance on the Delta to meet future needs, while building upon imported supplies in ways that further diversify the Southern California water portfolio.

This vital planning exercise has served Southern California well for a generation. The 2015 IRP Update represents a further step in the iterative planning process of a "living" strategic plan that evolves and adapts as needed to address the needs of the next generation.

RESPONSE TO PINK #3720: EXTENSION OF FIRE LANE AND CROSSWALK
REQUEST ON HASTER STREET AT TWIN LAKES PARK

MAY 20, 2016

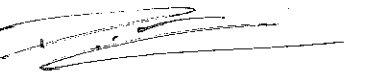
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signalized intersection at Lampson Ave. Studies have also shown that placing a marked crosswalk at an uncontrolled location may decrease pedestrian safety because it can provide a false sense of security to the pedestrian.

With regards to Mr. Medina's request to extend the fire lane on the east side of Haster St. across from Twin Lakes Park, staff will issue a work order to paint approximately 30' of red curb in front of the existing fire hydrant on Haster St. south of Cannon Avenue to help define the no parking zone in front of the fire hydrant.



William E. Murray, P.E.
Public Works Director



By: Dai C. Vu, P.E.
Associate Engineer

Attachments: 1. PINK 3720
2. Traffic Collision Report (Excluded from online posting)

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WEEKLY MEMO 6/23/16

NEWS ARTICLES

Destroyer christened in honor of SEAL from Garden Grove

Michael Monsoor died in Iraq in 2006.

By PATRICK WHITTLE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATH, MAINE • The mother of a fallen Navy SEAL from Garden Grove christened the second Zumwalt-class guided missile destroyer Saturday in honor of her son, who died in Iraq when he threw himself on an insurgent's grenade to save the lives of two

fellow SEALs.

The 610-foot, 15,000-ton ship, built by General Dynamics Bath Iron Works for the U.S. Navy, was named for Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Monsoor. The 25-year-old died in 2006 and was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

"May God bless this ship, and



Monsoor

all who sail within her," said Sally Monsoor before smashing a bottle against the ship as some 2,000 people looked on.

Monsoor described her son as a quiet, loyal person and recalled how he once made a Christmas

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tree out of a sapling in their family's yard.

The Zumwalt is the Navy's largest and most technologically sophisticated class of destroyer. It is the first new class of warship built at Bath Iron Works in more than 25 years. The Navy took ownership of the first stealth destroyer last month, and work is underway on the third and final ship.

U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who spoke at the ceremony, called the Zumwalt class of destroyers "the most advanced naval destroyer the world has ever seen" and said its christening is a tribute to Michael Monsoor.

"His legacy will live on as this great ship conducts its mission in defense of our nation," she said.

The ships are heralded for their advanced and accurate weaponry. Their futuristic-looking shape makes them 50 times more difficult to detect on radar than other ships of the same size. Innovations in

automation also will allow the vessel to be operated with a smaller crew than the previous generation of destroyers.

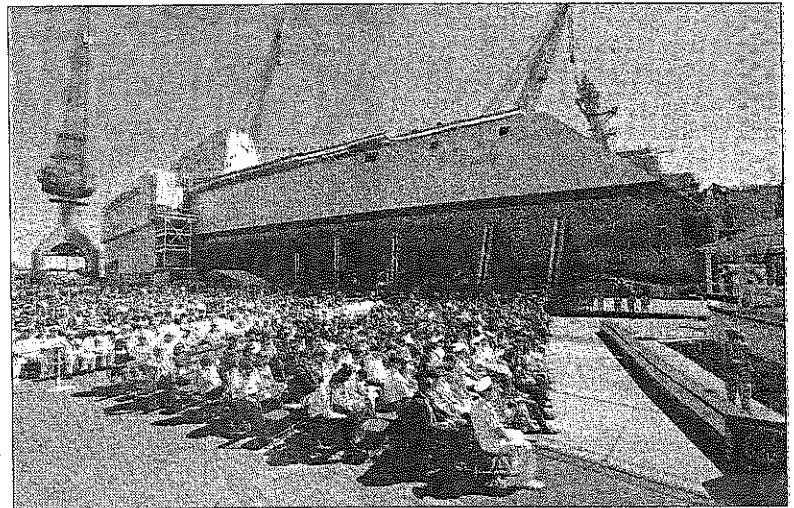
Retired Vice Adm. Joseph Maguire, president of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, expressed the Navy's gratitude for Monsoor's heroism, and said America "owes the Monsoor family a debt that can never be repaid."

The Monsoor is headed to drydock, and was moved into the middle of the Kennebec River to be ballasted on Monday. Tugboats were then to move it to the west side of the river.

The Navy's 2017 budget proposal, submitted to Congress in February, showed the combined cost of the first two ships at an average of a little more than \$4.5 billion each.

The third ship, to be named for Lyndon B. Johnson, is expected to cost a bit less than \$3.7 billion.

Some peace activists assembled Saturday outside the shipyard during the christening. They have criticized the Zumwalt program as an extravagant use of public money.



JOEL PAGE, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A crowd watches Saturday's christening of the Zumwalt-class guided missile destroyer Michael Monsoor in Bath, Maine.

Register
Fountain Valley View
June 23, 2016

Garden Grove to accept nomination papers starting July 18

Mayor's office and four City Council seats are in play

Beginning Monday, July 18, the City of Garden Grove will be accepting nomination papers for mayor, and four council member seats for Districts 2, 3, 5, and 6, for the Nov. 8, election. The deadline to file the completed paperwork is Friday, Aug. 12, at 5 p.m. Paperwork must be filed with the City Clerk's Office, on the second floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age by Election Day, and a registered voter. Mayoral candidates must be a resident of the city of Garden Grove; council member candidates must be a resident of their respective district.

Should any eligible incumbent not file by the deadline date of 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, the filing period for non-incumbent candidates only will be extended to Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Orange County News
June 22, 2016

Nomination papers are available in the City Clerk's Office at Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway on the second floor, by appointment only. For more information on the election process or to schedule an appointment, please call Kathy Bailor, City Clerk, at 714-741-5040 or visit the official Garden Grove Election Information Page <<http://www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us/citymanager/CityClerk/2016-garden-grove-election-information>>, <http://www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us/citymanager/CityClerk/2016-garden-grove-election-information>.

- Mayor at large—one seat—full term of two years
- Council District 2—one seat—full term of four years
- Council District 3—one seat—term of two years
- Council District 5—one seat—full term of four years
- Council District 6—one seat—full term of four years



Photo by Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen (right) pauses for a photo with Westminster Chamber of Commerce member Frances Nguyen with Golden Trophy & Promotions (center) and Valentina Castellani-Quinn with Quinn Studios (left) who has worked with His Holiness 14th Dalai Lama against human trafficking.

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen on Placing 2nd in Primary Election

After two weeks of too-close-to-call results in the race to represent California's 46th Congressional District in Congress, Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen pulled into second place to overtake Orange County Sheriff's Department Commander Bob Peterson. The top two vote-getters, Nguyen and former lawmaker Lou Correa, will move forward to the general election in November.

Mayor Nguyen offered the following statement

"I am immensely grateful to everybody who has supported

me in this race. This election isn't about who has the most money. It's about the hardworking middle and working class families of Orange County. Washington is broken, and we know that sending another politician who's in the pocket of special interests isn't going to fix it. We need somebody in Washington who has a record of fighting corruption, not participating in it. The era of big money, special interests, and corporate lobbyists running Washington is over, and I'm here to fight to the finish.

"Brought to the United States by his parents as a child, Bao Nguyen was elected Mayor of Garden Grove in 2014, where he has increased government transparency and fought corruption. Upon his swearing-in, he became the first directly-elected Vietnamese American Democratic Mayor in the United States. He is the city's first Vietnamese American and first Openly LGBTQ Mayor. Prior to his historic election, he served as member of the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education."

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 9377-16
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING THE ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE GARDEN GROVE TOURISM
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD,
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FOR THE GARDEN
GROVE TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FIXING
THE TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING THEREON
AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989, California Streets and Highways Code section 36500 et seq., (the "Law") authorizes cities to establish parking and business improvement areas for the purpose of funding certain improvements and activities, including the promotion of tourism, through assessments upon the businesses that benefit from those improvements and activities and to levy an assessment upon businesses within a parking and business improvement area, which is in addition to any assessments, fees, charges, or taxes imposed in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District (GGTID) was established October 26, 2010 by City Council adoption of Ordinance No. 2782; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 36533 of the Law, the GGTID Advisory Board has prepared and filed with the City Clerk, and the City Clerk has presented to the City Council, a report for fiscal year 2016-2017 in connection with the proposed levy of an assessment against visitor accommodation facilities within the GGTID for fiscal year 2016-2017 (the "Annual Report"); and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City Council has examined and reviewed the Annual Report, and such Annual Report is hereby approved and filed.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby declares its intention to levy and collect assessments from those visitor accommodation facilities within the boundaries of the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District ("GGTID") for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2016, and continuing through June 30, 2017.

SECTION 4. The Annual Report is on file with the Garden Grove City Clerk and contains a full and detailed description of the activities to be provided, the boundaries of the area, and proposed assessments to be levied upon the visitor accommodation facilities in the area.

SECTION 5. The boundaries of the GGTID generally include certain real property within that area of Garden Grove fronting, bordering, or near Harbor Boulevard from the City of Anaheim to Garden Grove Boulevard. The GGTID is divided into two (2) separate zones: (i) Tier I, which includes that real property within the GGTID north of Lampson Avenue, and (ii) Tier II, which includes that real property within the GGTID south of Lampson Avenue. A map showing the precise area and boundaries of the GGTID and the two benefit zones is on file with the Garden Grove City Clerk.

SECTION 6. The types of improvements and activities to be funded by the levy of assessments on visitor accommodation facilities within the GGTID are GGTID and Anaheim/Orange County Visitor and Convention Bureau

("VCB") tourism and marketing programs to promote the area and benefitted visitor accommodation facilities as a tourism destination; GGTID and VCB administrative oversight; physical improvements and maintenance along the right-of-way, median, and sidewalks adjacent to the benefitted visitor accommodation facilities; and other projects, programs, and activities that benefit the visitor accommodation facilities located and operating within the GGTID.

SECTION 7. The time and place for a public hearing on the levy of assessments for the GGTID is hereby set for June 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, in the City Council Chamber at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk is hereby directed to give proper notice of the above-described public meeting and public hearing in accordance with law.

SECTION 9. At the public hearing, the testimony of all interested persons for or against the levying of assessments on the visitor accommodation facilities in the GGTID for fiscal year 2016-2017, the extent of the GGTID, or the furnishing of specified types of improvements or activities will be heard. A protest may be made orally or in writing by any interested person. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and clearly state the irregularity or defect to which objection is made. To count in the majority protest against the GGTID, a protest must be written. A written protest may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the conclusion of the public hearing. Each written protest shall contain a written description of the business in which the person signing the protest is interested, sufficient to identify the business and its address. If the person signing the protest is not shown on the official records of the City of Garden Grove as the owner of the business, then the protest shall contain or be accompanied by written evidence that the person is the owner of the business. If the owner of the business is a corporation, LLC, partnership or other legal entity, the authorized representative for the entity shall be authorized to sign the protest. Written protests must be received by the City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove before the close of the public hearing scheduled herein and may be mailed to the City Clerk, City of Garden Grove, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California 92683, or delivered in person to the City Clerk at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California 92842.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 36525, if at the conclusion of the public hearing, there are of record, valid written protests by the owners of the businesses within the GGTID that will pay fifty percent (50%) or more of the total assessments of the entire GGTID, no assessment will be levied for fiscal year 2016-2017. In order to determine the projected assessments for purposes of establishing voting percentages, the City shall make projections based on the prior three-year average of gross rental revenues for the applicable visitor accommodation facilities. Since such information is proprietary, the City, alone, will determine the total percentage protest and provide such percentage at the public hearing.

SECTION 11. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of June 2016.

ATTEST: /s/ BAO NGUYEN

MAYOR

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC

CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, KATHLEEN BAILOR, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, at a meeting held on the 14th day of June 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (5)
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
CITY CLERK

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
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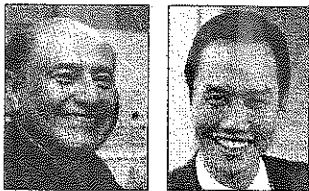
Democrats to face off for

Tally of late votes from June 7 primary puts Bao Nguyen on ballot with Lou Correa in House race.

By **MARTIN WISCKOL**
STAFF WRITER

Two Democrats will vie for the congressional seat vacated by Rep. Loretta Sanchez, as the late surge of ballots pushing Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen past Republican Bob Peterson into second place in the June 7 primary has put the race out of reach for Peterson.

With a few hundred ballots remaining to count and Peterson trailing by 1,650 votes, Nguyen on Tuesday swiftly moved into general election mode and launched



Correa

Nguyen

an attack on veteran politician Lou Correa, who finished first.

"The era of big money, special interests and corporate lobbyists running

Washington is over," Nguyen wrote in an emailed statement. "I'm here to fight to the finish."

Nguyen is a self-proclaimed liberal and supporter of presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. Correa, a Hillary Clinton supporter, built a reputation as a moderate Democrat during his 14 years in the state Legislature.



"I have endorsements from Republicans and Democrats, labor unions and business groups, friends and neighbors," Correa said Tuesday. "I have the endorsements because I'm part of the community. This job isn't about ideology - it's about getting the job done."

As of Tuesday evening, Correa had 43.5 percent of the vote in the eight-person race, Nguyen had 14.6 percent and Peterson had 12.8 percent. In fourth at 12.4 percent was Democratic former state Sen. Joe Dunn, whose \$372,000 in campaign funds was more than Nguyen and Peterson combined.

Ballots tallied on Election Day put Peterson in second place, 492 votes ahead of

Loretta Sanchez's seat

Nguyen. But with the mail, paper and provisional ballots tallied since, Nguyen caught up and then steadily padded his lead.

"I'm not disappointed," said Peterson, a sheriff's commander, of his maiden campaign. "I will sleep easy knowing I gave it my best shot."

Peterson, who raised just \$26,000, said he'd likely run for elected office again but had no immediate plans.

As of Tuesday evening, there were 11,520 votes left to tally countywide. Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley said he expected to finish the counting and certify the election by the weekend. Several races remain close:

- In the 68th Assembly District contest to replace termed-out Don Wagner, R-Irvine, Irvine Mayor Steven Choi had a 151-vote lead over former Anaheim Councilman Harry Sidhu for second place. The winner

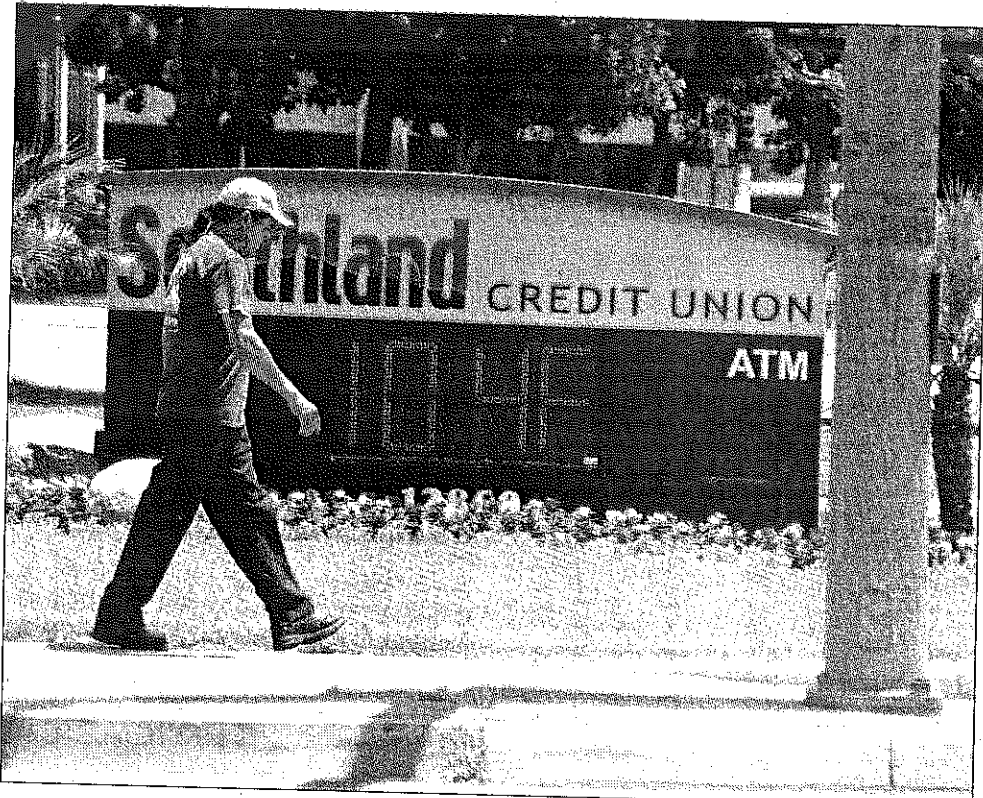
among the two Republicans will face Democrat Sean Jay Panahi in November and will be favored to win thanks to the GOP's 12 percentage point advantage in voter registration.

- In the tri-county 55th Assembly District contest to replace outgoing incumbent Ling Ling Chang, R-Diamond Bar, Walnut Valley Unified School District board member Phillip Chen had a 1,024-vote lead over West Covina Councilman Mike Spence. The winner among the two Republicans will face Democrat Gregg Fritchle in November and will be favored to win thanks to the GOP's 8-point voter registration edge.

- In the race for the Area 1 seat on the county Board of Education, Democratic Tustin Councilwoman Rebecca "Beckie" Gomez has overtaken GOP incumbent Robert Hammond and leads by 1,582 votes. Hammond has spawned controversy for referring to gays as "sodomites" in an email. The top vote-getter in June 7 balloting will win the seat.

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SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An electronic sign at Euclid Street and Acacia Parkway in Garden Grove shows the temperature at 2 p.m. Monday.

CREMATORIUM FOES WIN, BUT DEBATE ISN'T DEAD

The owner of a proposed Garden Grove funeral home may appeal denial of permit.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • Residents were victorious Thursday night when the Garden Grove Planning Commission unanimously shot down a proposed funeral home amid widespread community fears that a crematorium would cause health problems.

But the fight may not be over for the neighborhood, which includes portions of Garden Grove, Orange and Santa Ana: The owner of the proposed Heaven's Gate Funeral Home, which would be on Garden Grove Boulevard, is weighing whether to appeal the permit denial to the City Council. He has several weeks to appeal.

"There was a lot of community pressure against me," said Tuan Duc Nguyen, owner of the proposed funeral home. "It isn't fair. Afterward, I was emotional and cried. I worked so hard for this."

Nguyen's idea for a funeral home - which would

have a showroom for caskets and urns, host wakes and cremate bodies in an approximately 19,500-square-foot office building - angered some residents.

"It's very uplifting to know the commission heard our voices and concerns," said Khai Nguyen, a Garden Grove resident in the tri-city area. "They understood there may or may not be health risks right now, but there would be psychological effects."

The facility would be within 300 feet of several houses. There is not enough evidence, residents say, to prove that fumes released when bodies are burned are not harmful.

Heaven's Gate applied for a permit from the South Coast Air Quality Management District in February. An inspection would determine whether the facility posed a health risk.

"I don't want my community to be guinea pigs for something that could be harmful," said Planning Commissioner Linda Zamora. "I understand how (Nguyen) could think it's unfair, but I'm concerned about the health of our population."

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GARDEN GROVE

Birthday party: The city's 60th anniversary party will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday in Village Green Park, near Euclid and Main streets. The celebration will include food, performances by high school students and free commemorative items. After 8 p.m., the celebration continues on Historic Main Street with a band, a DJ and a beer garden.
Chris Haire, 714-796-6979

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Party time: The city celebrated its 60th anniversary Saturday with music, food and giveaways. The party was a chance for residents to have fun at Village Green Park and, in the evening, along Historic Main Street with a DJ, bands and a beer garden.
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Cool off: The city will open its Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Drive, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday as a public cooling center, because temperatures are expected to exceed 95 degrees. The center is air-conditioned, and visitors may bring meals.
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GARDEN GROVE

Free lunch: Those younger than 18 can get a free lunch this summer at the Garden Grove Chapman Library, 9182 Chapman Ave., from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday - starting next week and ending Aug. 4. The library will have story times at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and special events after lunch on Mondays and Thursdays.
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Filing time: The filing period to run for mayor or City Council begins July 18, and the deadline is 5 p.m. Aug. 12. November's election will be a first for Garden Grove: Residents will vote by district, with four seats open - districts 2, 3, 5 and 6. The mayor's seat, voted on citywide, is also open. The council is expanding from five to seven seats.
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GARDEN GROVE

Main mixer: The Garden Grove Neighborhood Association is hosting its "Meet on Main Street" mixer from 6 to 7 p.m. today; its special guest is police Chief Todd Elgin, who will answer questions about crime, the new homeless task force and other police topics. The free, no-registration-required mixers let residents meet with city officials.
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Garden Grove Police Department

Cpt. Thanh Nguyen (714) 741-5628
Garden Grove Fire Department

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

POLICE, FIRE: ILLEGAL FIREWORKS WILL COST YOU

During the upcoming July 4th holiday weekend, Garden Grove Police and Fire Departments will be looking out for illegal fireworks activities, and enforcing the City's municipal code on fireworks. Using or possessing illegal fireworks, including misusing or tampering with legal ones, carries a \$1,000 administrative fine.

Police patrols will again focus on high-activity illegal fireworks areas including Twin Lakes Park, Garden Grove Park, and the Buena-Clinton neighborhood.

All city parks will close by 5:00 p.m. on July 4. Park tennis courts, basketball courts, and softball fields will also be locked by 5:00 p.m. Park sprinkler systems will be activated at 6:00 p.m.

In accordance with Garden Grove Municipal Code firework regulations, discharge of safe and sane fireworks is permissible on private property only.

For more information, please call the Garden Grove Fireworks Hotline at (714) 741-5270, or visit the City's website at www.garden-grove.org. To report illegal fireworks, call (714) 741-5704. To report an injury or fire, call 9-1-1.

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Office of Community Relations

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

EXCLUSIVE GIVEAWAY OPPORTUNITIES AT SUMMER CONCERTS

Connect with the City this summer for exclusive chances to win promotional items during the free Summer Concert Series. Every Thursday, beginning July 7 through August 11, the City will send a notification through its mobile app detailing a special promotion that ties in with each concert. Those who participate will receive a unique giveaway during the concert, while supplies last. The free Summer Concert Series takes place at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

To receive the notification, download the free app onto your mobile device. Find it under 'Garden Grove.' The notification will be sent the morning of each concert.

The special promotion will also be available on the City's Facebook at www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCityHall, and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/CityGardenGrove>.

For more information, please call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or visit www.garden-grove.org.

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Tuesday, June 21, 2016

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION SHINES DAY AND NIGHT

From the warm afternoon sunshine over the Village Green, to the shine of glow lights on downtown Main Street, Saturday's Diamond Jubilee Celebration brought thousands out to commemorate the City's 60th year of incorporation.

Garden Grove City Manager Scott Stiles, Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) Board President George West, and school board vice-president Teri Rocco officially opened the festivities, recognizing 60 years for the City of Garden Grove, and 50 years for the GGUSD. A variety of music, dance, and theatrical performances by GGUSD students ushered in the main cake-cutting event at 6:00 p.m. Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council, along with other elected officials and VIP's led the crowd in the "Happy Birthday" song before cutting the 3-tiered birthday cake. Free birthday cupcakes were available for all attendees.

"It's our birthday and we're turning 60-years-old, and Garden Grove gets more beautiful every day!" said Mayor Bao Nguyen before awarding trophies to winners of a 60th Anniversary classic car show.

Special guests at the cake-cutting were 100-year-old Ted Settani and 90-year-old Geri Quigley, both Garden Grove residents celebrating milestone birthdays.

Throughout the park were a number of family games and activities, including a rock-climbing wall, family photo booth, inflatables, hula-hoop, and selfie stick station.

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Diamond Jubilee Celebration Shines Day And Night
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Free giveaways included a commemorative 60th Anniversary cup, retro-candy, and 7-Eleven Slurpees. A mini-museum, coordinated by the Garden Grove Historical Society and City Commissioners displayed historical events over the last 60 years, as well as art from the GGUSD.

At 8:00 p.m., following a live performance by the band SOTO, the crowd, carrying glow-lights, paraded down Main Street for the Main Street After Party, hosted by the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association.

Playing on the main stage, behind a crowded dance floor, was the band Stone Soul. Illuminated dancers, strolling magicians, and professional theater performers complemented other events and activities, such as a street chalk art workshop presented by Black Umbrella tattoo gallery.

On June 18, 1956, Garden Grove became the 18th city to achieve incorporation in Orange County.

To view a short YouTube video on the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, produced by Garden Grove's own GGTV3, go to <https://youtu.be/lgsVgsDKG6c>.

For more event photos and videos, visit the City's website at www.garden-grove.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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MEDIA ALERT

Friday, June 17, 2016

60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT THIS SATURDAY

Members of the media are invited to attend the City of Garden Grove's 60th Anniversary community event this Saturday, June 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main Street. Following the main event, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association will be hosting a "glow-themed" after party on historic Main Street.

At 4:00 p.m., the celebration will kick-off with a welcome by Garden Grove City Manager Scott Stiles, Garden Grove Unified School District's Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, and George West, followed by performances by students from the Garden Grove Unified School District.

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council will lead a 'Happy Birthday' sing-along and cake-cutting, with free cupcakes for the first 1,000 guests. A 90-year-old and 100-year-old Garden Grove residents will also be recognized. Afterwards, the band SOTO will play top 40 hits from a variety of genres.

At 8:00 p.m., a neon-laden, EDM robot will lead a parade to Main Street for "glow-themed" after party. Highlights include the band Stone Soul, strolling performers, salsa dancing demonstrations, DJ, and a beer garden.

Photos will be made available to media on Monday, June 20, 2016. For a complete listing of events, visit the City's website at www.garden-grove.org.

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H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Thursday, June 16, 2016

UPCOMING HIGH TEMPS PROMPT COOLING CENTERS

Starting this Sunday, temperatures are expected to reach 95 degrees Fahrenheit and above in Garden Grove. To offer some relief, the Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center will serve as a public cooling center this Sunday, June 19. The Center opens from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and is located at 13641 Deodara Drive, in Garden Grove Park. Food will not be available, but visitors may bring their own meals.

In addition, all ages are welcome to enjoy the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's air-conditioned accommodations on forecasted high-heat days, Monday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Senior Center is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. Food will be available for seniors, but visitors may bring their own meals.

For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Tuesday, June 21, 2016

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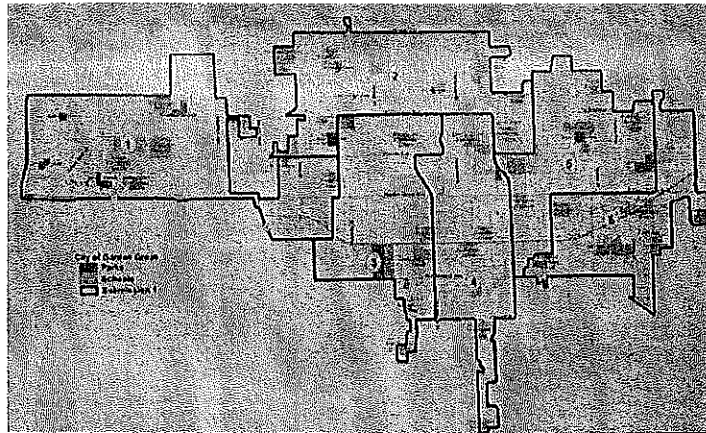
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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Garden Grove bắt đầu nhận đơn ứng cử cho chức vụ thị trường và bốn nghị viên các địa hạt 2, 3, 5 và 6 kể từ Thứ Hai, 18 Tháng Bảy. Hạn chót nộp đơn là 5 giờ chiều Thứ Sáu, 12 Tháng Tám, tại văn phòng thư ký thành phố, lầu hai của tòa thị chánh, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, theo thông cáo báo chí của thành phố.



Garden Grove phân chia địa hạt bầu cử nghị viên. (Hình: City Garden Grove)

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- Garden Grove nhận đơn ứng cử cho kỳ bầu cử Tháng Mười Một
- Văn nghệ kỷ niệm Ngày Quân Lực và vinh danh QLVNCH
- Hội Từ Bi Phụng Sự mở thiện trà nhân ngày Father's Day

Cuộc tổng tuyển cử sẽ diễn ra vào ngày 8 Tháng Mười Một năm nay.

Để hội đủ điều kiện, ứng cử viên phải là công dân Mỹ, đủ 18 tuổi hoặc hơn, tính đến ngày bầu cử và có ghi danh đi bầu.

Ứng cử viên chức thị trường phải là cư dân Garden Grove. Các ứng cử viên chức nghị viên phải sinh sống trong địa hạt muốn ra ứng cử.

Nếu các dân cử đương nhiệm hội đủ điều kiện nhưng không nộp đơn trước hạn chót, 5 giờ chiều Thứ Sáu 18 Tháng Tám, các ứng cử viên trong các địa hạt tương ứng sẽ được gia hạn đến 5 giờ 30 chiều Thứ Tư, 17 Tháng Tám, thay vì 12 Tháng Tám.

Muốn biết chi tiết, lấy mẫu đơn ứng cử hoặc làm hạn, xin liên lạc bà Kathy Bailor, thư ký thành phố, tại điện thoại số (714) 741-5040. (L.N.)



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Garden Grove: Nộp Giấy Tờ Tranh Cử Tháng 11 Bắt Đầu

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Bắt đầu từ Thứ Hai, 16 tháng Bảy, 2016, Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ nhận hồ sơ ứng cử chức vụ Thị Trường và 4 chức vụ Nghị viên Thành phố cho các Địa hạt 2, 3, 5, và 6 trong cuộc bầu cử vào ngày 8 tháng 11 sắp tới. Hạn chót để nộp giấy tờ đã điền đầy đủ vào lúc 5:00 giờ chiều ngày Thứ Sáu, 12 tháng Tám, 2016. Giấy tờ nộp tại văn phòng Thư ký Thành phố, lầu 2 trong City Hall, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway.

Để hội đủ điều kiện, ứng cử viên phải là công dân Hoa Kỳ, đủ 18 tuổi trở lên vào ngày Bầu Cử, là người có ghi danh đi bầu. Ứng cử viên chức vụ Thị Trường phải là cư dân của Thành phố Garden Grove, các ứng cử viên Nghị viên Thành phố phải là cư dân của Quận hạt tương ứng của họ.

Nếu không có người đương nhiệm hội đủ điều kiện nào nộp đơn trước hạn chót lúc 5:00 giờ chiều vào ngày Thứ Sáu, 18 tháng Tám, 2016, thì thời gian nộp dành cho các ứng cử viên không đương nhiệm sẽ được gia hạn đến Thứ Tư, ngày 17 tháng Tám, 2016 lúc 5:30 chiều.

Giấy tờ để cử có sẵn tại Văn phòng Thư ký Thành phố trong City Hall của Thành phố Garden Grove, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway, trên lầu 2, và chỉ dành cho những ai có hạn trước.

Để biết thêm chi tiết về những thủ tục cũng như thời gian làm hạn, xin gọi cho Thư ký Thành phố Kathy Bailor tại số điện thoại (714) 741-5040.

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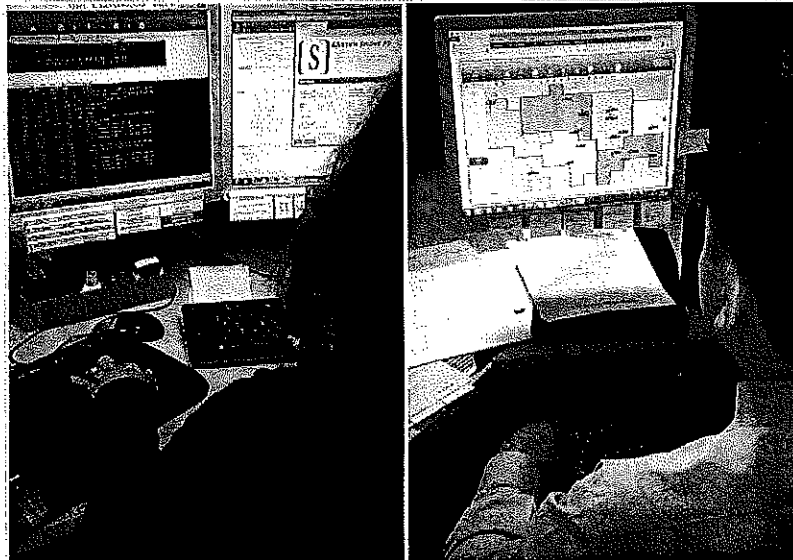
Ty Cảnh Sát Garden Grove Giúp Dân Tiếp Cận Thông Tin Dễ Hơn

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Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove gần đây đã cài đặt một hệ thống phần mềm từ hãng Spillman Technologies để quản lý toàn bộ hoạt động của Cục Cảnh Sát. Các phần mềm đã được cài đặt vào tháng Chín năm 2015 và có thể điều khiển các chức năng như công vấn, quản lý hồ sơ, báo cáo bằng văn bản, bảng chứng, thông tin liên lạc di động, và phân tích tội phạm. Hệ thống này sẽ cho phép công chúng truy cập nhiều hơn đến thông tin tội phạm trong thời gian sớm nhất và hữu hiệu hơn.

Các hệ thống công cộng mới bao gồm một bảng điều khiển tội phạm và một bản đồ tội phạm. Các bảng điều khiển hoạt động giống như bảng điều khiển trong xe, cung cấp cho người sử dụng một bản chụp mô phỏng và so sánh nó với những khoảng thời gian trước đó. Các bản đồ tội phạm có khả năng phát thảo những vụ phạm tội trên bản đồ. Cả hai hệ thống này đều dễ dàng sử dụng cho những người không chuyên nghiệp và có những thông tin cập nhật. Captain Travis Whitman của Sở cảnh sát cho biết, "Chúng ta đang sống trong một môi trường cập nhật thông tin theo yêu cầu xã hội, với sự giúp đỡ của công chúng, chúng tôi sẽ có thể nhanh chóng đáp ứng với các vấn đề tội phạm và những tệ nạn xảy ra xung quanh cộng đồng."



Cảnh sát Garden Grove lập mạng giúp công chúng.

Trong năm 2015, đã có sự gia tăng đến 40% các loại tội phạm so với năm 2014. "Cảnh sát phụ thuộc nhiều vào sự tham gia của cộng đồng để giảm tội phạm", Sở Trưởng Cảnh Sát Todd Elgin chia sẻ. "Hợp tác với cộng đồng là một chiến lược quan trọng để chống lại tội phạm."

Sở Cảnh sát sẽ giới thiệu hệ thống này đến cộng đồng và các cuộc họp cộng đồng sắp tới, cũng như cài đặt hệ thống này trên trang web của Sở Cảnh Sát.

Vui lòng truy cập trang web của Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove tại

www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/police, để truy cập vào bảng điều khiển công cộng và bản đồ tội phạm.

Cư dân nếu quan tâm đến việc chương trình "Neighborhood watch" trong cộng đồng mình có thể liên lạc cô Cindy Nagamatsu từ Ban liên lạc cộng đồng tại

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Thành Phố Garden Grove mở lễ hội mừng 60 năm thành lập

(VienDongDaily.Com - 17/06/2016)

Bài **THANH PHONG**



Logo kỷ niệm 60 năm thành phố Garden Grove. (Hình do thành phố cung cấp)

GARDEN GROVE – Thứ Bảy hôm nay, ngày 18 tháng 6, 2016 đánh dấu 60 năm thành lập thành phố Garden Grove, một lễ hội sẽ được tổ chức tung bừng từ 8 giờ sáng đến 11 giờ đêm với âm nhạc, car show và nhiều trò chơi hấp dẫn, tất cả đều miễn phí tại Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove.

Chương trình lễ hội được bảo trợ bởi Garden Grove Downtown Business Association và có nhiều tiết mục mới lạ như là beer garden, biểu diễn đường phố, food truck, và thưởng thức tài nghệ của ban nhạc Stone Soul và cùng với Thị Trưởng và Hội Đồng Thành Phố cắt bánh sinh nhật. Ngoài ra, các nhà hàng trên đường Main cũng sẽ đóng cửa trễ để phục vụ cộng đồng.

Thành lập vào ngày 18 tháng 6, 1956, thành phố Garden Grove nằm trong Quận Cam, cách khu giải trí Disneyland chưa quá một mile và cách Knolls Berry Farm khoảng 7 miles, cách phi trường John Wayne 10 miles nên thuận tiện về nhiều phương diện.

Thành Phố Garden Grove chọn cho mình khẩu hiệu "Thành Phố Cửa Tuổi Trẻ Và Ước Vọng." Từ mục tiêu này, thành phố phát triển không ngừng. Với một cộng đồng đa văn hóa trên 200,000 người, hàng năm thành phố Garden Grove có Lễ Hội Trái Dâu (Strawberry Festival) là lễ hội truyền thống có từ 58 năm nay của người Mỹ, Đại Hàn và Ả Rập.

Thành phố có 45 trường mẫu giáo, 9 trường tiểu học, 8 trường trung học và 5 trường đại học cộng đồng. Các trường thuộc Học Khu Garden Grove hội đủ tiêu chuẩn về phương diện giáo dục cho tương lai, và được đánh giá là tốt và an toàn nhất trong Orange County. Thành phố có nhiều dịch vụ phục vụ cộng đồng, bao gồm dịch vụ



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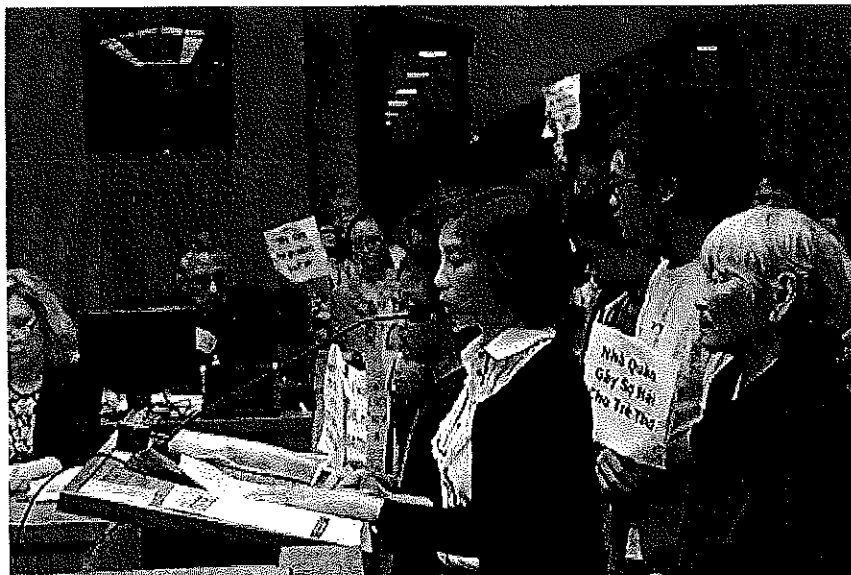
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WEEKLY MEMO 6/23/16

**SOCIAL MEDIA
HIGHLIGHTS**



Garden Grove City Hall

Published by [Garden Grove Pio Pulido](#) · June 20 at 9:12am ·

With record-breaking heat sweeping through Southern California, we'd like to remind everyone about #GardenGrove's #CoolingCenter at H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. All ages are welcome to enjoy the center's air-conditioned accommodations today and tomorrow, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please spread the word and help keep the community #CoolandSafe. Thank you.

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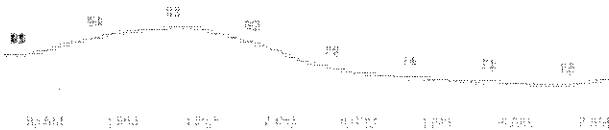
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Excessive Heat Warning

Southwestern California

5 hours ago · National Weather Service

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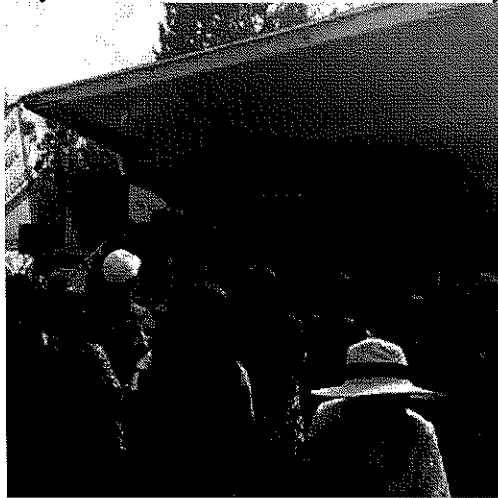
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City of Garden Grove's 60th Anniversary Celebration #GGturns60



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Erick Sanchez Good job everyone!

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Erick Sanchez Yay!!

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Erick Sanchez That's my old elementary!! This is amazing!

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Adalberto Aguilar My City

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Jonathan Bones Happy bday miss it




Garden Grove Police Department shared Garden Grove City Hall's photo.

Published by Garden Grove PD · June 21 at 12:46pm ·

Come out on Thursday, June 23 to meet Garden Grove Police Chief Todd Elgin. Click below for details.

Garden Grove Neighborhood Association

Together our voice is stronger 

Garden Grove Neighborhood Association
Hosts

Meet on Main ~ VIP Edition

A series of informal mixers to engage people that shape our city!

Honored to host our Top Cop!

Garden Grove Police Chief Todd Elgin

Thursday, June 23, 6:00-7:00pm

Join us on the patio of
da uppe lounge
11908 Main St, Garden Grove, CA 92640

Ask about crime, homeless task force, illegal pot shops, understaffed PD -- it's all on the table.

This is your opportunity to ask questions, share your concerns, and show support for Garden Grove's finest!

See you there!

Questions or to RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/garden.grove.neighborhood.association/> or 714.235.5169

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Garden Grove City Hall

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Join the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association on Thursday for their "Meet on Main Street" mixer event. Special guest, Police Chief Todd Elgin will be in attend...

177 people reached

5Judy Fischbeck, Kim Nguyen and 3 others



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#FlashbackFriday, #GardenGrove! #GGturns60



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#GG's Active Streets Draft Plan will be featured at a community workshop booth tom from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.!

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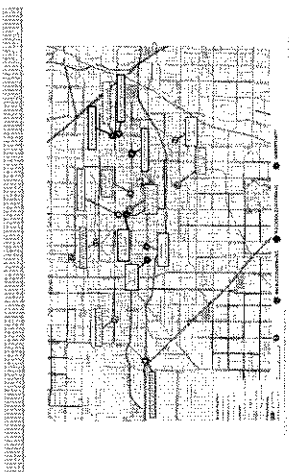
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Join your friends and neighbors as Garden Grove's 60th Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Learn about our recommendations and provide us with your feedback for the Garden Grove Active Streets Plan!

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QUESTIONS?
Contact Steve Smith at 714.261.0322 or smiths@garden-grove.com

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Did you see them?

The "Flame of Hope" came through [#GardenGrove](#) this morning, en route to the official Special Olympics Southern California Summer Games Opening Ceremony.

Hundreds of officers from local, county, state, federal, and military agencies go above the normal call of duty as they carry the "Flame of Hope" 1,500 miles through 200 Southern California communities. Along the way, they educate the community about the gifts, talents, and abilities of people with intellectual disabilities, and promote unity and respect for all.

Garden Grove was honored to be a part of this special ceremony. [#SoCalTorchRun](#)

- [lisa.mccormick.790](#) Yes I did. So fun. My mom and I cheer them on knott and Orangewood



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[#FlashbackFriday](#) to "What Makes [#GardenGrove](#) a Community"

We're taking it way back to 1934 at Euclid and Garden Grove Blvd., what is known today as Historic Main Street Garden Grove, CA.

Don't miss your chance to see Main Street aglow during the City's 60th Anniversary After Party, on June 18, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. There will be live music, tasty treats, a beer garden, strolling performers, and so much more! [#GGturns60#GardenGrove](#)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

June 23, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Planning Commission Meeting minutes for Thursday, June 2, 2016.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated June 16 and 17, 2016.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 23, 2016 – July 5, 2016

Thursday	June 23		Casual Day – Garden Grove Spirit Day and 60 th Anniversary Pins
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Thursday-Saturday	June 23-25	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Hamlet", Festival Amphitheater
Thursday-Sunday	June 23-26		One More Productions presents "Bye Bye Birdie" Gem Theater
Friday	June 24		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	June 28	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	June 29	10:00 a.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center Independence Day Celebration, Community Meeting Center AB Room
Thursday	June 30	2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Employee Ice Cream Social Community Meeting Center, A Room
		7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Movie in the Park "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" Historic Main Street
Thursday-Saturday	June 30- July 2	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Hamlet", Festival Amphitheater
Thursday-Sunday	June 30- July 3		One More Productions presents "Bye Bye Birdie" Gem Theater
Monday	July 4		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	July 5	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Kanzler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair O'Neill. He then mentioned Memorial Day and remembered those who gave their lives so that people could express themselves freely.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – Mr. Hugh Tra asked that some restrictions be removed on Main Street entertainment in order to attract new and local customers; that bands could be allowed on certain nights; and, that fees could be charged for special events.

May 19, 2016 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (6) Barker, Margolin, Nuygen, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Kanzler

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

Applicant: Heaven's Gate Funeral Home, Inc.

Date: June 2, 2016

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

Ms. Binh Minh Tran was available for Vietnamese translation.

Staff noted that a Neighborhood Meeting, open to the public, was held on Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 to review and receive input on the applicant's proposal to operate the proposed funeral home with a mortuary and crematory. The eight (8) attendees expressed opposition to the project with similar concerns related to the creepiness of living next to dead bodies, a general fear of ghosts, and that human remains may be stored for long periods of time.

Subsequent to the April 13, 2016 community meeting, staff received a letter of opposition, along with a petition containing 486 signatures, which was included in the record. Some of the reasons for opposition to the project set forth in the letter included: that there are many schools and churches in the area; that the fear of dead bodies being stored behind neighboring homes and the dangers from air pollution from the crematory has caused stress and anxiety in the community, especially for children, that the crematory emissions, such as vaporized Mercury, and other toxic chemicals, could pose health risks. An updated list included 81 additional signatures.

Staff also received another letter of opposition from www.change.org with identical language to the previously mentioned letter, with the website tallying an additional 376 supporters of the opposition, along with 108 comments, which was also placed into the record.

One letter of support was received from Tuan Nguyen, the owner of the Funeral Home, with 465 signatures of support. This letter was entered into the record.

Two additional opposition letters, received prior to the meeting, cited a concern relating to potential hazards to human health from crematory emissions. These letters were also entered into the record.

Additional handouts provided at the meeting included a Heaven's Gate Funeral Home Frequently Asked Questions sheet by the applicant, a Crematory Emission's Data sheet, a letter of opposition from Chieu, and petitions of 81 and 287 additional signatures opposing the project. All of these were entered into the record.

Commissioner Margolin asked if annual testing of the RPPD (Reduced Pressure Principle Device) backflow device was standard. Staff replied yes, the device was related to fire prevention.

Commissioner Margolin then asked how long the embalming process took. Staff deferred to the applicant.

Regarding Condition No. 24, allowing food on the premises with City approval, Commissioner Margolin asked if the health department addressed the discarded food after a funeral for health standards. Staff replied yes, that food may be brought in as long as there was no cooking on site due to no kitchen facilities, and that a special events permit would be required for any temporary food event in the parking area or yard areas.

Commissioner Zamora asked how long human remains were kept on site and how many bodies would be cremated per day. Staff deferred to the applicant.

Commissioner Zamora asked about the removal of non-bone fragments or foreign materials. Staff replied that any foreign materials would be removed prior to placing the body in the cremation chamber.

Commissioner Zamora then asked staff to confirm that if the applicant did not get approval by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), they could not open. Staff replied yes.

Commissioner Zamora then asked who inspects the crematory on a weekly basis and was the facility open at night. Staff responded that the owner would inspect the machine, with the State of California and SCAQMD monitoring the business for proper operation and use, and that the business was not open in the evening.

Commissioner Zamora noted that no alcohol was to be sold or consumed on the premises, and asked what happened if alcohol was brought in. Staff replied that the City would be notified as this would be a violation of the Conditional Use Permit; that the applicant would be accountable and could be fined with an administrative citation of up to \$1,000.

Commissioner Zamora asked staff to clarify 'amusement devices' in Condition No. 17. Staff responded that this condition was typical and related to gaming or gambling machines.

Commissioner Paredes asked for the number of crematories operating in Garden Grove and where were they located. Staff replied that there were two funeral homes without crematories; that the applicant's other crematory facility was off-site; and that this facility would have two cremation chambers.

Commissioner Paredes then asked where the embalming process chemicals would be stored, how long bodies would be in cold storage, and if tooth fillings with mercury and amalgams were removed. Staff

deferred to the applicant on the chemicals and length of time, then stated that any foreign metals would be removed prior to cremation and that vaporization would not be a factor.

Commissioner Barker asked if a system would be in place to measure emissions. Staff deferred to the applicant and equipment manufacturer.

Chair O'Neill opened the public hearing.

Mr. Tuan Nguyen, the owner, Ms. Chi Tang, the representative, and Mr. John Raggett, the cremation equipment representative, approached the Commission. A fact sheet on the funeral home was distributed in both English and Vietnamese.

Ms. Tang described the project and stated that the facility could help with lower cost funeral services all over Southern California; that remains could be shipped to Vietnam; that they wished to expand the level of business/service/convenience for all groups; that land was expensive; that the business would benefit the City with revenue; that they have a petition of support with signatures from clients who have supported them through the years; that bodies were kept for 3-5 days with no storage more than a week; that embalming was for burials only; that fluids with poisonous substances were not allowed; that the facility had cameras and all areas were locked; that there were two cremation units; that licensed staff was required; and that the owner was a licensed embalmer.

Mr. John Raggett, the technical manufacturer, stated that the surrounding area had 14 machines; that two were down the street by the Christ Cathedral; that four were around the corner from there; that two were in Westminster, and four in Santa Ana, near the 5 and 22 Freeways, and two at Fairhaven Cemetery in Santa Ana; that the City recommended finding a C-2 or C-3 zone; that a crematory was cleaner than burning a fire in a fireplace or cooking a hamburger in a hamburger facility as these have higher emissions due to lower temperatures of burning; that a crematory burns at 1800 degrees and was regulated by Air Quality, from which they have a permit; that if there was anything unethical near residents they would not look at that zone; that the crematory would be inspected yearly unannounced by Air Quality, sometimes twice yearly by Consumer Affairs; that the machine was to be maintained every six months for proper operation; that a cremation takes one to one and a half hours; that there would be no smoke or odor, only heat flume from the stack like a car; that the machines were quiet and residents would not be able to see it or smell it, no smoke or odor; and that the property had been vacant for years and was chosen for the zone in a commercial/industrial area off the freeway.

Commissioner Paredes asked if the chemicals used in the embalming

and cremation processes were different. Mr. Raggett explained that regardless, an individual was put in 40 degree cold storage for sterility and sanitation; that there was no embalming with cremation; that only after paperwork was completed would a body be cremated; that embalming was for the viewing process or burial; that certain cremation machines could handle larger bodies up to 1,000 pounds; and that for this facility, anyone larger than 200 pounds would be outsourced.

Commissioner Paredes asked if there was a cremation backlog because if there were other crematories available, why build another. Mr. Raggett explained that families like to keep the loved one close; that they sometimes want to witness the cremation and participate in the service; that bodies were in boxes, or caskets, all mandated by the state; and that metals and plastics, such as pacemakers, would cause emissions and were removed.

Chair O'Neill asked the applicant to clarify the cultural issues, and Ms. Chi provided a response and discussed Asian religious traditions and practices.

Commissioner Barker asked if other waste was burned, for example, hazardous waste, medical waste, or trash. Ms. Chi replied no, that was illegal, and that the California Bureau of Cemetery and Funeral Services inspected the facility every six months as it was heavily regulated.

Commissioner Barker asked if there would be a system to measure emissions. Mr. Raggett stated that the machine would be source tested about every three years, mandated by Air Quality, to ensure the machine was operating properly to be smoke, odor, and particulate free; and, that the machine itself was a constant measure, being temperature and air quality controlled.

Commissioner Barker asked for clarification of the mercury and amalgam. Mr. Raggett responded that older people's teeth, such as baby boomers, have small amounts of amalgam and mercury in their teeth. Also, foreign materials in bodies would be removed at the funeral home and recycled to be properly disposed of.

Commissioner Zamora asked who did the weekly inspections. Mr. Raggett stated that the operator would inspect before the machine was run, both daily and weekly, along with inspections by the manufacturer; and, that records were kept for Consumer Affairs and Air Quality.

Commissioner Zamora then asked about alcohol consumption on the premises. Ms. Chi answered that alcohol and food were not allowed; that coffee and water was available; that praying food, such as fruit bowl by outside restaurants, was allowed on the shrine for prayer; and that there were no parties.

Commissioner Paredes asked for confirmation that 34 bodies were allowed to be cremated per month. Ms. Chi said yes. Mr. Raggett stated the hours would be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with no activity at night.

Commissioner Barker asked for clarification on the filtration system. Mr. Raggett explained that there was a two-second retention time at 1800 degrees; that the stack sensors work as the filtration system; that when the heat hits the atmosphere at a cooled 900 degrees, this was better than the machines in the 1970-80's; and, that everything was pollution controlled, for example, if there was an upset cremation with smoke, the burner turns off automatically and gives it air.

Commissioner Nuygen asked what process was used to ensure toxins were not released into the air. Mr. Raggett responded that daily, each cremation would be documented with a chart recorder to log in each step of the cremation process and this log would be checked by the state unannounced; and, that the chart recorder on the machine was checked by Air Quality, so the information was kept both manually and electronically, stored up to five years.

Commissioner Paredes asked for the logistics of taking bodies in and out of the facility. Ms. Chi stated that to be respectful, the loading and unloading of bodies would take place inside the facility; that the hearse would enter an area with a roll-up door; that a wall would be built between the warehouse and the cremation machine; and that a short distance, from the door to the coach/hearse for burial, was typical.

Chair O'Neill called for a recess at 8:20 p.m. The session reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Chair O'Neill opened the public hearing to receive testimony in favor of or in opposition to the request.

The following people opposed the request for the following reasons:

Mr. Saul Quinones: 20 feet from the homes, where his cousin lived; and they do not want to smell the burning fumes of bodies.

Ms. Stacey Hua spoke on behalf of the residents: negative impact on physical and mental health on children and seniors; negatively affects property values with lower re-sale values; fear of deceased, may have to move away; toxic chemicals released and contamination in the air such as mercury dioxin and amalgam poisoning as these metals were not removed prior to cremation; mercury vapors harmful causing health issues such as an effect on young children and fetus's, immune system issues and cancer; process not regulated as safe levels cannot be

measured; would affect future children, who would be leaders; some children stopped going outside; elderly would have issues too; need to protect health; other states have complaints of increased traffic and smells; ten other funeral homes were located in the area and another was not needed in the neighborhood.

Ms. Katie Le: lived next door to the proposed site; concern for how children would be affected with toxic emissions such as mercury, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, carbon dioxide, sulfur oxide, and volatile acids such as hydrogen chloride, hydrogen fluoride, and carbon dioxide, which were listed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; though fumes were filtered, crematoriums still spill toxins; no statistics on mercury emissions; the number of people opposing the project was large; the signatures for support from the applicant were people not from the community; and Nicole at the Cremation Society of Orange Coast, who had a cremation business at Lewis Street and Lampson Avenue, agreed that the crematory should not be close to the homes.

Mr. David Lee: health risk due to the particulates that could be breathed in and lodged in the lungs, with active children high at risk; emissions rise with aging machine parts; questioned qualification of inspectors and effectiveness of mitigation; filtering fumes has little effect on toxins; weekly inspections were pointless; disputed integrity and questions accuracy of study.

Mr. Dylan Tran, Ms. Brooklyn Tran, and Mr. Peter Hua: affected asthma; could cause diseases such as cancer; children afraid to go outside, scared of dead bodies; they would not be able to sleep and would have nightmares of dead bodies.

Mr. Nu Bui: seniors not eating or playing; the poor want days without worries; listen to our wish; they want to live in peace.

Mr. Richard Rowe: the City has a stewardship for health and quality of life; lived in Garden Grove 40 years; mercury has low vapor pressure so 900 degrees not low enough, which results in mercury going into air.

Ms. Thao Tran: proximity issue as there was not a lot of space around the facility; odors; traffic; loud noises; property value reduction; mercury; burned body releases chemicals.

The following person supported the request for the following reasons:

Mr. Steve Abraham, the real estate broker for the project: the request was based on facts not fears; the property owners have rights; owners have met hurdles; only eight (8) people showed up at neighborhood meeting at which four were former family members who used his services and would have supported the proposal had they known Tuan

Nguyen was the applicant; one other person was a competitor; business would bring in revenue with sales tax; benefit for the neighbors; if the conditions were not met, the Conditional Use Permit could be pulled; the decision to support should be based on fact.

The following persons opposed the request for the following reasons:

Mr. Vincent Nguyen: the children would be a concern, especially at nearby school for eight (8) years; he experienced being near a furnace at 50', it was too hot and his eyes watered; applicant did not know about the Vietnamese culture; dead were celebrated; would have smell every day; afraid of the fear from everywhere.

Mr. Viet Mai: no one knew about the neighborhood meeting; people are afraid; smoke; dead people in cars; suggest Commissioners put themselves in their shoes; no one would want business next to funeral home; lower property values.

Mr. Quan Van Luu: cremations occur already at Lewis Street and Harbor Boulevard, so with others around, another one was not needed here.

Mr. Jessie Arambulo: lived a few blocks from crematory; project was disturbing; need to take seriously; loved neighborhood; not easy to sell house, would have higher property taxes if moved elsewhere; consider another location; consider morally.

Ms. Lynn Hua: do not approve; psychological effects; children want to play outside.

Mr. Joseph Tran: dentists today were moving away from amalgam and instead were using composites; with baby boomers still around, mercury emissions would increase over time in the next two or three decades.

Mr. Stan Wirth: he would be yards away from funeral home; lots of children in the area; increased fumes, noise, and traffic.

Mr. Alex Pantoja: already parking problems across the street at Cedar Grove from church; if there was viewing and church on the same day, 76 parking spaces would not be enough; already had restrictions on water usage; water contamination with embalming; kids walk across area to go home; senior home next door where bus stops.

Mr. Tim Nguyen: he found out about the project through his daughter's friend; was not aware of psychological affects; children would lose self-confidence and be afraid of ghosts; too close to backyard.

Mr. Khai Nguyen: 100 feet from project with two children; report doesn't matter; no guarantee on health; if machine breaks, particles go into

environment; does not want children to be guinea pigs; fears they would have to move; residents lived in the area already; no one would buy their property at market value.

Ms. Hoang Ho: lived one street behind funeral home; Commissioners already heard enough opinion from community; the number of people present were a statement, along with elderly and children, to voice opinions; Tuan Nguyen would have no support from at least a few hundred families of all cultures.

Ms. Auralia Garcia: three-story school within 500 feet of funeral home, which her daughter attends; daughter had cancer, but did not want it to come back; kids scared of dead people.

Ms. Kia Marina: need to cool bones more than 900 degrees; this may affect earth and environment; residents may have to pay more to air condition their homes; lived by freeway with emissions and could be a problem mixed with funeral home emissions.

Mr. Siraj Hussein: he had a different religion, but the proposal was scary, especially near a school; needs to be in a neutral area; he loves his neighborhood, but area would be chaotic; services were already nearby.

Mr. Thuy Nguyen: need to look at sociological perspective; four generations; wondered if the applicant's research and study was factual; people fear death; surprised the Vietnamese owner did not consider the proximity, cultural, ethical, and moral values regarding grief.

Ms. Nicole Nguyen: used to work at Rose Hills Memorial Park; sometimes bodies were kept longer than 3-5 days; usually a crematory was separate and not within a funeral home; would impact other cities, such as Santa Ana.

Mr. Robert Darcy: emissions would be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day and it was not clear how people would react; proximity way too close to homes.

Mr. Rick Vu and Tu Vu: agreed that the funeral home would be too close; don't want to see hearses every day; environmental and psychological effects; have to explain to children.

Mr. Carlos: unsightly and ghoulish issue people do not like to think about; area has nice homes and schools; science just coming to understand mercury.

Ms. Madalene Tran: her relatives live right behind; she remembered her experience of living near a cemetery as a child, very sad; put benefit of citizens first.

Mr. Martin: funeral home would affect everyone's peace; something will be in the air that people would breathe; people's feeling were important.

Ms. Gina Nguyen: funeral home would be trauma for children; imagination can create fear and stay with a person; there was life after death; there were many families, but one business.

Mr. Thomas Tran: suddenly everyone was talking; people were scared.

Mr. Keith: proximity concern, especially with our children and their future; let people decide what they want; there were other location options, such as rezoning.

Ms. Phuong Hoang: enough funeral homes around; would not bring in business; in residential area, would only bring fear to residents, children, and seniors; imagination was scary; people would live in fear; put the project somewhere else.

Commissioner Paredes commented that he lived near a funeral home, without a crematory, at Chapman Avenue and Nutwood Street, with a Boys & Girls Club nearby. He asked if the crematory was the real issue or the whole facility.

The applicant was invited back up to respond. Ms. Tang thanked all present and stated that they chose the zone for the opportunity to be a benefit to the community; that they understood the concerns, but would leave the decision up to the Commission based on the facts; and, that they would respect whatever decision was made.

There being no further comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Margolin commented that she understood the dedication to the Vietnamese young and old and wished that other ethnicities cared as much; that the fear factor was what bothered her and that children learn from their parents; that a culture believing in ghosts was fine, however, to instill this fear of ghosts in children was not right because there was enough fear already; that the parent's suffering was their own personal experience; and that there was no reason to frighten children with the idea of ghosts.

Commissioner Paredes commented that the public testimony was the funeral home versus the crematory; that the environmental impact was not clear, as the neighborhood was also next to a freeway with pollutants and an industrial area; that he would look at the community area as a whole.

Commissioner Nuygen asked for a raise of hands of people who lived behind the project area. A majority of the people raised their hands. He stated that their voices needed to be heard, as well as the applicant's.

Commissioner Barker commented that his experience of living near a funeral home as a child was creepy, but soon the home became a neighborhood fixture as parents began to pass away.

Commissioner Zamora expressed concern with the children's fears, which may be taught to them; that death was a fact of life and was sad that children were afraid of the dead; that her environmental concern was with the air and that she would like unbiased emission facts from similar situations. She asked if there were there any regulations regarding proximity to neighborhoods.

Commissioner Paredes checked Realtor.com online and stated that the lowering of property values could be based on nearby strip clubs, rental properties, and funeral homes, which may impact a neighborhood.

Staff mentioned that before the Commission was the proposed resolution of approval based on legal findings supported by facts; that four findings must be made, which were included in the resolution, to approve a Conditional Use Permit; that if the Commission decided to deny the Permit, a finding must be made that a finding could not be met.

Chair O'Neill stated that the weight of the concern was proximity rather than the crematory itself, and the environmental.

Commissioner Nuygen agreed with Commissioner Zamora and commented that his concern was the contradiction of facts regarding environmental impacts and asked staff if an independent study could be done to make the decision easier.

Commissioner Margolin moved to approve the request, subject to the recommended conditions of approval, and commented that Commissioners have received the facts, the project had met the requirements regarding emissions and needs, and that as a Commissioner she could not deny a business that had met the Code. She added that her reasoning did not have to do with anything other than a Commissioner's obligation.

Motion No. 1:

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Chi Tang (Representative), Tuan Nguyen (Owner present, but did not speak), John Ragget (American Cremation Equipment Company), Mark Blodgett (Blodgett, Baylosis

Environmental Planning). 36 people spoke in opposition to the request. In addition to the Applicant and its representatives, one person spoke in favor of the request.

Action: Motion to adopt a Resolution approving the proposed Conditional Use Permit failed for lack of an affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioner's present.

Motion: Margolin Second: Barker

Ayes: (3) Barker, Margolin, O'Neill,
Noes: (2) Nuygen, Paredes
Abstain: (1) Zamora
Absent: (1) Kanzler

Staff noted that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study consultant, Mark Blodgett, of Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning, was available to respond to the Commissioner's technical questions if the Public Hearing was re-opened.

Commissioner Zamora moved to continue the case to the Thursday, June 16, 2016 meeting, in order to have a consultant answer questions regarding area emissions as a whole, to address Page 53 of the report, and to address the contradictions and receive further research.

Commissioner Margolin then asked if a Commissioner, who abstained from voting, had the right to ask for another motion when the first motion failed. And, with a continuance, would the audience speak all over again.

Staff pointed out that further public comment at a future meeting could be limited at the discretion of the Commission and that more than two weeks would be required to gather additional information. The suggestion was to continue to a date uncertain and to have the case re-advertised. Additionally, if an independent consultant was hired to check the consultant's work, the applicant would be responsible for the cost.

Motion No. 2:

Action: Motion to continue the item to the June 16, 2016 meeting to receive additional technical information from Staff died for lack of a second.

Motion: Zamora Second: None

Chair O'Neill re-opened the public hearing to receive testimony from the

consultant/expert.

Mr. Mark Blodgett stated that he was retained by the City of Garden Grove to prepare the Initial Study; that the project was unique by occupying an existing building; that the use needed to be scrutinized through CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act); that they looked at air quality as well as 16 other issues that included noise and traffic; that California has the most stringent emissions controls in the United States; that earlier studies occurred before the more stringent standards; that they identified potential contaminants as part of their study; that they asked for the technical specifications and paperwork that the South Coast Air Quality Management district provided; that they went and observed a cremation looking for smoke, visible emissions, particulates, or odors; that their observations concluded there were no noticeable emissions to see, no odors to smell, and noted, however, that they could not get up in the flume to do measurements; that this was a CUP and fugitive dust or odors were not permitted from any business; that visible emissions were a nuisance and not permitted from a crematorium, a Burger King, or any other use; that the CUP could be rescinded with any violation; that the study was open and independent; that the applicant had to agree to the mitigation; and that CEQA would find everything and anything that could or would be wrong.

Commissioner Barker asked if the company was pre-approved. Mr. Blodgett replied yes.

Commissioner Barker asked how the smells would be contained. Mr. Blodgett stated that the two enforcement agencies, the City and South Coast Air Quality Management District, would be monitoring health risks, and that concerns were complaint driven.

Commissioner Zamora asked for clarification of children around the toxins, and the supposed contradictions on Page 53. Mr. Blodgett stated that the citation was a reference to a report they reviewed; that they wanted to look at a new facility, so they did a field survey; that the manufacturer installed a crematorium near his home and he did not know it, which gave him a comfort level; that if there was any type of health risk to anyone, the recommendation would have been denial; that if he could eliminate the risk he would do it; that if the equipment was working properly there would be no odor; that the staff would be well-trained and the equipment maintained; that professionally, the concerns may or may not be fear-based; and, that the residents did not have the opportunity to look at an operating crematorium, experience living in close proximity to one, or conduct extensive research, which took three to four months, as he did.

There being no further comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve the request, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

Motion No. 3:

Action: Motion to adopt a Resolution approving the proposed Conditional Use Permit failed for lack of an affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioner's present

Motion: Barker Second: Margolin

Ayes: (3) Barker, Margolin, O'Neill

Noes: (2) Paredes, Zamora

Abstain: (1) Nuygen

Absent: (1) Kanzler

Chair O'Neill moved to re-open the public hearing and continue the case to the the next regular meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016 in order for a full Commission to vote on the project. Staff was also directed to prepare and have on hand, a resolution of denial, should the request be denied.

Motion No. 4:

Action: The motion to re-open the public hearing and continue the public hearing to the next regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2016, in order for a full Commission to be present to vote on the project, and to direct Staff to prepare an additional alternative Resolution of Denial based on the testimony provided at the public hearing, was approved.

Motion: O'Neill Second: Barker

Ayes: (5) Barker, Margolin, Nuygen, O'Neill, Zamora

Noes: (1) Paredes

Absent: (1) Kanzler

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff gave a brief description of the items for the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016, which includes a drive-thru Starbucks and the continued case.

ADJOURNMENT: At 11:20 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (6) Barker, Margolin, Nuygen, O'Neill, Paredes,
Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Kanzler

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary

June 16, 2016
Issue #49

Legislature Adopts Most, But Not All, Remaining Budget Trailer Bills *Vote on No Place Like Home Program, and Several Other Trailer Bills Still Pending*

Following Wednesday's action to adopt the main budget bill (SB 826) and five trailer bills, the Legislature acted today on most of the remaining trailer bills. These bills are representative of the budget agreement outlined on Thursday, July 9. The Legislature had delayed action by one day to allow for more public review before the final vote.

In a break from typical practice, today the Assembly passed 10 trailer bills while the Senate passed only eight. This inconsistency appears to be due to an agreement between Democrats and Republicans in the Senate on the timing of budget bill votes rather than a disagreement on policy. Votes on the remaining two bills in the Senate are expected next week.

No action was taken on the trailer bill that would have established the No Place Like Home program. Unlike most budget-related bills, this measure will take agreement of two-thirds of the Legislature, and negotiations with the Republicans to supply the needed votes have not concluded.

Summaries below focus on aspects of the bills of most interest to cities. Bills marked with an asterisk (*) have been adopted by the Assembly but not the Senate. For more details, bill language can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch.

AB 1602 (Committee on Budget) — Higher Education

Makes various changes and appropriations to the community college, California State University and University of California systems. Also makes changes to the library system including:

- No longer reimbursing libraries for specified costs associated with interlibrary loans; and
- Deleting grants available to library systems that choose to consolidate.

AB 1603 (Committee on Budget) — Public Social Services Omnibus

Makes various changes to social service programs including: repeals the Maximum Family Grant and increases the Maximum Aid Payment for CalWorks; establishes the Bringing Families Home to support families who are homeless and receiving child welfare services; repeals the once-in-a-lifetime ban for the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP); expands eligibility and increases rates for Aid to Families with Dependent Children—Foster Care; and establishes the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program that will assist the homeless in applying for disability benefits.

AB 1606 (Committee on Budget) — Developmental Services

Makes various changes to developmental services, which includes expanding the reporting requirement for regional center vendors to include vendors that provide crisis services. Also requires regional center vendors to report any unexpected or suspicious death; any allegation of sexual assault in which the alleged perpetrator is an employee, service provider, or contractor; and, any report to the local law enforcement agency involving abuse in which the alleged perpetrator is an employee, service provider, or contractor.

AB 1607 (Committee on Budget) — Medi-Cal: Hospitals: Quality Assurance Fee

Extends and continuously appropriates the Hospital Quality Assurance Fee through Jan. 1, 2018. The fee is used for several purposes including paying for health care coverage for children and making supplemental payments for certain services to private hospitals.

SB 836 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) — State Government

- Makes changes to the SB 90 state mandate claims reimbursement process related to the use of a reasonable reimbursement methodology (RRM). Specifically, a representative sample of claims data will have to be audited by the State Controller to be used in the development of any new RRM. A RRM developed through means other than claims data will not face the same requirement.
- Appropriates \$1.3 billion to replace or improve the State Capitol Annex building. Provides a CEQA exemption similar to those provided to entertainment and sports complexes over the past few years.
- Creates the State Project Infrastructure Fund to pay for the construction, improvement, or replacement of state office buildings that are in a state of disrepair.
- Makes various technical changes to state contracting authority; to the composition and duties of the State Board of Optometry and optical companies; to elevator and amusement park rides permitting; and to work permits for minors in the entertainment industry.

SB 837 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) — General Government

Includes the following items:

Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act: Makes various changes to the Medical Cannabis Regulation Safety Act including:

- **Name Changes:** Changes Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation to Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation — BMMR is now BMCR; “Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act” is now “Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act;” changes phrase “medical marijuana” to “medical cannabis” throughout the statute; and adds the term “harvest batch” to the definitions section.
- **General Changes to Regulatory Structure:** Provides each licensing authority the discretion to adopt emergency regulations to implement the Act and gives each licensing authority the discretion to work with state and local law enforcement on investigation and enforcement duties.
- **Changes to Regulation of Licensees:**
 - Adds failure to maintain safe conditions for inspection by a licensing authority and failure to comply with any operating procedure previously submitted to the licensing authority by the licensee to specified grounds for discipline of licensees.
 - Provides that licensing authorities may recover the costs of investigation and enforcement of a disciplinary proceeding.
 - A licensing authority has discretion to revoke a license when a local agency notifies the licensing authority that a licensee or applicant within its jurisdiction is in violation of state rules (including failure to comply with local ordinances), and the licensing authority upon investigation determines that the violation is ground for revocation of the license.
 - Requires all applicants for state licenses to provide proof of a bond to cover the costs of destruction of medical cannabis if necessary due to a violation of the licensing requirements.
 - Directs licensees to provide and deliver records to licensing authorities upon request.
 - Provides that cultivators may only transport medical cannabis from a cultivation site to either a manufacturer or a distributor.
 - Provides that manufacturers shall only transport medical cannabis from a cultivation site to a manufacturing site, between manufacturing sites, and between a manufacturing site and a distributor.
 - Adds and defines the unlawful activity of misbranding, which entails improper labeling of a product.
 - Adds and defines an adulterated medical cannabis product, and provides that manufacture, sale, delivery or receipt of such a product is unlawful.
- **Changes to Regulatory Structure (Testing):** In the case of manufactured products (cannabis edibles, ointments, oils, extracts, etc.), eliminates requirement for pre-manufacture testing. Requirement for post-manufacture testing remains. Also makes changes to the content of the certificate of analysis to be issued by testing labs.

- Changes to the Regulatory Structure (Environment): Requires that all cultivation license applications shall identify the source of the water supply. Contains additional regulations regarding water use.
- Changes to the Regulatory Structure (Edibles): Requires that all manufactured and edible cannabis products be sold in special child-resistant packaging.
- Department of Consumer Affairs: Provides Gov. Jerry Brown the discretion to appoint a deputy chief and an assistant chief counsel. Specifies that both positions will serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Also adds licensing of testing laboratories and developing of testing procedures to the Bureau's responsibilities.
- Department of Food and Agriculture:
 - Provides the department authority to create additional licenses other than those already specified in the Act.
 - Specifies that the department is the lead agency on all questions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance and applicability to licensing of cannabis cultivation.
 - Adds the department to the consultation required between the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure that any water diversion does not adversely affect California's fish population.
 - Provides that license fees shall cover the cost of administering the track and trace program managed by the department.
- Department of Public Health (DPH):
 - Directs the department to establish minimum security requirements for storage of medical cannabis at a manufacturing site.
 - Transfers responsibility for licensing of testing laboratories from DPH to BMCR within the Department of Consumer Affairs.
 - Directs the department to take charge of regulations governing the licensing of manufacturers.
 - Directs the department to provide assistance to the bureau in developing regulations, as requested.
 - Provides the department with specific regulatory tools (citations, abatement orders, and administrative fines).
 - Authorizes the department to take specific actions in response to adulterated products, including but not limited to an embargo, a mandatory recall order, or supervision of the destruction of the product pursuant to a corrective action plan.
- Department of Pesticide Regulation: Directs the department to provide assistance to the bureau in developing regulations, as requested.
- Department of Fish and Game: Empowers the department to adopt regulations for requirements for agreements related to cannabis cultivation.

New Local Siting Grant Program for Corrections Re-Entry Facilities: Establishes a \$25 million Community-Based Transitional-Housing Program which offers cities or counties which agree to site transitional housing connected with support services for recently released offenders with incentive grants of up to \$2 million, depending on the size of the facility.

Key features include:

- Competitive application process beginning Oct. 1, 2016 administered by Department of Finance.
- Additional funding for jurisdictions that site transitional housing and supportive service for ex-offenders released from county jail or state prison for a minimum of 10 years.
- As part of application process, the local agency must include a list of *"all permitted facilities...that in a residential setting, provide transitional housing services, psychological counseling, or cognitive behavioral therapy."* This list must include the number of residents residing in each facility in their jurisdiction, including those on probation or parole. Presumably, state agencies must provide a local agency the information necessary to assemble this information.
- Requires portion of funds to be used to increase public safety around the facility and improve communication with neighbors.
- Sixty percent of the grant may be retained by the approving jurisdiction, and can be used for public safety enhancements, community outreach efforts, or any other community-based activities that the local agency believes will improve community relations or

concerns with the facility. Forty percent of the funding must be shared with nonprofit facility operators to support start-up costs, service provision, security improvements, rehabilitative services and community outreach.

- Participating local agencies and facility operators must submit annual reports, as specified.

Seismic Safety Improvements: Establishes the California Seismic Safety Capital Access Loan Program to cover losses on qualified loans up to \$250,000 to fund seismic improvements for residences and small businesses with a priority for “soft story” and unreinforced brick and concrete buildings. A variety of improvements are eligible for buildings determined by the local building code enforcement authority as hazardous and in danger of collapse during a catastrophic earthquake. The program will be administered by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority within the State Treasurer’s office.

Homelessness — Emergency Solutions Grant Program: Establishes the Emergency Solutions Grant Program to be administered by Department of Housing and Community Development. Funds may be allocated as grants to qualified subrecipients to engage homeless persons and families living on the street, operate homeless shelters, rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families, and prevent families from becoming homeless.

Home Purchase Assistance Fund: Consolidates remaining funds in several existing homebuyer down payment assistance programs into the Home Purchase Assistance Fund operated by the California Housing Finance Agency.

Improvements to Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program: Expands the financial impact of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program by allowing an affordable housing developer to sell credits to an investor without admitting them to an ownership partnership. This change will increase the financial value of the existing credits for private investors via a structure that that avoids increasing the investor’s federal tax liability. This provision reflects changes also supported by the League in SB 873 (Beall).

Public Safety Communications: Establishes a fund to be administered by the Office of Emergency Services to pay for the costs of employing and compensating necessary personnel, expenses such as operating or other expenses of the division, and costs associated with approved public safety communications projects, and to establish reserves.

SB 838 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) — Transportation

- Increases the base Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) by \$10 (from \$46 to \$56) to address an ongoing operating shortfall in the Motor Vehicle Account, a fund that supports the state’s administration and enforcement of laws regulating the operation or registration of vehicles. Also indexes for inflation the base VRF in future years.
- Requires the Controller use historic formulas when allocating funds from the Public Transportation Account to transportation planning agencies and county transportation commissions while negotiations are happening on a new allocation formula. The Controller’s office began using a new allocation formula in FY 2015-16 that has caused some instability and concerns.
- Removes the cap on the number of low-emission and energy efficient vehicles allowed to use high-occupancy vehicle lanes. Requires Caltrans to report on the degradation status of HOV lanes to the Legislature by Dec. 1, 2017.
- Operative Jan. 1, 2018, defines “Real ID driver’s license or identification card” as a driver’s license or identification card issued by a state that has been certified by the Department of Homeland Security.
- Prohibits the use of a bioptic telescopic or similar lens to meet the minimum visual acuity standards for receiving a DMV issued driver’s license.
- Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, prohibits the DMV from issuing a driver’s license to someone “when it is determined, by examination or other evidence, that the person is unable to safely operate a motor vehicle upon a highway.”
- Reduces from 10 years to eight years the amount of time a one-time online or by mail renewal is valid for persons 62 years or older.

- Includes conforming language to meet federal requirements regarding motor carriers. Allows Caltrans to have motor carriers apply for a carrier identification number online, and requires motor carriers to first obtain an U.S. Department of Transportation number from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration when applying for a California ID number.
- Requires the DMV to pilot and evaluate the California New Motor Voter program to register voters to assist people who do not fully complete the voter registration process. Requires the DMV to report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee the outcome of the pilot and any proposed process changes to successfully implement the program on Oct. 15, 2016 and Sept. 1, 2016 if the DMV is unable to implement any of the proposed changes. Appropriates \$3.888 million to the DMV for implementation of this program.

***SB 839 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) — Public Resources**

This measure contains a number of changes and appropriations related to Public Resources.

Notable provisions include:

- Establishes a new fee structure, based on project cost, for permits for voluntary habitat restoration projects;
- Establishes the California Orca Protection Act, which prohibits orcas from being held in captivity, prohibits breeding or impregnating orcas, prohibits exporting or importing semen or eggs, and prohibits exporting or transporting orcas out of the state unless authorized by federal law;
- Re-establishes local authority over regulating plants, crops, or seeds within a city's jurisdiction;
- Allows the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to declare a plant, seed, nursery stock, or crop as invasive;
- Requires the Department of Toxic Substance Control to revise the FY 2015-17 Priority Product Work Plan to include lead acid batteries for consideration and evaluation as a potential priority product;
- Allows the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a new fee schedule to recover the cost incurred for the accreditation of environmental laboratories;
- Requires the California Public Utilities Commission to report to the budget committee of each house of the Legislature on the resources needed to develop a plan for tracking natural gas, and a recommendation for developing the plan, considering cost-effectiveness and efficacy;
- Requires the Air Resources Board to develop a model of fugitive and vented emissions of methane from natural gas infrastructure;
- Requires the Natural Resources Agency to annually submit a report to the Legislature and the Legislative Analyst's Office on the status of expenditures and projects funded with Prop 1 Water Bond funds; and
- Requires the Natural Resources Agency to submit a report to the Legislature and the Legislative Analyst's Office regarding the state's response to the ongoing drought.

***SB 840 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) — Public Resources: Energy**

This measure contains a number of changes and appropriations related to Public Resources/Energy. Notable provisions include:

- Requires the State Fire Marshal to submit a report to the Legislature regarding pipeline inspections and installation of emergency shutoff systems; and
- Requests that the California Council on Science and Technology undertake and complete a study analyzing the feasibility and challenges associated with injecting and using biomethane in existing pipeline infrastructure.

SB 843 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) — Public Safety

Makes various changes to public safety programs as described below:

New Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program (LEAD): Creates a new grant program administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). The grants will be awarded to up to three local jurisdictions with the following goals:

- Improve public safety and reduce recidivism by increasing social services resources;
- Reduce law enforcement and court costs related to repeated incarceration;
- Provide intensive case management services with individually tailored intervention plan;

- Prioritize temporary and permanent housing including individual support services (this will not include usual conditions of drug or alcohol treatment, or abstinence from drugs/alcohol, in order to obtain services); and
- Use social services resources together with law enforcement to improve outcomes.

Grant recipients will be chosen using criteria set by the BSCC, but must include the jurisdiction's capacity and commitment to coordinate social services, law enforcement, and judicial system processes and the collection and maintenance of data regarding program effectiveness is essential for successful applicants.

Firearms — Transfer Fees: Authorizes the Department of Justice to increase the firearms transfer fees imposed on firearms purchasers or transferees, not to exceed any increase in the California Consumer Price Index. To the degree these funds are deposited into the Firearms Safety and Enforcement Special Fund, the trailer bill directs that the funds are used for maintenance and upgrading of equipment and services needed for firearms dealers to comply with existing law.

Trial Jury Selection and Management Act: Amends the Act to direct the Judicial Council to conduct a study on the reductions in peremptory challenges, and report to the public safety committees of both houses of the Legislature on or before Jan. 1, 2020. Effective Jan. 1, 2021, specifies that in capital criminal trials, peremptory challenges to potential jurors shall be set at 20 for the state and 20 for the defendant. In all other criminal trials, peremptory challenges to potential jurors shall be set at 10 for the state and 10 for the defendant. Provides that in joint trials where two or more defendants are jointly tried, the peremptory challenges shall be jointly exercised, but each defendant shall receive an additional five challenges, for a total of 20. The state shall have the same number, 20. For misdemeanors punishable by a term of 90 days or less, and for civil cases, both the state and the defendant shall have six peremptory challenges each.

Trial Court Trust Fund Reserve: Directs the Judicial Council to hold a reserve of \$10 million in the Trial Court Trust Fund to be available to trial courts for emergencies. Also directs Judicial Council to develop an application process for the emergency funds. Funding will be administered by the Judicial Council, and replenished annually from trial court base allocations.

Board of Juvenile Hearings: Changes the name of the Youthful Offender Parole Board to the Board of Juvenile Hearings, effective July 1, 2016. Provides that the Governor will appoint three commissioners for a term of five years. Provides that the commissioners will be trained to hear only juvenile matters, and will receive 40 hours of specialized training within 60 days of appointment. Commissioners currently serving on the Board of Parole Hearings to hear only juvenile matters will continue until their current term expires. The remaining vacancies will be staggered to expire on July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019, respectively.

Diversion and Youth Programming: Directs that funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Youth Authority to expand mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment in its facilities must be used to establish a competitive grant program. Funds will be used to expand mental health treatment facilities, substance abuse disorder treatment facilities, trauma center service facilities, services for sex trafficking victims, domestic violence victims, and victims of violent crimes in local communities via infrastructure grants. Directs the authority to develop criteria to expand local programming resources, and to monitor the grants to ensure the expansion is cost-effective. Authority is directed to report to the fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature by April 1, 2018, and annually until April 1, 2020, regarding specified details of the grant funding.

Corrections — Secure Housing and Inmate Transfer Authority: Extends existing authority of the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to enter into agreements to transfer inmates to city or county jails or adult correctional facilities, to secure housing capacity within the state, and to transfer inmates to out-of-state correctional facilities until Jan. 1, 2020. This authority was previously set to expire on Jan. 1, 2017.

Corrections — Rehabilitation Programs: Directs CDCR, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to award funding to nonprofits for innovative grant programs at underserved institutions, as determined by the Director of the Division of Rehabilitative Programs. Grant funds will be

awarded for a three year period, and shall be used to expand rehabilitative programs to all prisons within CDCR's system. Recipients must demonstrate their ability to become self-sufficient or to be funded over the long term by donations or other source of ongoing funding.

Corrections — Inmate Visitation: Prohibits inmates from being denied family visits due to sentences of LWOP (Life Without Possibility of Parole) or Life with no assignment of a parole.

Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (CPOST): Transfers authority to select a chair of the commission from the commission itself, from among its members to the Governor. Specifies that the chair serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Also directs CPOST to consider additional training for correctional officers in the areas of mental health and rehabilitation, in addition to theory and history of corrections.

Next Steps

When the Legislature returns on Monday, the Senate is expected to take up the remaining two trailer bills (SB 839 and SB 840) which the Assembly has already passed. The timing on discussions over the No Place Like Home trailer bill (AB1618/SB 846) is unclear.

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Tell us How We're Doing — Don't Forget to Complete the *Western City* Magazine Survey

Western City magazine, the League's monthly award-winning publication, needs input from its readers. A hardcopy of survey was mailed in mid-May to 1,000 magazine subscribers and another 5,000 current subscribers received an email asking them to complete the survey online. The League encourages all *Western City* subscribers to take a few moments and complete this important survey. *For more, see Page 2.*



Annual Conference Resolutions Due by Aug. 6
League General Assembly will be Held Oct. 7

Policy development is a key part of the League of California Cities® legislative effectiveness. The League's annual conference resolutions process is one way that city officials can directly participate in the development of League policy. The deadline to submit resolutions is fast approaching on Aug. 6. *For more, see Page 2.*



California City Solutions: Temecula Partners with Schools and Universities to Offer Youth and Professional Leadership Program

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. The city of Temecula's Youth and Professional Development Program was submitted in 2015 for the Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in city Government award category. *For more, see Page 3.**

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Responses to the survey will help the publication team evaluate the ability of *Western City* magazine and its website to provide California city officials with the kinds of stories, features and information that are essential to serving city residents.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your input, check your inboxes and reply today!

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Resolution Submission Process

Any elected or appointed city official, individual city, division, department, policy committee, or the board of directors may submit a resolution for consideration at the conference. Resolutions must be submitted to the League's Sacramento office no later than 60 days prior to the opening of the conference. Resolutions should focus on direct municipal issues of statewide importance.

Resolutions submitted to the General Assembly must be concurred in by five cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities. This may be in the form of a letter from the city or the city official in support. For concurrence by a city official, the official's city and office held must be included in the letter. All concurrences must be submitted at the time the resolution is submitted by midnight on Aug. 1.

Consideration at Annual Conference

The League president refers resolutions to the League policy committees for review and recommendation at the conference. Resolutions are next considered by the General Resolutions Committee (GRC), which consists of representatives from each division, department, policy committee and individuals appointed by the League president. Resolutions approved by the policy committee and/or GRC are next considered by General Assembly. Resolutions disapproved or referred by both the policy committee and GRC will not proceed to the General Assembly. Resolutions approved by the General Assembly become League policy. Other action on resolutions can be: referred back to a policy committee; amended; disapproved; or, no action.

Voting Delegates

The League membership considers and takes action on resolutions that establish League policy. In order to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, your city council must designate a voting delegate. Your city may also appoint up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote in the event that the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity.

A letter, along with the [Voting Delegate form](#), asking for the designation of voting delegates and alternatives has been sent to all mayors, city managers, and city clerks. Additional information can be found on the League's [website](#).

Late-Breaking Issues

Resolutions to address late-breaking issues may be introduced by petition at the annual conference. To qualify, a petitioned resolution must be signed by 10 percent of the voting delegates and submitted at least 24 hours before the beginning of the concluding General Assembly. The deadline is Oct. 6 by noon. All qualified petitioned resolutions are forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration, regardless of the action recommended by the GRC.

Questions

For more questions please contact [Meg Desmond](#) at (916) 658-8224.

Although incorporated as a city in 1989, the community foundation of Temecula has existed much longer and prides itself on its slogan "Old Traditions, New Opportunities." The most recent census figures show that 30 percent of the city's population is under the age of 18, which is well below the state's average of nearly 24 percent. City officials decided that this population needed programs tailored to young students preparing to exit the school system and transition into adulthood.

City leaders recognize that its youth faces several challenges and obstacles while preparing for their future and decided to focus on four primary challenges: lack of participation in local government, low college attendance rates, unemployment, and youth with disabilities.

High school curriculum focuses on state and federal government but rarely includes an emphasis on local government. The city partnered with the Temecula Valley Unified School District (TVUSD) to help youth experience the workings of local government in order to increase future participation.

While approximately 70 percent of TVUSD high school students' transition to a two-year or four-year college immediately after high school graduation, the city's goal is to ensure that the remaining 30 percent of Temecula's student population is not left behind each year. College attendance rates have a strong correlation to the population's level of higher education combined with work experience versus employment rates. Students significantly increase their chance of receiving job offers after graduation if they participate in an internship or have relevant experience.

The city also realizes that youth with disabilities have complex and unique needs that are not easily addressed. People with disabilities continue to have vastly lower employment rates as compared to the rest of the population. Only 19.8 percent of those with disabilities report being employed full- or part-time, compared to 68.2 percent of people without disabilities. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates only 10 percent of students with disabilities are attending college. This is partially because of the gaps in services, lack of support, and lack of inclusive opportunities.

Temecula created the Youth and Professional Development Program to provide local youth with various opportunities in city government by engaging students and working with its school district and nonprofit organizations to help facilitate a promising future for the next generation. Temecula offers four programs to support its emerging adult population prepare for the future: Youth in Government, Temecula Valley College Fair, Internship Program, and the Viticulture Program created for our special needs population.

- **Youth in Government.** The city's Youth in Government program engages the youth of Temecula by providing valuable insight into the inner workings of local government. The two-day event provides students with an opportunity to work directly with, and emulate elected officials and department directors, research local subject matters, prepare relevant staff reports, and conduct department level meetings and a mock city council meeting. All students are fully tutored and prepped by city council members and staff members as to what questions to ask, what factors to consider, and the legalities and finances associated with each subject matter. The event concludes with a student debriefing of the entire program.
- **Temecula Valley College Fair.** The city launched a large-scale college fair to help increase college attainment. At the Temecula Valley College Fair, youth can visit booths and speak with college representatives. The college fair has a variety of representatives ranging from academically prestigious universities to specialized vocational schools. By welcoming a vast number of colleges to the annual fair, the city hopes students will consider applying to one of the schools showcased.
- **Internship Program.** In recent years, the city has offered one of the largest internship programs in the region, and quite possibly the state for municipalities of approximately 100,000 residents, to support nearly 200 young adults each year seeking work

experience. The program offers local college students or graduates the opportunity to work in a supervised and professional environment. Applicants selected for the internship opportunity will work in a department relevant to their interests in order to best utilize their skillset. Students will familiarize themselves with professional office tools and devices, learn and practice time management, work with project deadlines, lead projects or programs, practice social and written skills, and network. Providing local college students the chance to intern fosters growth which, ultimately, may contribute to Temecula's future workforce.

- **Viticulture Program.** Temecula offers various programs to increase employment opportunities for youth to equip students with independent living skills, social skills, and community involvement. One of those programs is the Viticulture Program which complements Temecula Valley's wine country. The city has partnered with a nonprofit, Spero Vineyards, to develop a specialized vocational training program to prepare youth for entry level jobs in the wine and hospitality industry. The program is a unique public/private partnership designed to teach job readiness skills, local vineyard history, hospitality, customer service, and agricultural learning techniques. The program is designed to enhance the lives of those affected by disabilities, promote awareness, engage local businesses, expand the capacity in which the community is served, and increase service providers in the area.

Program Achievements

The Youth in Government program is labor intensive for elected officials, city staff, and student participants, the effort to engage students at an early onset of their adulthood, but city officials believe it is well worth the effort. The fact that the program is competitive in nature illustrates its success. The city currently employs former students and participants of the program.

The Temecula Valley College Fair has grown considerably since its debut. In its first year, the fair was only two representatives short of having 100 colleges attend. The event has been recognized for its benefits to Temecula. The high volume of traffic is advantageous for its location — the Promenade Temecula mall. The Promenade Temecula mall has repeatedly reported a significant increase in sales during the event while exposing Temecula's youth to higher education opportunities from across the nation. The fair usually brings in a surge of sales tax, second only to the busiest sales day of the year — Black Friday. The annual fair also helps local hotel businesses. People that travel to Temecula for the fair stay in local hotels, reporting a 9 percent increase in business during that weekend.

The internship program has also received recognition since its inception over five years ago. Participating interns benefit from the program by being able to include on their resumes that they were involved with an official internship program located in a government building and supervised by government officials. The internship program is student-friendly, allowing for flexible scheduling in respect to school obligations. Temecula offers mostly unpaid internship opportunities; however, the experience they gain in a safe, regulated and professional work environment provides invaluable experience for their future.

Since the implementation of the special needs Viticulture Program, more than half of the students have completed the program with jobs and internships in the community; 100 percent of students have completed a Customer Service Certification and a Food Handlers Card, and 100 percent of students have shared that the program has empowered them to make tremendous strides toward their futures. The program curriculum has been featured in the press, televised on KVCR and ABC 7 News and distributed to Northern California's Wine and Agriculture communities for replication of the current model.

Application Open: Cities for Workforce Health Wellness Program Seed Grants

The application period for the Cities for Workforce Health (CWH) 2017 consulting grants is now open. Applications are due Friday, Aug. 5 and must be submitted online. Designed to help cities engage their employees in a culture of health, the program is sponsored by the League Partner Program of the League of California Cities®, including Kaiser Permanente, Keenan, and the HEAL Cities Campaign.

Selection Criteria

A grant review committee composed of representatives from the CWH partners will review and evaluate all applications. Five cities will be selected, based on the following criteria:

- Demonstration that a basic wellness program infrastructure is currently in place (e.g. leadership team or steering committee has been formed; wellness champions have been identified; and/or a survey or assessment of health needs/risks has been conducted);
- Readiness to initiate or further develop a worksite wellness program;
- Commitment to building the program's infrastructure and capacity; and
- Need for professional consultation to assist with program development efforts.

Overall, cities that meet the award criteria and demonstrate the greatest need for consultation and program support will be selected. In addition, the review committee aims to balance the selection of awardees based on geographic location (Northern, Central, and Southern California) and size of employee population.

Additional information and details about the consulting grants and application process are available on the League website.

Please contact Mike Egan with questions at (916) 658-8271.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$48.6 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Multi-Family Affordable Housing in Irvine and Community Hospital in Monterey

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

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of issued \$48,640,095 in tax-exempt bonds for the Espaira Apartments, multi-family affordable housing in Irvine, and a Community Hospital in Monterey.

About Espaira Apartments

The vision for Espaira began in 1995 with the vision of the ETHIC Housing Trust. The project is an 84-unit affordable housing community for low-income families located on 5.35 acres at Great Park Neighborhoods located in Irvine by Related California and Orange County Community Housing Corporation (OCCHC). It comprises consists of 41 two-bedroom units, 42 three-bedroom units and one manager's unit.

The benefits of the Espaira for the city of Irvine and Orange County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income tenants;
- The building will bring new economic vibrancy to the project site;
- A positive impact to restaurants and retail in the area.

CSCDA, Related, and OCCHC partnered with MUFG Union Bank, N.A. to provide \$16.09 million in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. Although the financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years, the

Regulatory Agreement with the city of Irvine requires the project to maintain the affordability of units in perpetuity.

About Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP)

CHOMP, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, owns and operates a 258 licensed-bed acute care hospital located in the Carmel Hill area of the Monterey Peninsula in Northern California. CHOMP also owns and operates Westland House, a 28-bed skilled nursing and hospice facility, and an outpatient hospice facility located in Monterey and provides outpatient healthcare services at various outpatient facilities throughout Monterey County. CHOMP is the market leader for acute care services in its Primary Service Area, identified as the Monterey Peninsula, which includes the communities of Seaside, Monterey, Carmel Valley, Pacific Grove, Marina, Pebble Beach, Sand City, Del Rey Oaks, Big Sur, and unincorporated areas of Monterey County located on the peninsula.

CSCDA partnered with Piper Jaffray to place the \$32,550,000 in tax-exempt bonds for CHOMP. The bonds will be used to refinance CSCDA's previously issued Series 2011A Bonds, allowing CHOMP to significantly reduce its bond debt service and interest cost.

Background

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