

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
December 22, 2016

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016
Housing Authority annual report as Housing Authority and as Housing Successor for fiscal year 2015-2016.

- B. ICSC NEW YORK UPDATE 2016
Lisa Kim provides a summary of the International Council of Shopping Centers held in New York December 5-6, 2016.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

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

- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles
Dept: City Manager
Subject: HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT AS HOUSING AUTHORITY AND AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

From: Maria Stipe
Dept: City Manager
Date: December 21, 2016

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council and Housing Authority Commission the Housing Authority Annual Report as Housing Authority and Housing Successor for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In 2014, the Governor signed into law SB 341 requiring Housing Successors to conduct an annual report of their housing activities associated with the assumed assets and functions of the Former Agency. The required report is attached and includes all of the sections required by the statute. Additionally, the report will be formally placed on the City Council and Housing Authority agenda to receive and file at the January 24, 2017 meeting. Furthermore, as required, this report and its attachments are being provided to the Housing Successor and will be posted on the City's website by December 31, 2016.



MARIA STIPE
Deputy City Manager

Attachment: Housing Authority Annual Report as Housing Authority and Housing Successor for FY 2015-16

**GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT
AS HOUSING AUTHORITY AND AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 UNDER CALIFORNIA
HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 34176.1 AND 34328**

This Annual Report of the Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA) is prepared under California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Section 34176.1 as the housing successor, and Section 34328 as a housing authority (together, Report). In particular, Division 24 of the HSC sets forth the Dissolution Law in Parts 1.8 and 1.85 and the Housing Authorities Law in Part 2, which respectively require preparation of an annual report on the housing successor and the housing authority's activities for the prior fiscal year. This Report details the GGHA's activities during Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 and is intended to satisfy the requirements under both HSC Sections 34328 and 34176.1. In particular, this Report details the GGHA's activities for FY 2015-2016, including the information required about the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF) and on other information under Section 34176.1(f). After receipt of the complete, final CAFR (term defined below) that is expected by the end of December 2016, then this Report will be finalized using data in the CAFR and will be provided to, and will be presented for joint consideration and action by the City Council and Housing Authority Board in January 2017.

This Report includes information prepared by City staff on behalf of the GGHA and data from the independent financial audit of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund Financial Report for FY 2015-2016 (CAFR) as prepared by Davis Farr LLP, which audit is separate from this Report; further, this Report conforms with and is organized into sections I. through XIV., inclusive, under Section 34176.1(f) of the Dissolution Law:

- I. **Amounts Received and Deposited Under 34191.4(b)(3)(A).** This section provides the total amount of funds paid to the City and the amount deposited into the LMIHAF allocable to 20% of the repayments on the reinstated City/Agency loan(s), if any, per Section 34191.4.
- II. **Amount Deposited into LMIHAF.** This section provides the total amount of funds deposited into the LMIHAF in FY 15-16 and itemized by amounts deposited in FY 15-16 for items listed on Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS), amounts allocable to Section 34191.4 deposits, and other amounts deposited into the LMIHAF.
- III. **Ending Balance of LMIHAF.** This section provides a statement of the balance in the LMIHAF as of the close of FY 15-16. Any amounts deposited for items listed on the ROPS, and amounts allocable to Section 34191.4 deposits, must be distinguished from the other amounts deposited.
- IV. **Description of Expenditures from LMIHAF.** This section provides a description of expenditures made from the LMIHAF during FY 15-16. The expenditures are to be categorized among (A) administration for monitoring, preserving covenanted housing units, (B) homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services and (C) development of housing.

- V. **Statutory Value of Assets Owned by Housing Successor.** This section provides the statutory value of real property owned by the Housing Successor, the value of loans and grants receivables, and the sum of these two amounts.
- VI. **Description of Transfers.** This section describes transfers, if any, to another housing successor made in previous fiscal year(s), including whether the funds are unencumbered and the status of projects, if any, for which the transferred LMIHAF will be used. The sole purpose of the transfers must be for development of transit priority projects, permanent supportive housing, housing for agricultural employees or special needs housing.
- VII. **Project Descriptions.** This section describes any project for which the Housing Successor receives or holds property tax revenue under the ROPS and the status of that project.
- VIII. **Status of Compliance with Section 33334.16.** As and if applicable, this section provides a status update on compliance with Section 33334.16 for interests in real property acquired by the former redevelopment agency prior to February 1, 2012. For interests in real property acquired on or after February 1, 2012, provide a status update on the project.
- IX. **Description of Outstanding Obligations under Section 33413.** This section describes outstanding inclusionary and replacement housing obligations, if any, under Section 33413 that remained outstanding prior to dissolution of the former redevelopment agency as of February 1, 2012, along with the Housing Successor's progress in meeting those prior obligations, if any, of the former redevelopment agency and how the Housing Successor's plans to meet unmet obligations, if any.
- X. **Income Test.** This section provides information required by Section 34176.1(a)(3)(B), or a description of expenditures by income category and restriction for the applicable five-year period, with the time period beginning January 1, 2014 and whether the statutory thresholds have been met. However, reporting of the Income Test is not required until 2019.
- XI. **Senior Housing Test.** This section provides the percentage of deed-restricted rental housing units restricted to seniors and assisted individually or jointly by the Housing Successor, its former redevelopment agency, and its host jurisdiction within the previous 10 years in relation to the aggregate number of units of deed-restricted rental housing assisted individually or jointly by the Housing Successor, its former redevelopment agency and its host jurisdiction within the same 10-year time period.
- XII. **Excess Surplus Test:** This section provides the amount of excess surplus in the LMIHAF, if any, and the length of time that the Housing Successor has had excess surplus, and the Housing Successor's plan for eliminating the excess surplus.
- XIII. **Inventory of Homeownership Units:** This section provides a summary of covenanted homeownership units assisted by the former redevelopment agency or the housing successor that include equity sharing and repayment provisions, including: (A) number of units; (B) number of units lost to the portfolio in the last

fiscal year and the reason for those losses, and (C) any funds returned to the housing successor due to losses or repayments.

XIV. Additional Information: GGHA's Activities for the Preceding Year FY 15-16 under HSC Section 34328.

This Report is to be provided to the Housing Successor's governing body by December 31, 2016. In addition, this Report and the former redevelopment agency's pre-dissolution Implementation Plans are to be made available to the public on the City's website: <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/finance/econdev/RedevelopmentAgencyDissolution>.

I. AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE CITY PER HSC SECTION 34191.4

A total of \$0.00 was received by the City in repayment of reinstated City/Agency loans per Section 34191.4.

II. AMOUNT DEPOSITED INTO LMIHAF

A total of \$219,904 was deposited into the LMIHAF during the Fiscal Year. Of the total funds deposited into the LMIHAF, a total of \$0 was held for items listed on the ROPS, [or received pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34191.4(b)(3)(B) or (C).]

III. ENDING BALANCE OF LMIHAF

At the close of the Fiscal Year, the ending balance in the LMIHAF was \$459,145 (2015-16 CAFR), of which \$0 is held for items listed on the ROPS.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF EXPENDITURES FROM LMIHAF

The following is a description of expenditures from the LMIHAF by category:

	Fiscal Year
Monitoring & Administration Expenditures (2015-16 CAFR)	\$77,485
Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Services Expenditures	\$0
Housing Development Expenditures	\$0
> Expenditures on Low Income Units	
> Expenditures on Very-Low Income Units	
> Expenditures on Extremely-Low Income Units	
> Total Housing Development Expenditures	
Total LMIHAF Expenditures in Fiscal Year	\$77,485

The administrative expenditures total less than five percent of the statutory value of real property owned by the Housing Successor and of loans and grants receivable held by the Housing Successor.

V. STATUTORY VALUE OF HOUSING ASSETS OWNED BY HOUSING SUCCESSOR IN LMIHAF

Under the Dissolution Law and for purposes of this Report, the “statutory value of real property” means the value of properties formerly held by the former redevelopment agency as listed on the housing asset transfer schedule (HAT) approved by the Department of Finance (DOF) as listed in HAT under Section 34176(a)(2), the value of the properties transferred to the Housing Successor pursuant to Section 34181(f), and the purchase price of property(ies) purchased by the Housing Successor. Further, the value of loans and grants receivable is included in these reported assets held in the LMIHAF.

The following provides the statutory value of assets owned by the Housing Successor (2015-16 CAFR).

	As of End of Fiscal Year
Statutory Value of Real Property Owned by Housing Authority	\$4,584,241
Value of Loans and Grants Receivable*	\$17,603,991
Total Value of Housing Successor Assets	\$22,188,232

**This balance includes SERAF and ERAF loans totaling \$13,729,748. The total value of loans and grants receivable is gross of any allowance.*

VI. DESCRIPTION OF TRANSFERS

The Housing Successor did not make any LMIHAF transfers to other Housing Successor(s) under Section 34176.1(c)(2) during the Fiscal Year.

VII. PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

The Housing Successor does not receive or hold property tax revenue pursuant to the ROPS.

VIII. STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 33334.16

Section 34176.1 provides that Section 33334.16 does not apply to interests in real property acquired by the Housing Successor on or after February 1, 2012; nevertheless, this Report presents a status update on the project related to such real property.

With respect to interests in real property acquired by the former redevelopment agency *prior* to February 1, 2012, the time periods described in Section 33334.16 shall be deemed to have commenced on the date that the Department of Finance approved the property as a housing asset

in the LMIHAF; thus, as to real property acquired by the former redevelopment agency now held by the Housing Successor in the LMIHAF, the Housing Successor must initiate activities consistent with the development of the real property for the purpose for which it was acquired within five years of the date the DOF approved such property as a housing asset on the HAT.

The following table provides a status update on the real property or properties housing asset(s) that were acquired prior to February 1, 2012 and compliance with five-year period that commenced on August 30, 2012, the date of the letter issued by DOF approving the these properties as housing assets on the HAT:

12912 7th Street	05/07/2007	n/a	In FY 15-16 this property was rented to income eligible tenant.
11361 Garden Grove Blvd.	07/30/2008	n/a	In FY 15-16 this property was rented to income eligible tenant.
12931 9th Street	04/06/2010	n/a	In FY 15-16 this property was rented to income eligible tenant.
12892, 12942 Grove St., 10936 Acacia Pkwy, no site address (APNs 089- 213-02, 29,31,32)	03/11/2011	04/29/2017	No status at this time [vacant].
12291 Thackery Dr.	01/10/2008	04/29/2017	No status at this time [vacant].
12602 Keel Ave.	04/25/1989	n/a	This property is subject to an Affordable Housing Agreement dated 6/25/1990 with Orange County Community Housing Corporation and is encumbered with recorded affordable housing covenants (HAT).
*See footnote below.			

**12661 Sunswept Avenue, previously listed, was included on the DOF-approved LRPMP to be returned to the City for governmental use in FY 2015-16 and has therefore been removed from the list.*

The following provides a status update on the project(s) for property(ies), if any, that have been acquired by the Housing Successor using LMIHAF on or after February 1, 2012:

Address of Property	Date of Acquisition	Deadline to Initiate Development Activity	Status of Housing Successor Activity
N/A			

IX. DESCRIPTION OF OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 33413

Replacement Housing: Whatever unmet obligation that existed according to the 2010-2014 Implementation Plan for the former redevelopment agency, if any, this obligation has been superseded and is being met pursuant to that certain *Stipulation to Substitute Party and for Entry of Interlocutory Judgment (Judgment)* approved by the Superior Court, County of Orange, State of California in the action *Marina Limon, et. al., v. Garden Grove Agency for Community Development* attached as Exhibit A.

Inclusionary/Production Housing: Whatever unmet obligation that existed according to the 2010-2014 Implementation Plan for the former redevelopment agency, if any, this obligation has been superseded and is being met pursuant to that certain *Stipulation to Substitute Party and for Entry of Interlocutory Judgment (Judgment)* approved by the Superior Court, County of Orange, State of California in the action *Marina Limon, et. al., v. Garden Grove Agency for Community Development* attached as Exhibit A.

The Judgment and the former redevelopment agency's Implementation Plans are posted on the City's website at:

<http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/finance/econdev/RedevelopmentAgencyDissolution>

The Successor Agency, Housing Successor, and City are pursuing affordable housing development opportunities to meet the requirements set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

X. EXTREMELY-LOW INCOME TEST

Section 34176.1(a)(3)(A) requires that the Housing Successor must require at least 30% of the LMIHAF to be expended for development of rental housing affordable to and occupied by households earning 30% or less of the AMI. Pursuant to Section 34176.1(a)(3)(B), if the Housing Successor fails to comply with the Extremely-Low Income requirement in any five-year report, then the Housing Successor must ensure that at least 50% of the funds remaining in the LMIHAF be expended in each fiscal year following the latest fiscal year following the report on households earning 30% or less of the AMI until the Housing Successor demonstrates compliance with the Extremely-Low Income requirement. *This information is not required to be reported until 2019 for the 2014 – 2019 period, which is the first of the five-year periods added by Section 34176.1.*

XI. SENIOR HOUSING TEST

The Housing Successor is to calculate the percentage of units of deed-restricted rental housing restricted to seniors and assisted by the Housing Successor, the former redevelopment agency and/or the City within the previous 10 years in relation to the aggregate number of units of deed-restricted rental housing assisted by the Housing Successor, the former redevelopment agency and/or City within the same time period. If this percentage exceeds 50%, then the Housing Successor cannot expend future funds in the LMIHAF to assist additional senior housing units until the Housing Successor or City assists and construction has commenced on a number of restricted rental units that is equal to 50% of the total amount of deed-restricted rental units.

The following provides the Housing Successor’s Senior Housing Test for the 10-year period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2016:

Senior Housing Test		07/01/2005 – 6/30/2015
# of Assisted Senior Rental Units		0
# of Total Assisted Rental Units		159
Senior Housing Percentage		0%

XII. EXCESS SURPLUS TEST

Excess Surplus is defined in Section 34176.1(d) as an unencumbered amount in the account that exceeds the greater of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or the aggregate amount deposited into the account during the Housing Successor’s preceding four Fiscal Years, whichever is greater.

The following provides the Excess Surplus test for the preceding Fiscal Years of the Housing Successor:

	FY 2011/12	FY 2011/12	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
Beginning Balance		(\$405,232)	\$191,355	\$252,996	\$314,555
Add: Deposits	\$124,080	\$743,360	\$89,909	\$135,552	\$219,904
(Less) Expenditures	(\$529,312)	(\$146,773)	(\$28,268)	(\$73,992)	(\$75,314)
Ending Balance*	(\$405,232)	\$191,355	\$252,996	\$314,555	\$459,145

*Ending Balances do not equal CAFR Cash Balances. Variances reflect short-term interfund loans and accruals.

The Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund does not have an Excess Surplus.

XIII. INVENTORY OF HOMEOWNERSHIP UNITS

This section provides an inventory of homeownership units assisted by the former Agency or the Garden Grove Housing Authority, as Housing Successor, that are subject to covenants or restrictions or to an adopted program that protects the former Agency's investment of moneys from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33334.3(f).

This inventory includes:

(A) The total number of homeownership units assisted by the former Agency:

9852 Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
11861 Winton St., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
10330 Belinda Ct, Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
10301 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
12741-12831 Arbor Ct. & 12752-12852 Arbor Ct., Garden Grove, CA	17 units
13143 Michael Monsoor Ct., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
10852 Sonoma Ln., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
13100 Mendocino Ln., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
10803 Sonoma Ln., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
10811 Sonoma Ln., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
10853 Sonoma Ln., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
10831 Sonoma Ln., Garden Grove, CA	1 unit
Total	28 units

(B) Summary of Lost Units.

- a. The total number of homeownership units lost to the Housing Successor's portfolio between February 1, 2012 up to June 30, 2015, along with the reason or reasons for those losses: 20 units

	Property Address	Reason for Loss
FY 2011-12	11861 Winton St., Garden Grove, CA (1 unit)	Loan paid off by owner
FY 2013-14	9852 Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA (1 unit)	Loan paid off by owner
FY 2014-15	12741-12831 Arbor Ct. & 12752-12852 Arbor Ct., Garden Grove, CA (17 units)	Covenants expired
FY2014-15	10831 Sonoma Lane, Garden Grove, CA (1 unit)	Loan paid off by owner

- b. Total losses between 2/1/12 to 6/30/15: 20 units

	Property Address	Payoff Date
FY 2011-12	11861 Winton St., Garden Grove, CA (1 unit)	3/27/2012
FY 2013-14	9852 Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA (1 unit)	1/6/2014
FY 2014-15	12741-12831 Arbor Ct. & 12752-12852 Arbor Ct., Garden Grove, CA (17 units)	2014
FY2014-15	10831 Sonoma Lane, Garden Grove, CA (1 unit)	5/8/2015

- c. Reason for loss from portfolio of each such unit (FY 2015-16 only):

Property Address	Reason for Loss
No units were lost. Inventory remains as listed above.	

- d. Funds returned to the Housing Successor as part of an adopted program that protects the former Agency's investment of moneys from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund. This includes repayments of all Single Family Rehab and First Time Homebuyer loans including principal, interest, and equity sharing payments between February 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015. We had no payments in FY 2015-16.

\$ 92,164.77

- (C) The number of homeownership units lost to the Housing Successor's portfolio in fiscal year 2015-16 and the reason for those losses.

- a. Total losses to portfolio in FY 15-16:

None

b. Reason for loss from portfolio of each such unit:

N/A	
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c. Funds returned to the Housing Successor as part of an adopted program that protects the former Agency's investment of moneys from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund. This includes repayments of all Single Family Rehab and First Time Homebuyer loans including principal, interest, and equity sharing payments during FY 2015-16.

\$ 0

(D) State whether the Housing Successor has contracted with any outside entity for the management of the units and, if so, the identity of the entity.

The City's Neighborhood Improvement Division administered a majority of the former Agency's Single Family Rehabilitation Program and First Time Homebuyer Program. The Neighborhood Improvement Division does have an existing agreement with Amerinational Community Services, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation relating to certain, but not all, aspects of administration of the former Agency's Single Family Rehabilitation loans and First Time Homebuyer loans that provided second lien mortgages for homeownership units. These consulting services include assistance with oversight and administration of amortized loan payments, if any, due; with tracking and calculation of loan balances in the event of payoff; and, other administrative activities for these outstanding Single Family Rehab and First Time Homebuyer loans. Additionally, the City has contracted with AIM Asset Property Management for property management services.

XIV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR FY 15-16 PER HSC SECTION 34328

The Housing Authority can provide rental assistance to 2,337 households per month through Section 8 vouchers. The lease up rate by month for FY 2015-16 was as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of units leased</u>
July	2274
August	2288
September	2293
October	2288
November	2288
December	2296
January	2301
February	2313
March	2298
April	2300
May	2300
June	2256

Additionally, the Housing Authority also administers a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for the City's Neighborhood Improvement Division funded with HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. During FY 2015-16, the Housing Authority provided a total of 0 Tenant Based Rental Assistance vouchers.

During FY 2015-16, there were no terminations of Section 8 vouchers of victims of domestic violence.

Exhibit A

Limón v. Garden Grove Agency for Community Development
Case No. 30-2009-00291597
Stipulation to Substitute Party and for Entry of Interlocutory Judgment

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

MARINA LIMON, *et al.*,
Plaintiffs and Petitioners,
v.
GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, a municipal
entity, *et al.*,
Defendants and Respondents.

GARDEN GROVE MXD, LLC, and
MCWEINNEY REAL ESTATE SERVICES,
and DOES 21 through 40,
Real Parties in Interest.

) Case No. 30-2009-00291597

STIPULATION TO SUBSTITUTE
PARTY AND FOR ENTRY OF
INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT

Complaint Filed: August 10, 2009
Dept.: CX-102
Judge: Robert J. Moos

Plaintiffs Marina Limon, Alfredo Cordero, Celia Gonzalez, Jackquelyn Bodenstedt as
executor of the Estate of Randolph Maynor, José Sanchez, Raymond Kent Creamer, Ana Rosa
Olea, Elidia Gonzalez, Ivan Torres, Javier Ibarra ("Individual Plaintiffs"), and the Kennedy
Commission (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), along with Defendants, the City of Garden Grove, the
City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community

1 Development ("Successor Agency"), the Garden Grove Housing Authority as Successor Agency
2 to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development ("Housing Successor") and the
3 Garden Grove City Council (collectively, "Defendants"), hereby enter into this stipulation to
4 substitute party and for entry of judgment ("Judgment"). Plaintiffs and Defendants (collectively,
5 "Parties") settled the above-captioned matter through Voluntary Settlement Conferences before
6 Judge Gail Andler, Department CX-101, on September 20, 2013 and February 28, 2014. The
7 Parties stipulate as follows:

8 1. On September 20, 2013, the Parties entered into a settlement on the record in open
9 court in Department CX-101 that resolved the above captioned matter conditioned upon the
10 settlement of the issue of attorneys' fees. On February 28, 2014, the Parties reached agreement
11 on attorneys' fees. The terms of the settlement are as follows:

12 2. The term "Low Income Households" shall have the meaning set forth in Health
13 and Safety Code section 50079.5.

14 3. The term "Very Low Income Households" shall have the meaning set forth in
15 Health and Safety Code section 50105.

16 4. The term "Low Income Rent" shall be rent affordable to lower income households
17 as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 50053(b)(3).

18 5. The term "Very Low Income Rent" shall be rent affordable to very low income
19 households as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 50053(b)(2).

20 6. Within the timeframe described in Paragraph 9, below, the Successor Agency or,
21 at its discretion, the Housing Successor (hereinafter "Successors"), shall develop replacement
22 housing. Pursuant to this paragraph funds held in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset

23 Fund, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 34176, shall be available for development of
24 the replacement housing pursuant to this Judgment. The Successors shall develop or cause to be
25 developed twenty five (25) additional new construction dwelling units as replacement housing for
26 the Travel Country Recreational Vehicle Park ("Park") to address Plaintiffs' claims for
27 development of replacement housing pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 33413. No less

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1 than twelve (12) of the units developed pursuant to this paragraph shall be covenanted to be
2 leased at Very Low Income Rent and restricted to occupancy by Very Low Income Households;
3 the balance of thirteen (13) units shall be covenanted to be leased at Low Income Rent and
4 restricted to occupancy by Low Income Households.

5 7. In addition to the dwelling units described in Paragraph 6, within the timeframe
6 described in Paragraph 9, below Successors shall develop or cause to be developed thirteen (13)
7 additional dwelling units, either as new construction or Substantial Rehabilitation (as defined
8 below), as replacement housing for the Park to address Plaintiffs' claims for development of
9 replacement housing pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 33413. No less than seven (7)
10 of the units developed pursuant to this paragraph shall be covenanted to be leased at Very Low
11 Income Rent and restricted to occupancy by Very Low Income Households; the balance of six (6)
12 units shall be covenanted to be leased at Low Income Rent and restricted to occupancy by Low
13 Income Households.

14 8. The Successors may reduce the number of dwelling units required to be developed
15 pursuant to Paragraph 7 (but not Paragraph 6) by one dwelling unit for each dwelling unit offered
16 to a household listed on Exhibit A or B hereto that is rejected by such household provided that a
17 household's rejection of a unit under this section will not disqualify that household from
18 eligibility under Paragraph 11. In order to reduce the unit count, (1) a displaced household must
19 receive an offer of affordable replacement housing after a determination (provided to the
20 displaced household in writing) by the operator of that housing that the displaced household
21 is eligible for occupancy of the replacement housing with respect to all of its qualifications and
22 restrictions, including but not limited to income, family size, rental history and credit score, (2)
23 the offer of affordable housing must be either hand delivered to the displaced household as
24 evidenced by a proof of personal service, or through regular and certified U.S. mail, and (3) the
25 displaced household must be allowed ten (10) business days after receipt of the offer to accept or
26 reject the offer.

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1 9. The Successors shall develop, rehabilitate, construct or cause the development,
2 rehabilitation or construction (as applicable) of the dwelling units described in Paragraphs 6 and
3 7 ("Replacement Units") within four years from entry of judgment in this case.

4 10. "Substantial Rehabilitation" shall have the same meaning as contained in Health
5 and Safety Code section 33413.

6 11. In accordance with Health and Safety Code section 33411.3, all residents displaced
7 by the Redevelopment Agency shall have priority in occupancy of the Replacement Units
8 developed pursuant to this Judgment. Successors shall provide for such priority in any agreement
9 for development or administration of the Replacement Units, and shall maintain a list of eligible
10 persons and families displaced by the Redevelopment Agency.

11 12. Defendants shall provide notice to Plaintiffs' counsel upon (1) entry into an
12 agreement for development of Replacement Units, and (2) completion of construction of any
13 replacement dwelling units, no later than ten (10) days after issuance of a certificate of
14 occupancy. The number of required replacement dwelling units shall not be reduced pursuant to
15 Paragraph 8 unless the Successor Agency shall have provided notice (including a copy of the
16 offer) to Plaintiffs' Counsel within five (5) business days of making an offer of affordable
17 housing to a displaced household. Notice to Plaintiffs' counsel pursuant to this paragraph shall be
18 delivered by electronic mail and first class mail to: Public Counsel, Shashi Hanuman, Directing
19 Attorney, Community Development Project, 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles,
20 California 90005, shanuman@publiccounsel.org. Parties shall cooperate in the exchange of
21 information relating to any offers.

22 13. Successor Agency shall pay additional relocation amounts to Individual Plaintiffs
23 based on rents paid in 2003 as initiation of negotiation rents, pursuant to the California Relocation
24 Assistance Act, 25 Code of California Regulations, § 6104, as set forth in the "Total Payment"
25 column of Exhibit A hereto.¹ Successor Agency shall pay additional relocation amounts to all

26 ¹ The parties note that in order to protect the privacy of the individual plaintiffs and displaced,
27 Exhibits A and B hereto reference each household by space number only. Parties have reviewed
28 and agree that the relocation amounts, household names, and corresponding space numbers in
Exhibit A, as previously exchanged by their respective counsel of record are correct.

1 other former residents of the Park whom they determined to be eligible for relocation assistance,
2 based on rents paid in 2005 as initiation of negotiation rents; pursuant to the California Relocation
3 Assistance Act, 25 Code of California Regulations, § 6104, as set forth in the "Total Payment"
4 column of Exhibit B hereto.

5 14. Pursuant to action of the California Legislature in Stats. 2012, Ch. 5 (Assembly
6 Bill No. 26, 2011-2012 1st Ex. Sess.) (the "Dissolution Act"), effective June 29, 2011,
7 redevelopment agencies throughout California began a dissolution process. The Dissolution Act
8 provides that the city "that authorized the creation of each redevelopment agency" became the
9 "successor agency" to that redevelopment agency, by operation of law, unless the designated
10 successor entity elected not to serve as the successor agency. California Health and Safety Code
11 sections 34173(a), (d). The Garden Grove City Council adopted resolutions electing to serve as
12 the Successor Agency to the dissolved Redevelopment Agency pursuant to Health and Safety
13 Code section 34173, and designating the Garden Grove Housing Authority as the Housing
14 Successor pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34176. City of Garden Grove Resolution
15 Nos. 9072-11 (July 12, 2011) and 9089-12 (Jan 17, 2012). As prescribed by the Dissolution Act,
16 the amounts the Successor Agency is obligated to pay pursuant to the terms of this Judgment shall
17 be included as an enforceable obligation of the Successor Agency on each applicable Recognized
18 Obligation Payment Schedule ("ROPS"), as defined in California Health and Safety Code section
19 34171(h) and in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 34177(l), (m), and as set forth
20 below.

21 15. The Successor Agency shall include in the ROPS due to be completed and
22 approved by the oversight board of the Successor Agency no later than October 3, 2014, the
23 entire amount of relocation assistance due pursuant to Paragraph 13.

24 16. The Successor Agency shall include in the ROPS due to be completed and
25 approved by the oversight board of the Successor Agency no later than October 3, 2015 (ROPS
26 2015-16B), amounts for Replacement Units that will be expended during the January 1, 2016
27 through June 30, 2016 period. The amounts to be expended during this ROPS 2015-16B period

1 shall be appropriate to complete development of the Replacement Units for occupancy within
2 four years from entry of the Judgment.

3 17. The Successor Agency shall pay \$795,000 in attorneys' fees to Public Counsel.
4 This amount shall bear interest at the rate of 7 percent per annum, from the date of entry of this
5 Judgment, pursuant to Article XV, Section 1, of the California Constitution. The entire amount of
6 attorneys' fees shall be placed on the ROPS due to be completed by the oversight board of the
7 Successor Agency no later than October 3, 2014 (ROPS 2014-15B).

8 18. Parties agree that the obligations contained herein are obligations of the Garden
9 Grove Agency for Community Development ("Redevelopment Agency"), now dissolved, prior to
10 enactment of the Dissolution Act. Consistent with Health and Safety Code § 34173(e), Successor
11 Agency's liability for amounts owing pursuant to this Judgment shall be limited to the extent of
12 the total sum of property tax revenues the Successor Agency and the Housing Successor receive
13 pursuant to the ROPS process and the value of the assets received by the Successor Agency and
14 the Housing Successor. The Successor Agency shall continue to list the obligations of this
15 Judgment on each ROPS until all obligations required by the Judgment are satisfied.

16 19. Jacquelyn Bodenstedt as executor of the Estate of Randolph Maynor is substituted
17 as a plaintiff in this action in place of plaintiff Randolph Maynor, by reason of his death.

18 20. The Parties agree that the Court shall have continuing jurisdiction to enforce the
19 terms of this settlement and Judgment pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section
20 664.6.

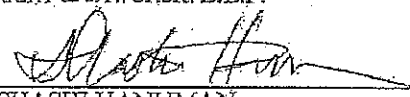
21 21. This Stipulation may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which
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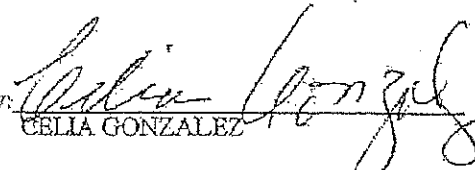
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Exhibit A
Additional Relocation Payments to Plaintiffs

SPACE	Relocation Base Rent	2003 Rent	Differential	Total Payment
1	955	800	155	\$6,510.00
35	416	410	6	\$252.00
38	665	410	255	\$10,710.00
45	418.5	400	18.5	\$777.00
60	630	420	210	\$8,820.00
82	655	400	255	\$10,710.00
93	695	490	205	\$8,610.00
94a	392.4	470	-77.6	0
114	423.73	540	-116.27	0
118a	523.31	450	73.31	\$3,079.02

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Exhibit B
Additional Relocation Payments to Non-Plaintiff Displacees

SPACE	Relocation Base Rent	2005 Rent	Differential	Total Payment
2	587.95	575	12.95	\$543.90
14	331.19	565	-233.81	0
22	705	575	130	\$5,460.00
23	720	590	130	\$5,460.00
41	670	540	130	\$5,460.00
53	394.3	625	-230.7	0
57	695	565	130	\$5,460.00
74	695	565	130	\$5,460.00
75	344.1	555	-210.9	0
80a	715	585	130	\$5,460.00
85a	580	550	130	\$5,460.00
88a	402.97	590	-187.03	0
92a	698	615	83	\$3,486.00
98	650	520	130	\$5,460.00
100a	685	555	130	\$5,460.00
104	339	515	-176	0
105	695	565	130	\$5,460.00
107	675	545	130	\$5,460.00
109	336.3	550	-213.7	0
111a	675	545	130	\$5,460.00
115	670	540	130	\$5,460.00
116	690	560	130	\$5,460.00
119a	385.37	545	-159.63	0
120	705	575	130	\$5,460.00
122	669.29 (Section 8)	575	0	\$0.00
126	541.23	525	16.23	\$681.66
129	356.3	565	-208.7	0
130	695	565	130	\$5,460.00

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City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept: City Manager
Subject: ICSC New York Update

From: Lisa Kim
Dept: Community and Economic
Development
Date: December 15, 2016

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a summary of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) New York National Deal-Making Conference held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center on December 5th - 6th and an update of meetings held with the Investel team.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1957, ICSC is the premier global trade association for the shopping center industry. ICSC has more than 73,000 members from over 100 countries, which include shopping center owners, developers, managers, marketing specialists, investors, retailers and brokers, as well as academics and public officials. ICSC New York is the second largest conference of retail real estate professionals in the world. More than 10,000 retail brokers, landlords and tenants met at the Jacob K. Jarvis Convention Center.

At this conference, Garden Grove exhibited a booth in the Public Private Partnership Pavilion, which provided an affordable platform for effectively marketing the City of Garden Grove to potential development partners and investors. At the conference, new emerging retailers presented at the Retail Runway include:

Sweetgreen

Sweetgreen is an American fast casual restaurant chain that serves "simple, seasonal, healthy food". As of October 2016, it had 64 stores operating in California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The company has over 1,700 employees. In addition to food, sweetgreen has key initiatives in the philanthropy, music (sweetlife festival), technology (sweetgreen app) and lifestyle space.

Starbucks Reserve

Starbucks revealed the launch of its high-end coffee concept, Reserve Roastery and Tasting Room, on a global scale. In case you missed it, Starbucks opened its first Reserve Roastery and Tasting Room in Seattle back in 2014. The next Roastery will debut in Shanghai in 2017, followed by locations in Tokyo and New York City in

2018. The company also expects to announce a fifth location in Europe early next year.

Five Below Retail

Founded by owners of Zany Brainy, Five Below sells products from multiple categories: some items carried by the store include trading cards, sports related items, games, fashion accessories, bath and body related items, candy, beverages, room decorations, school supplies and stationery, books, accessories for electronics, DVDs, computer software, novelty items and gag items, as well as seasonal items. As of August 2016, Five Below has over 490 stores in 22 states, and two distribution centers. It began its outward expansion away from the Philadelphia Metro area by entering the Illinois and Michigan markets.

Le Pain Quotidien

A bakery-restaurant group founded in Brussels in 1990 by Alain Coumont, Le Pain Quotidien currently operates more than 220 bakery-restaurant locations worldwide in 17 countries, including Belgium, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France, India, Switzerland, Brazil, Mexico, Turkey, Spain, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Russia, Argentina, Japan, Hong Kong and the United States. The United States, United Kingdom, Belgium, Paris and Australia restaurants are fully company-owned and operated, while all other international Le Pain Quotidien restaurants are franchised. Le Pain Quotidien is currently exploring multiple franchises across the U.S.

Economic development staff will be reaching out to these new retailers and restaurants to solicit their interest in establishing a location in Garden Grove.

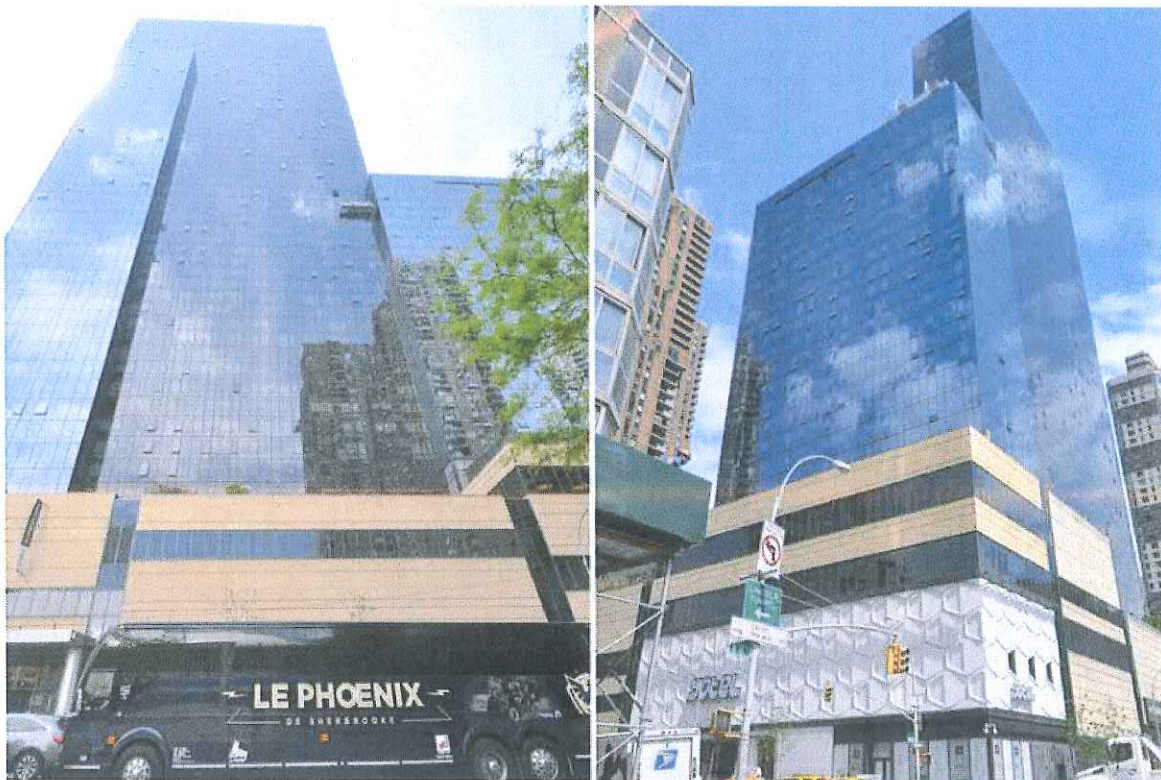
Staff conducted additional meetings in New York:

Investel Development Team - Land & Design (L&D) is the original developer for the development of Site C. L&D had the rights under an approved Resort Agreement to assign a portion of their interest to a financially qualified party. The City Council approved the assignment to Investel in June 2016, a partnership between L&D and SCG America. Going forward, Investel has assembled a high caliber development team led by Matt Reid of L&D alongside world-renowned architects Friedmutter Group, based in Newport Beach, and Archilier Architecture, based in New York. While at ICSC New York, Garden Grove City staff met with Investel and discussed key projects that are planned in the Grove Resort area, and continued to forge relationships with Investel team and held the following meetings and property tours:

- 1. Archilier Architecture** - City Staff meet with Kia Sheng, CEO/Managing Partner at the offices of Archilier. Archilier is a dynamic architectural design firm serving a wide range of clients worldwide. Since 2010, they have assisted clients to realize their vision for hotels & resorts, residential & retail projects, mixed-use developments and large-scale master plans. Archilier designs respect the distinctive cultural, social, and architectural traditions of the communities they

work in while reflecting their clients' unique vision and looking to the future. Archilier is the primary architect for Site C and is partnering with Friedmutter Architects in Los Angeles.

- 2. SCG America/MiMA** - Staff toured the Middle of Manhattan project known as MiMA developed by SCG America. MiMA is a mixed-use building located at 450 West 42nd Street in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan. SCG America broke ground in 2007 and topping out occurred in early August 2010. It was designed by SCG's architecture firm of Arquitectonica, and has 43 floors of luxury rental units on floors 7 to 50, and twelve floors of condominiums on floors 51 to 63 which were purchased and are being leased and sold by SCG America. Prices range from \$1.2 Million for 500 square foot studio unit to upwards of \$6 Million for large ultra-luxury penthouse suites.



- 3. Fulton Square I and II to be renamed SCG Plaza I and II** - Staff toured the mixed-use complex occupying nearly two entire blocks in downtown Flushing. This transformative development by SCG America has elevated and energized the entire Flushing area. The Fulton Square I development is complete with medical office condos, retail and restaurants, and is anchored by Hyatt Place Hotel. Under construction, Fulton Square II will be developed with approximately 1.4 million gross square feet of mixed-use. At project completion, it will comprise of retail space, an underground parking garage for more than 1,100 vehicles, two residential towers, an office tower and a boutique hotel. Construction started in the 3rd quarter of 2015. The project is being constructed

in multiple phases through 2020. The value of this project is \$1.4 Billion.



Discussions with Investel revolved around the Site C development and the Hyatt Regency Orange County expansion into the adjacent Hyatt parking lot, Investel Orange County Headquarters and further advancement of redeveloping their property.

SUMMARY

The City had a productive ICSC NY conference and held meetings with developers and retailers as well as dynamic tours and meetings with Investel and their architects.

LISA KIM
Community Development Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Blodgett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

By: Greg Blodgett
Senior Project Manager

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NEWS ARTICLES

Boosting morale

Community rallies around Muslim students after hate mail.

By **DEEPA BHARATH**
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • When Mohamed El-Askary read a copy of the letter that was sent to his school calling its students “children of Satan,” he wasn’t afraid.

“I was surprised,” said the eighth-grader at Orange Crescent School, affiliated with the Islamic Society of Orange County mosque in Garden Grove. “I know some people don’t like Muslims. But the vulgar language in the letter, the hate ... it surprised me.”

About 275 pupils gathered under overcast skies for a special assembly Dec. 15 to rally the com-

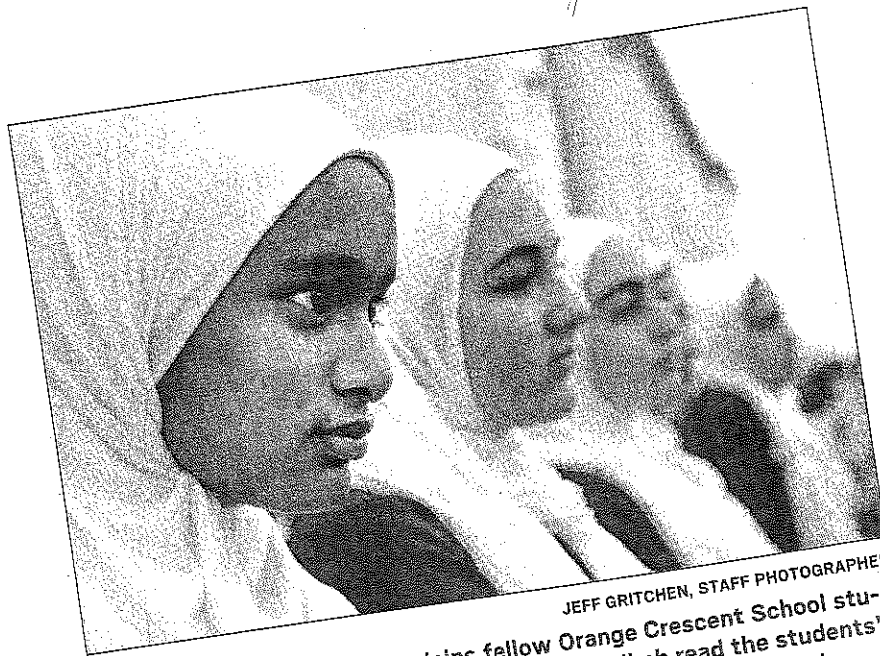
munity together to boost the children’s morale.

The girls, dressed in khaki pants, long burgundy tunics and white headscarves, and the boys, sporting khakis, long-sleeved white shirts, ties and navy blue vests, said the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

During the assembly, the children heard non-Muslim members of the community – rabbis, priests, public officials and police – assure them that they are loved and cherished.

The letter in question was sent to mosques and affiliated schools nationwide, including several in Southern California, around Thanksgiving. It

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JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Seventh-grader Muna Nasser joins fellow Orange Crescent School students as they listen to vice principal Lelia Dakelbab read the students’ collective response to a threatening letter to their Muslim school.

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states that President-elect Donald Trump - who during his campaign proposed making Muslims register and blocking people of the Islamic faith from entering the country - is going to "cleanse America."

"He's going to do to you Muslims what Hitler did to the Jews," the letter said. "You Muslims would be wise to pack your bags and get out of Dodge." The letter is signed "Americans for a Better Way."

The sentence about ethnic cleansing shocked him at first, Mohamed said.

"But I know that would never happen here," he said. "This is a democracy,

and we've already seen how much people care about us."

Over the past month, more than 30 hate incidents and at least six hate crimes have been reported in Orange County, said Rusty Kennedy, executive director of the Orange County Human Relations Commission, who also spoke at the school's assembly.

"We've had reports of hijabs being pulled off women's heads," he said. "We got a report of a Latino janitor being harassed by students chanting 'Build that wall.' It's disturbing."

Principal Maisa Youssef said she had a tough time comforting students soon after the election and most recently after they received the hate mail.

"It's tough to see our kids scared and worried," she said. "They know they are safe. But they did have questions. Are we protected? Are we loved? Are we welcome here?"

Vice Principal Leila Dinkelbab read a compilation of writings from students about how they felt when they read the letter.

"We like mac and cheese," she said. "We like to skate and ride bikes. We like to go to the movies. But most of all we like our freedom. ... We're not the children of Satan. We're the children of Adam."

The letter ended with an invitation to Trump to visit their school so he could learn about them and work with them "to make America truly greater."

Gina Gore, associate priest at St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Church in Huntington Beach, brought cards that students at the church's school made in support of the Muslim students.

"Our students want to let you all know that you're welcome and wanted here," she said.

When we fight for the rights of others, we fight for our own rights, said Rabbi Peter Levi, regional director for the Anti-Defa-

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mation League.

"We're all part of one, big extended family," he said.

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones praised the school for "taking something as horrific as this and turning it into a teachable moment."

Eighth-grader Danny Nachawati said he was touched by the speakers' statements, particularly what Levi said about the students not being the future but the present.

"Today's program showed me that all these people care about us," he said. "We are the present. What we say and do now will change the future."

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GARDEN GROVE

Street closures: Several streets in Garden Grove will be closed the morning of Jan. 15 for the Star Wars Half Marathon. Harbor and Garden Grove boulevards, Chapman and Lampson avenues, and Euclid Street are among the roadways that will be closed. The closure time varies by street, but they will all be reopen by 10 a.m.

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JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Isa Siddiqi helps raise a U.S. flag at Orange Crescent School, which received a letter threatening Muslims.

Temporary road closures in Garden Grove and Anaheim for Disney Run

Star Wars Marathon is 13.1 mile event

The 2017 Star Wars Half Marathon takes place on Sunday, January 15, 2017, rain or shine. Thousands of runners, joggers, and walkers are expected to participate in the 13.1-mile event, which encompasses various streets in Anaheim and Garden Grove. Streets affected will experience temporary road closures between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Please note the following estimated road closures in Garden Grove. Commuters are encouraged to plan accordingly.

Harbor Boulevard (5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.): restricted access between Katella and Chapman Avenues.

Chapman Avenue (5:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.): closed eastbound between Euclid Street and Harbor Boulevard. Westbound lanes will be open.

Euclid Street (5:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.): closed between Chapman Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.

At the intersection of Lampson Avenue and Euclid Street, from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., there will be a soft closure, which will allow

cars to cross the street when opportunities present themselves.

Main Street (5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.): restricted access between College Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.

Acacia Parkway (5:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.): closed between Grove Avenue and Euclid Street.

Temporary Road Closures for Star Wars Half Marathon
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Stanford Avenue (5:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed eastbound between 9th and Euclid Streets. Westbound lanes will be open.

9th Street (5:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed between Stanford Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.

Garden Grove Boulevard (5:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.): closed westbound between 9th Street and Harbor Boulevard. Eastbound lanes will be open. Additionally, westbound Garden Grove Boulevard will have restricted access between Euclid Street and Century Boulevard.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be onsite during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alter-

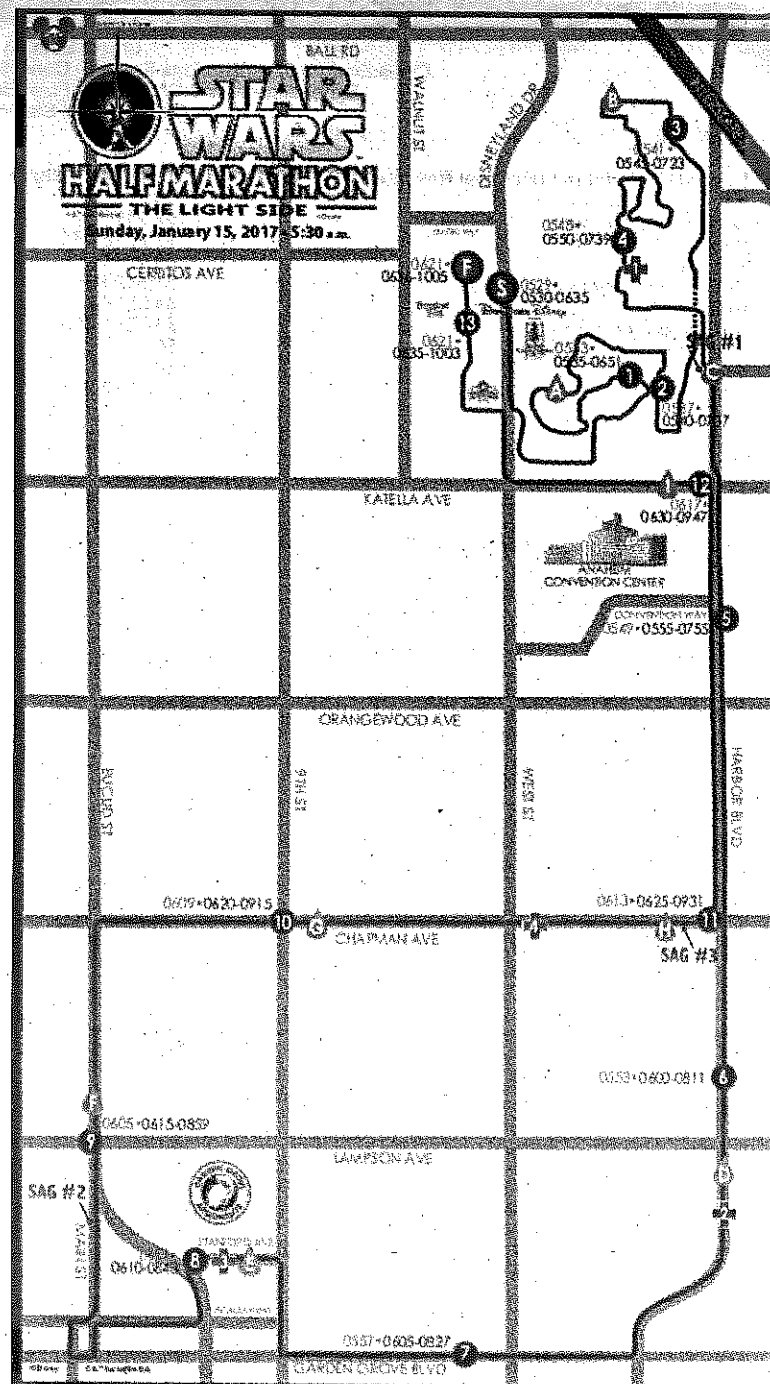
nate routes. Residents and businesses in the affected areas have received prior notice.

Spectators dressed in cosplay and street performers will be cheering the runners on in several specified locations. Approximate locations are: corner of Harbor Boulevard and Chapman Avenue; Chapman Avenue and 9th Street; Euclid Street and Lampson Avenue; Euclid Street and Stanford Avenue; and Garden Grove Boulevard and West Street. The community is invited to cheer on the runners as they travel down Garden Grove's main thoroughfares.

The Star Wars Half Marathon runs in conjunction with Disneyland Resort's 3rd annual Star Wars Half Marathon – The Light Side, hosted by runDisney.

For more information on the Star Wars Half Marathon – The Light Side, visit <http://www.rundisney.com/star-wars-half-marathon/>.

For more information on Garden Grove street closures, contact the Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit at (714) 741-5898.



Courtesy graphic
Map of the marathon route and road closures

Community Calendar

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out Chamber holds Friday meetings The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support

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

Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at Christ Cathedral, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

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

Eco-friendly storytime

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

GG Kiwanis to meet

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

Cartoonist lessons offered

Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for

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previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

Rotary Club to meet

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

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2876

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden Grove City Council will hold a Public Hearing at their meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, to consider the adoption of a Resolution establishing and amending fees charged for Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Non-Resident First Responder service fees. The proposed action includes the increase of Fire Department paramedic level service fees listed in the City's Master Fee Schedule. The proposed fee changes and the data indicating the amount of cost or estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee is levied will be made available to the public for review ten (10) days prior to the Public Hearing during normal business hours in the City Clerk's Office, on the second floor of City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California.

If you challenge the decision of the City Council in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Written comments can be mailed to the City of Garden Grove, Attn: City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92842-3070, or faxed to (714) 741-5205, or personally delivered to the City Clerk's Office at the address noted above. If you have any questions regarding this Notice or the proposed action, or would like more detailed information, please call the Garden Grove Fire Chief, Tom Schultz, at (714) 741-5618.

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., JANUARY 12, 2017

SITE PLAN NO. SP-032-2016

A request for Site Plan Approval to construct a new approximately 3,000 square foot one-story building, for the operation of a retail meat market, on a vacant 13,259 square foot lot, located at 10691 Westminster Avenue (APN: 099-504-44), along with associated improvements, which include a parking lot and landscaping. The site is in the C 1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on January 12, 2017. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

DATE: December 19, 2016
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING PRIMARY CODES WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, DELETIONS, AND ADDITIONS THERETO: CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, 2016 EDITION; CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2016 EDITION; CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2016 EDITION; CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, 2016 EDITION; CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, 2016 EDITION; CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, 2016 EDITION; CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE, 2016 EDITION; CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, 2016 EDITION; CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, 2016 EDITION; CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, 2016 EDITION; AND CERTAIN SECONDARY CODES INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2015 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL; AND THE UNIFORM SWIMMING POOL, SPA, AND HOT TUB CODE, 2015 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL OFFICIALS

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City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance adopts and amends the 2016 Editions of the California Building, Residential, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Energy, Historical Building, Fire, Existing Building and Green Building Codes, adopted by the State of California. This Ordinance adopts the 2015 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code. This Ordinance adopts the 2015 Edition of the Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Code.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 13th day of December 2016.

ATTEST: /s/ STEVEN R. JONES
MAYOR
/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC
DEPUTY 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 Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on November 22, 2016, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (3)
BEARD, BUI, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (2)
JONES, PHAN

and was passed on December 13, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (7)
BEARD, O'NEILL, NGUYEN T. BUI,
KLOPFENSTEIN,
NGUYEN K., JONES
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
NONE

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK
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ORDINANCE NO. 2877

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES FEES AND CITYWIDE PARK FEES, INCLUDING REVISIONS TO TITLES 9 AND 10 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.44 TO CODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKLAND DEDICATION AND FEES FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 10.110 TO PROVIDE FOR UPDATES TO TRAFFIC MITIGATION FEES PURSUANT TO DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE STUDIES

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance enacts regulations for the payment of drainage facilities fees and citywide park fees for new development projects. The park fees are only applicable to new residential projects. The Ordinance further codifies more specific requirements for the dedication of parkland and/or the payment of an in-lieu fee applicable to new residential subdivisions and adds a provision to the traffic impact mitigation fee regulations allowing the fee to be adjusted pursuant to development impact fee studies. The ordinance does not set the amount of each fee. The regulations being codified by this Ordinance require that the City Council set the amount of the fees by Resolution.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the ___ day of _____.

ATTEST:
MAYOR

CITY CLERK

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

I, TERESA POMEROY, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on December 13, 2016, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (7)
BEARD, O'NEILL, NGUYEN T., BUI,
KLOPFENSTEIN, NGUYEN K.,

JONES
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

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Garden Grove police report

The City of Garden Grove Police Department has released the following information this week regarding significant police activity and events.

The Garden Grove Police Department was dispatched to a traffic accident that occurred on Haster Street just south of Lampson Avenue. The calling party reported that there had been an injury traffic accident involving a vehicle and a pedestrian.

GGPD officers and members of the Garden Grove Fire Department arrived at the accident scene and found the collision had occurred in the #2 lane of northbound Haster Street just south of Lampson Avenue. The investigation found that a female pedestrian was crossing eastbound across Haster Street

in an area not marked as a crosswalk. The female was struck by a white Honda Accord, driven by a male. The female suffered what appeared to be life threatening injuries and was provided medical aid by the Garden Grove Fire Department prior to being taken to UCI Medical Center for treatment. The female was pronounced dead while at the hospital.

The driver of the Honda Accord remained at the scene and cooperated with traffic investigators. It does not appear at this time that alcohol or drugs were involved with the driver. The investigation is ongoing.

Any witnesses to this accident are asked to please contact the GGPD Neighborhood Traffic Unit 714-741-5823.

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Muslim students in Garden Grove respond to hate mail



Students at Orange Crescent School assemble to present a response to hate mail sent to area mosques by an anonymous individual. (David McNew / For The Times)



By Anh Do

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In their pressed uniforms, the students squirmed as their principal addressed the letter that landed in the mailbox of Orange Crescent School one late November day.

“Dear children of Satan,” it read, speaking to Muslim boys and girls whose campus is located on the grounds of the Islamic Society of Orange County in Garden Grove. Rather than deal with it privately, school officials decided to share the letter with the students, presenting the kids on Thursday, Principal Maisa Youssef said, to let people “see what an American Muslim child looks like.”



“There’s nothing different about our school,” she added. “We’re like every other school in America.”

Leila Dakelbab, vice principal of the school that serves children from preschool to eighth grade, called members of the student government to join her at the podium.

She spoke of the 230 letters the children wrote in response to the hate mail and sent to the administration. She said the students enjoy the same things that any other American children do and are “proud to live in the best country in the world and practice our religion.”

“People are enemies of those who they do not know,” said Muzammil Siddiqi, director of the Islamic Society of Orange County, whose grandson attends the school. He called its environment as a “community of peace,” adding that “we are totally against violence.”

The Orange County Human Relations Commission has documented a total of 33 hate-related incidents and six hate crimes since the November election, according to Rusty Kennedy, the group’s executive director.

The election capped off one of the most racially polarizing presidential races in memory, with President-elect Donald Trump vowing to restrict Muslim immigration, suggesting the creation of a Muslim registry and asserting that Islam “hates” Americans.

The Rev. Gina Gore of St. Wilfrid of York brought cards of peace created by members of the youth group at her Huntington Beach church who wanted to show the students at Orange Crescent “that we stand by you.”

“I pray for the people who wrote this — that their hearts soften,” said Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

Rabbi Peter Levi, regional director for the Anti-Defamation League in Orange County and Long Beach, said that “when we fight for the right of others, we fight for ourselves.”

Rep.-elect Lou Correa (D-Santa Ana), told the students about a time he received hate mail from a citizen who disagreed with one of his legislative votes.

“Let’s put evil, hate and fear aside,” Correa urged the crowd. “Let’s all unite and show the world what America’s all about.”

Steve Jones, the mayor-elect of Garden Grove, commended the school for taking “something hurtful and turning it into a teachable moment.”

“I didn’t think anybody could write anything that hateful to anyone else,” said Danny Nachawati, 12, an eighth-grader at Orange Crescent.

Nachawati said he wasn’t caught off guard by the school lesson. “We are taught to respect everyone,” he said. “And we do.”

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GARDEN GROVE

School board: The Garden Grove Unified School District this week swore in newly elected trustees Walter Muneton and Dina Nguyen, a former Garden Grove councilwoman. Trustee Teri Rocco, who was re-elected in November, was also sworn in. Trustee Lan Nguyen was named board president.

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

GARDEN GROVE

Outstanding teacher: Sheri Zorratti, a teacher at Santiago High School, was recently named Outstanding Teacher of America by the Carlston Family Foundation. The Garden Grove Unified School District board recognized her at its meeting last week.

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GARDEN GROVE

Raffle winner: The winner of the Buy in Garden Grove holiday cash giveaway is ticket number 167451. The ticket holder has 30 days from Monday to collect the \$500 at the Chamber of Commerce, 12866 Main St. The Buy in Garden Grove contest ran from the day after Thanksgiving to Friday; the raffle winner was announced Monday.

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Dec. 16, 2016

City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1209

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to: Furnish all Materials, Equipment, Tools and Labor for the Remodel of an Existing Metal Building for Animal Control Services per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at the Garden Grove Municipal Service Center, Training Room, located at 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, CA. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: December 16, 2016

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

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Driver arrested after crashing into exit sign

She escaped car before it burst into flames.

By LAUREN WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

A driver narrowly escaped a car bursting into flames after she crashed into a freeway exit sign early Saturday morning.

The wreck happened at 1:41 a.m. on the 22 west of Springdale Street when the car crashed into a highway exit sign, said a California Highway Patrol dispatcher.

Footage shows flames engulfing the car and smoke billowing from the

wreck as firefighters douse the flames with water and a retardant. The recording shows the car's engine was pushed into the cabin of the vehicle.

Freelance photographer Chad Hocter said good Samaritans were credited at the scene with pulling the woman to safety.

The woman, whose name was not released, was taken to UC Irvine Medical Center and later arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

She was treated for significant injuries, said Garden Grove Fire Department Capt. Thanh Nguyen.



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Contact:
Mark Ladney (714) 741-5372
Public Works Department

Monday, December 26, 2016

CITY REMINDS RESIDENTS OF NEW GARDEN GROVE ANIMAL CARE SERVICES STARTING JANUARY 1

The City of Garden Grove reminds residents of its new Garden Grove Animal Care Services program, starting January 1, 2017. The program replaces services provided by Orange County Animal Care.

Garden Grove's newest program involves a partnership between the City and the Orange County Humane Society. All animal field services and dog licensing will be provided by Garden Grove Animal Care Services. Animal shelter services will be provided by the Orange County Humane Society.

For 2017, the City will honor all animal registration fees paid to OC Animal Care in 2016. All licenses for pets will need to be renewed online, by mail, or in person through PetData.com.

The program will save the City about \$9 million over 10 years.

To contact Garden Grove Animal Care Services call (714) 741-5565 or send an email to animalcare@garden-grove.org.

Information on the new program is also available in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean at www.garden-grove.org/animalcare.

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CONTACT:
Ana Pulido (714) 741-5280
Supervisor, Office of Community Relations

Thursday, December 22, 2016

CITY CELEBRATES SEASON OF GIVING

The City and community of Garden Grove has been busy this holiday season, spreading good tidings and cheer with special outreach programs and services.

The annual Adopt-A-Family program, hosted by the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, aided 250 Garden Grove families in need. Through donated items, including food, clothing, toys, and gift certificates, approximately 1,000 children will benefit from Adopt-A-Family. The success of the program is a combined effort from City employees, local businesses, and community members. If you are interested in donating items, please contact the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center at (714) 530-7617.

Carrying on the spirit of giving, the Garden Grove Fire Department has partnered with ABC7 for the annual Spark of Love Toy Drive. The month-long campaign, which began last month, benefits low-income Garden Grove families through the donation of new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment.

The Garden Grove Fire Department is accepting donations until Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2016. Members of the community are encouraged to participate in the campaign by donating to any of the seven Garden Grove fire stations.

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City Celebrates Season of Giving
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Other community outreach activities include a food drive from the Garden Grove Police Department's Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP) and Pacifica High School's annual Adopt-A-Child.

On Wednesday, November 16, 2016, GRIP hosted a youth violence prevention program where Garden Grove Police Officers handed out turkeys to the families of underprivileged students from Wakeham Elementary, Lawrence Elementary, and Alamitos Intermediate schools. GRIP's mission is to help families in need during the holidays, while providing a positive impact on the youth in the community.

On Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Pacifica High School celebrated their annual Adopt-A-Child event where more than 300 preschool and kindergarten students from the Garden Grove Unified School District enjoyed a morning of holiday fun. The high school's gymnasium was transformed into Santa's Village, filled with activities like arts and crafts, cookie decorating, and photographs with Santa Claus. At the end of the event, each "adopted" child received a special gift from their high school "parent."

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Public Works Department

Friday, December 16, 2016

**CITY HALL CLOSED, NO STREET SWEEPING
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY**

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed from Friday, December 23, 2016 through Monday, January 2, 2017. Street sweeping services and trash pick-up will not be provided on December 25 and January 1. Streets will be swept and trash will be collected as scheduled on all other days.

Republic Services will provide free pick up of holiday trees during the two-week period following Christmas Day, beginning Monday, December 26 through Saturday, January 7. Trees must be out by 7:00 a.m. on regular trash collection days. Flocked trees are not recyclable and are not eligible for the free collection, but may be disposed of in the regular trash container or by scheduling a bulky item pickup.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375. For questions about holiday tree pickups, call Republic Services at (800) 299-4898 or visit <http://www.republicservices.com/>.

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CONTACT:

Sgt. Patrick Gildea (714) 741-5898
Garden Grove Police Department

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Friday, December 16, 2016

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR STAR WARS HALF MARATHON

The 2017 Star Wars Half Marathon takes place on Sunday, January 15, 2017, rain or shine. Thousands of runners, joggers, and walkers are expected to participate in the 13.1-mile event, which encompasses various streets in Anaheim and Garden Grove. Streets affected will experience temporary road closures between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Please note the following estimated road closures in Garden Grove. Commuters are encouraged to plan accordingly.

- Harbor Boulevard (5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.): restricted access between Katella and Chapman Avenues.
- Chapman Avenue (5:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.): closed eastbound between Euclid Street and Harbor Boulevard. Westbound lanes will be open.
- Euclid Street (5:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.): closed between Chapman Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.
- At the intersection of Lampson Avenue and Euclid Street, from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., there will be a soft closure, which will allow cars to cross the street when opportunities present themselves.
- Main Street (5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.): restricted access between College Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.
- Acacia Parkway (5:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.): closed between Grove Avenue and Euclid Street.

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- Stanford Avenue (5:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed eastbound between 9th and Euclid Streets. Westbound lanes will be open.
- 9th Street (5:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed between Stanford Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.
- Garden Grove Boulevard (5:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.): closed westbound between 9th Street and Harbor Boulevard. Eastbound lanes will be open. Additionally, westbound Garden Grove Boulevard will have restricted access between Euclid Street and Century Boulevard.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be onsite during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes. Residents and businesses in the affected areas have received prior notice.

Spectators dressed in cosplay and street performers will be cheering the runners on in several specified locations. Approximate locations are: corner of Harbor Boulevard and Chapman Avenue; Chapman Avenue and 9th Street; Euclid Street and Lampson Avenue; Euclid Street and Stanford Avenue; and Garden Grove Boulevard and West Street. The community is invited to cheer on the runners as they travel down Garden Grove's main thoroughfares.

The Star Wars Half Marathon runs in conjunction with Disneyland Resort's 3rd annual Star Wars Half Marathon – The Light Side, hosted by runDisney.

For more information on the Star Wars Half Marathon – The Light Side, visit <http://www.rundisney.com/star-wars-half-marathon/>.

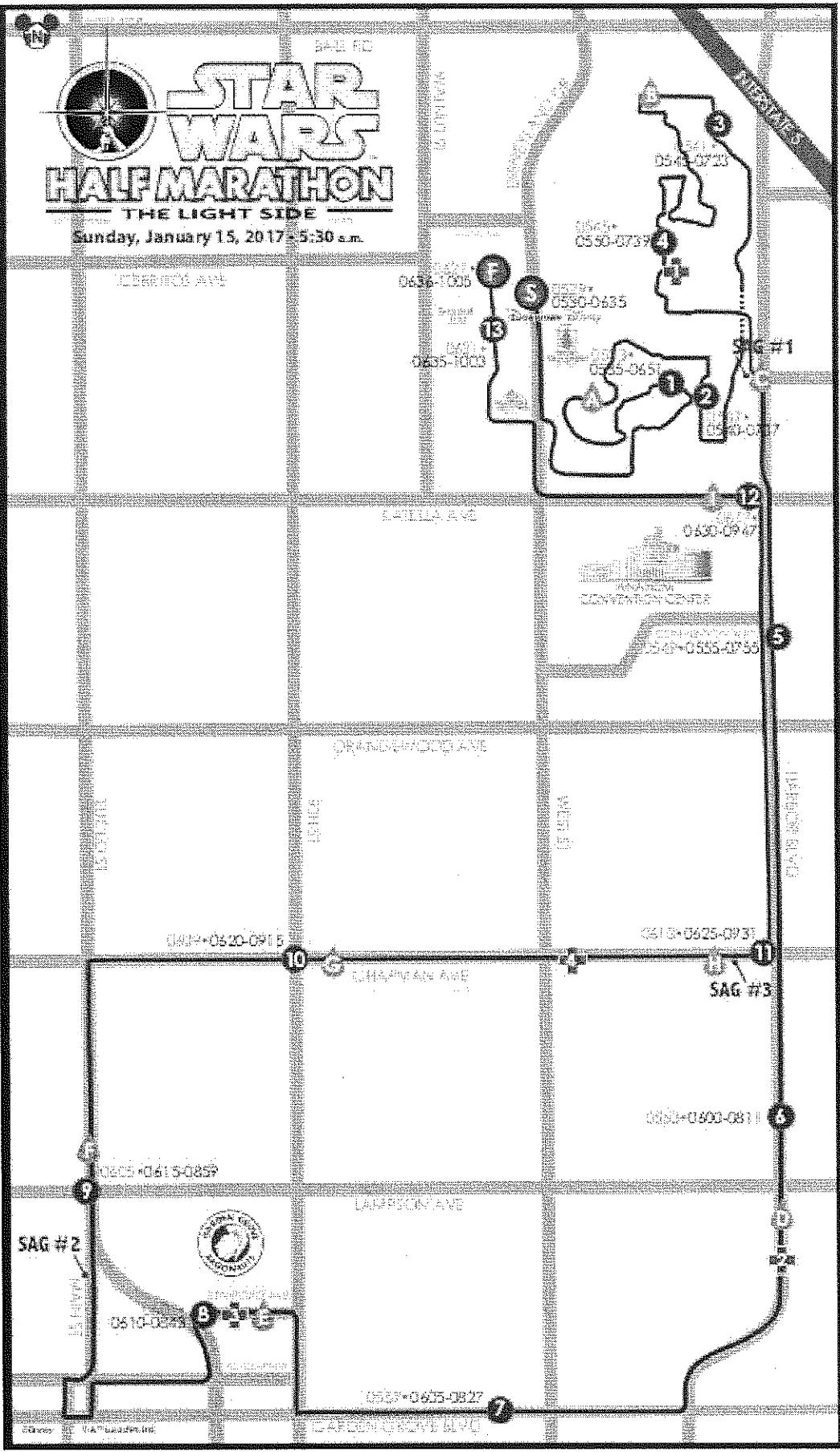
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STAR WARS HALF MARATHON

THE LIGHT SIDE

Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:30 a.m.





THÔNG TIN

Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

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

Liên lạc: Mark Ladney, (714) 741-5382
Ban Công Tác Cộng Đồng

Thứ Ba, 20/12/2016

THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE THÔNG BÁO LỊCH NGHỈ LỄ CUỐI NĂM

Vào những ngày lễ cuối năm, Tòa thị chánh Thành phố Garden Grove (City Hall) và trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center sẽ bắt đầu đóng cửa từ ngày Thứ Sáu, 23 tháng 12, 2016 cho đến ngày Thứ Hai, 2 tháng Giêng, 2017. Công việc sẽ trở lại bình thường vào ngày Thứ Ba, 3 tháng Giêng, 2017.

Trong khoảng thời gian hai tuần sau ngày Giáng sinh, bắt đầu từ Thứ Hai, 26 tháng 12 cho tới Thứ Bảy, 7 tháng Giêng, sẽ có lịch để vớt bỏ cây thông miễn phí. Cây phải được bỏ ra ngoài lúc 7:00 giờ sáng trong ngày thu rác. Các cây thông giả (flocked trees) có thể được hủy bỏ trong thùng rác thông thường hoặc bằng cách hẹn người đến thu nhận (bulky item pickup.)

Để biết thêm chi tiết, liên lạc về Ban Công Tác Cộng Cộng tại số điện thoại (714) 741-5375. Để biết thêm thông tin vớt bỏ cây thông miễn phí sau lễ Noel, xin gọi Republic Services tại (800) 299-4898 hoặc tại website <http://www.republicservices.com/>.

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Garden Grove Thông Báo Lịch Nghỉ Lễ Cuối Năm

21/12/2016 00:00:00



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Garden Grove City Hall

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In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, #GardenGrove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed from tomorrow, December 23 through Monday, January 2.

Street sweeping services and trash pick-up are scheduled to take place on all days except for December 25 and January 1. Trash collection that falls on these days will be delayed by one day. Street sweeping that falls on these days are not rescheduled and are skipped until the next regular sweep day. For more information, click on the link below. Garden Grove Public Works Department

City Hall Closed, No Street Sweeping Christmas and New Year's Day | City of Garden Grove

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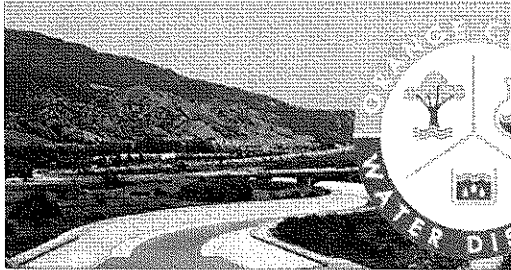


Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Misay M. Hernandez PH | 30 mins

President Barack Obama recently authorized legislation that will help California drought relief, provide aid to address lead contaminated drinking water, and will provide over \$10 billion in flood control, navigation, beach re-nourishment, and environmental restoration projects.

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43 Like **11** On Post **32** On Shares

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7 Comments **1** On Post **6** On Shares

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Garden Grove City Hall
Published by Emily R Mendez 17h · 15 hrs · 🌐

Kudos to Garden Grove Unified School District's Pacifica High School!
Their students gave away around 370 toys to kindergarten and transitional kindergarten students from five elementary schools in Garden Grove!
#GardenGrove



Pacifica High seniors give away toys to 370 Garden Grove students

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, seniors at Pacifica High School helped spread some holiday cheer by giving away toys to about 370 kindergarten and transitional...

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3,770 People Reached

195 Reactions, Comments & Shares

150 Like **88** On Post **62** On Shares

23 Love **12** On Post **11** On Shares

13 Comments **5** On Post **8** On Shares

9 Shares **1** On Post **8** On Shares

238 Post Clicks

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Garden Grove City Hall shared Garden Grove Fire Department's post.

Published by Ashley M Mendoza (P) · December 19 at 11:58am · 🌐

There is still time to donate unused, unwrapped toys or sporting equipment to any of the seven Garden Grove Fire Department stations until Christmas Eve!

#GardenGrove #SparkofLove ABC7

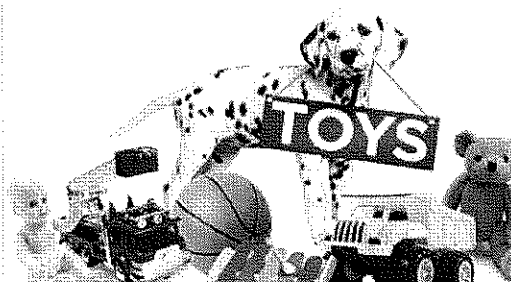


Garden Grove Fire Department · December 19 at 8:48pm · 🌐

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Hi folks, the #SparkofLove toy drive is still going on through #ChristmasEve. If you want to donate, you can bring an unused, unwrapped toy or sporting equipment...

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Spark of Love Toy Drive | City of Garden Grove

November 21, 2016 GARDEN GROVE FIRE COLLECTING TOYS FOR THE SPARK OF LOVE The Garden Grove Fire Department along with other fire agencies from throughout Orange County is participating in the annual...

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557 people reached

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557 People Reached

2 Likes, Comments & Shares

1 Likes · 1 On Post · 0 On Shares

1 Comments · 1 On Post · 0 On Shares

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16 Post Clicks

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Garden Grove City Hall shared a link.

Published by Marie Liza Moran (P) · December 19 at 6:59pm · 🌐



Garden Grove's Winter Wonderland

2016 Winterfest in Garden Grove is a world of wonder for the young and young-at-heart. Santa, snow slides and holiday treats go together for the perfect fami...

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1,138 People Reached

12 Likes, Comments & Shares

12 Likes · 11 On Post · 1 On Shares

0 Comments · 0 On Post · 0 On Shares

0 Shares · 0 On Post · 0 On Shares

69 Post Clicks

0 Photo Views · 61 Link Clicks · 8 Other Clicks

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Carol Garvin Hople, David M Reader and 9 others



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Garden Grove City Hall
Published by Garden Grove Reporter 15 December 19 at 3:04pm

CONGRATULATIONS to Maria Luisa M. Mendoza for being this year's Buy in Garden Grove Black Friday Goes "BIGG" winner! She will be taking home the grand prize of \$500.

Thank you to all of those who shopped in Garden Grove during the City's end-of-year shop local campaign. We hope to see you all again next year!

Pictured below is the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce President Cindy Spindle, and the 2016 Buy in Garden Grove Black Friday Goes "BIGG" winner Maria Luisa M. Mendoza... See More



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1,977 people reached

Boost Post

Maria Luisa M. Mendoza and 21 others · 1 Comment · 1 Share

1,977 People Reached

29 Likes, Comments & Shares

24 Likes · 22 On Post · 2 On Shares

1 Like · 1 On Post · 0 On Shares

1 Comments · 1 On Post · 0 On Shares

3 Shares · 1 On Post · 2 On Shares

78 Post Clicks

26 Photo Views · 0 Link Clicks · 52 Other Clicks

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Garden Grove City Hall
Published by Missy K. Hernandez 19 December 18 at 8:38am

Check out Orange County Register's 100 Most Influential People! Included in the list are some #GardenGrove notables. They will feature the rest until December 27th!



The Register's 100 Most Influential People in Orange County during 2016

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1,615 people reached

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Susan Maxwell Carter, Arnold Pae and 1 others · 2 Comments

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1,615 People Reached

12 Likes, Comments & Shares

6 Likes · 5 On Post · 1 On Shares

3 Comments · 2 On Post · 1 On Shares

3 Shares · 0 On Post · 3 On Shares

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Garden Grove City Hall shared a link.
Published by **Kane Liza Moran** (PI) · December 19 at 10:52am · 🌐



Happy Holidays From Garden Grove 2016

On behalf of Garden Grove City Council, staff and volunteers, City Manager Scott Stiles wishes everyone Happy Holidays!

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450 people reached

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👤 Esteban Rodriguez



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450 People Reached

1 Likes, Comments & Shares

1 Likes **1** On Post **0** On Shares

0 Comments **0** On Post **0** On Shares

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Garden Grove City Hall updated their cover photo.
Published by **Garden Grove Photo** (PI) · December 19 at 10:08am · 🌐

Photo of #GardenGrove's Christmas tree under the iconic Clock Tower at Village Green Park. The photo was taken with a drone by 14-year old Bijan Yaghoubi.



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4,775 people reached

Boost Post

👍👍👍 218

7 Comments 17 Shares

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4,775 People Reached

301 Reactions, Comments & Shares

248 Likes **196** On Post **52** On Shares

25 Love **20** On Post **5** On Shares

1 Haha **1** On Post **0** On Shares

1 Wow **1** On Post **0** On Shares

11 Comments **8** On Post **3** On Shares

17 Shares **17** On Post **0** On Shares

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60 Garden Grove City Hall shared Garden Grove Public Works Department's photo.
Published by Garden Grove PhotoPedia 171 · December 16 at 4:24pm · @

For more information about Garden Grove Animal Care, visit <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/animalcare>. Don't forget to check out the Animal Care video produced by our award winning Garden Grove TV & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmCDP65DpAA>. #GardenGrove



Garden Grove Public Works Department
December 16 at 4:24pm · @

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Hello Garden Grove! Starting January 1, 2017 the City of Garden Grove is launching its new Animal Care Services program. Follow our Instagram account @gghimal.

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1,212 People Reached

16 Reactions, Comments & Shares

15 Likes · 15 On Post · 0 On Shares

1 Love · 1 On Post · 0 On Shares

1 Comment · 1 On Post · 0 On Shares

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60 Garden Grove City Hall shared a link.
Published by Jeff Davis 171 · December 16 at 3:00pm · @



Animal Care In Garden Grove

In this Around Town Message, City Manager Scott Stiles explains about the transition of animal care to the City. As of January 1, 2017, Garden Grove's Animal...

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489 people reached

Boost Post

Teo Rev and Esteban Rodriguez

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489 People Reached

2 Likes, Comments & Shares

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0 Comments · 0 On Post · 0 On Shares

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16 Post Clicks

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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Rose N Mendez on December 15 at 2:25pm

Congratulations to Garden Grove Unified School District teacher, Sherri Zoratti. She was named Outstanding Teacher of America by the Carlston Family Foundation.

Zoratti was nominated by more than a dozen former students who wrote heartwarming letters about how Sherri's support and belief in them turned their lives around. She teaches at Santiago High School. #GardenGrove http://www.ggusd.us/apps/news/article/650543



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3,726 people reached

Boost Post

Genevieve De, Whelan Ts and 27 others

1 Share

Like Comment Share

3,726 People Reached

33 Reactions, Comments & Shares

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| 2 Love | 1 On Post | 1 On Shares |
| 0 Comments | 0 On Post | 0 On Shares |
| 3 Shares | 1 On Post | 2 On Shares |

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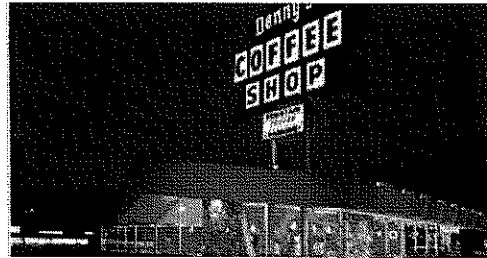
Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Missy M Mendoza on December 15 at 11:43am

Did you know that Harold Butler opened up his second Denny's, formerly known as Danny's, in Garden Grove during the mid-1960's?

Check out the link below for the full story!

#GardenGrove #FBF #FlashbackFriday



A Grand Slam: Denny's SoCal Success Story

As a hungover college student, vacation-goer, or long-haul trucker, who among us hasn't eaten at Denny's? But many people don't realize that Denny's was founded right here in Southern California, by a man whose dreams changed the food...

PHOTOGRAPH

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Joseph Luis Penabaz, Ryan Husted and 7 others

1 Comment

Like Comment Share

1,253 People Reached

22 Reactions, Comments & Shares

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| 1 Comments | 1 On Post | 0 On Shares |
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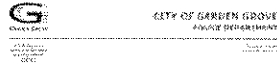
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Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove, Riverside, CA · December 10 at 6:42pm · 48

Garden Grove Police Department is looking for witnesses to a fatal traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian. The collision took place today, December 15, 2015, at 7:09 p.m., on Haster Street and Lampson Avenue. Any witnesses to this accident are asked to please contact the GGD Neighborhood Traffic Unit at (714) 741-5823. #GardenGrove



PRESS RELEASE

DATE: December 15, 2015
TITLE: Fatal Traffic Collision
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Haster Street & Lampson Avenue
DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 12/15/15 @ 7:09 PM
VICTIM: Female pedestrian
SUSPECTS: N/A
The Garden Grove Police Department was dispatched by a radio scanner that...

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4,496 people reached

Boost Post

5 Likes 3 Comments 24 Shares

Most Liked



Garden Grove City Hall

Published by Garden Grove, Riverside, CA · December 15 at 4:30pm · 12

Good evening, #GardenGrove!
This is just a friendly reminder that tonight is the last night to collect receipts for the City's end-of-year campaign, Black Friday Goes BIGGI! So, if you're planning to go out for dinner tonight, get gas, grocery shopping, or holiday shopping, don't forget to Buy in #GardenGrove! Every \$50 spent here will get you one raffle ticket towards a \$500 drawing. If you shop at one of the Buy in Garden Grove businesses or Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce... See More



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2,912 people reached

Boost Post

Richard Lovando, Gary Sund and 6 others 1 Comment

4,496 People Reached

48 Reactions, Comments & Shares

Table showing engagement metrics: 5 Likes, 1 On Post, 4 On Story, 1 Love, 0 On Post, 1 On Share, 2 Wow, 0 On Post, 2 On Share, 10 No Reaction, 4 On Post, 6 On Share, 5 Comments, 3 On Post, 2 On Story, 25 Shares, 24 On Post, 1 On Share.

480 Post Views

217 Photo Views 1 Like Video 262 Other Media

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2,912 People Reached

12 Likes, Comments & Shares

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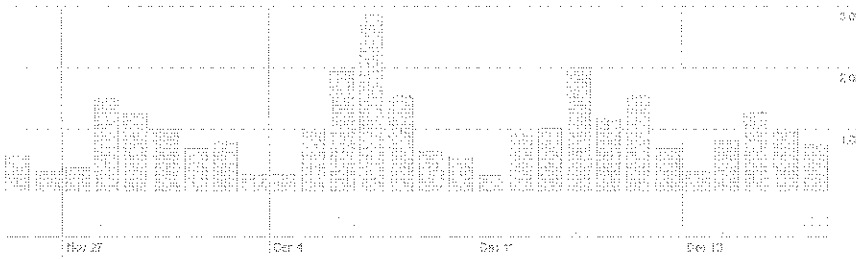
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YOUR TWEETS
During this 28 day period, you earned **382 impressions** per day.

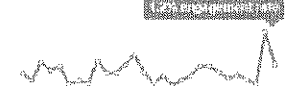
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| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · 21m
In observance of the holidays, #GG City Hall will be closed from tomorrow, 12/23-Monday, 1/2. ow.ly/VL85267cVj
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| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · 43m
President Barack Obama recently authorized legislation that will help California drought relief. #GG ow.ly/A37Fj307nyg4
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| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · 1h
Today's weather will reach a high of 64°F & a low of 54°F. Enjoy the rain. #GardenGrove!
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| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · 19h
Kudos to @GGUSD's Pacifica High School students! #GG ow.ly/724qs307m0j | 135 | 4 | 3.0% |
| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Dec 21
Halfway to Friday! Today's weather will reach a high of 71°F & a low of 55°F. #GardenGrove
pic.twitter.com/H0ad9bPCNp
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| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Dec 22
You still have until Christmas Eve to donate unused, unwrapped toys or sporting equipment to any of the 7 @GardenGroveFire stations! #GG twitter.com/GardenGroveFire .
View Tweet on Twitter | 458 | 7 | 1.5% |
| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Dec 22
Today's weather will reach a high of 76°F & a low of 50°F. #GardenGrove
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| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Dec 22
Have a great Monday, #GardenGrove! Today's weather will reach a high of 71°F & a low of 43°F.
View Tweet on Twitter | 320 | 3 | 0.9% |
| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Dec 22
Animal care in #GardenGrove. youtube.com/watch?v=RmCDPC...
View Tweet on Twitter | 248 | 1 | 0.4% |
| City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Dec 22
Congrats @GGUSD teacher, Sherri Zoratti! She was named Outstanding Teacher of America by Cadston Fam. Foundation. #GG ow.ly/VL85267cVj
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Engagements

Showing 28 days with daily frequency

Engagement rate
0.3%



Link clicks
54



On average, you earned 2 link clicks per day

Retweets
33



On average, you earned 1 Retweets per day

Likes
70



On average, you earned 3 likes per day

Replies
7



On average, you earned 0 replies per day

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

December 22, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation for the January 5, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.
3. Notification of Southern California Edison Company's Request to Increase Rates for Costs Related to the Wheeler North Reef Expansion Marine Mitigation Project (Application Filing No. A. 16-12-002).
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated December 16, December 20, and December 21, 2016.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 22, 2016 – January 11, 2017

| | | | |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|--|
| | December 22 -
December 24 | | Spark of Love Toy Drive
Drop off Locations: Garden Grove Fire Stations
and City Hall (City Hall closed Dec. 23-24) |
| Thursday | December 22 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoning Administrator Meeting
City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
CANCELLED |
| | December 23-
December 30 | | City Hall Closed – Holiday Season |
| Tuesday | December 27 | 6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. | Housing Authority Meeting, CMC A Room
Sanitary District Meeting, CMC A Room
Successor Agency Meeting, CMC A Room
City Council Meeting, CMC A Room
CANCELLED (ALL) |
| Wednesday | December 28 | 2:00 p.m. | Oversight Board Meeting, CMC Constitution Room
CANCELLED |
| Thursday | December 29 | 10:00 a.m.-
Noon | H. Louis Lake Senior Center's New Year's Eve Party
Senior Center Dining Room |
| Monday | January 2 | | City Hall Closed |
| Tuesday | January 3 | 6:00 p.m. | Traffic Commission Meeting
CMC Constitution Room
CANCELLED |
| Thursday | January 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, CMC B Room
CANCELLED |
| Friday | January 6 | | City Hall Closed |
| Tuesday | January 10 | 5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. | Annual Anyang Korea Sister City
Exchange Students Reception, CMC B Room

Successor Agency Meeting, CMC A Room
City Council Meeting, CMC A Room |
| Wednesday | January 11 | 2:00 p.m. | Oversight Board Meeting, CMC Constitution Room |



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2017
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: December 22, 2016

ANDREW KANZLER
VICE CHAIR



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The Regular Meeting of the
Garden Grove Planning Commission
Scheduled for January 5, 2017
has been cancelled.

JUDITH MOORE
SECRETARY



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Walker A. Matthews, III
Senior Attorney
Walker.Matthews@sce.com

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December 12, 2016

Re: Southern California Edison Company's Application for
Cost Recovery of the Wheeler North Reef Expansion
Project Marine Mitigation Costs.

To Whom It May Concern:

On December 1, 2016, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed a joint application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting approval of cost recovery of the Wheeler North Reef (WNR) Expansion Project marine mitigation costs. The application is described in general terms in the enclosed notice that will also be included as a bill insert to SCE's application and supporting attachments on our website. Please go to www.sce.com, Regulatory Information, CPUC Open Proceedings, and search for "A. 16-12-002" You may also request a copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Walker A. Matthews

Walker A. Matthews, III

Enclosure(s)

Los usuarios con acceso al Internet podrán leer y descargar esta notificación en español en el sitio Web de SCE www.sce.com/avisos o escriba a:

Southern California Edison Company
P.O. Box 800
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue Rosemead, CA 91770
Atención: Comunicaciones Corporativas

**NOTIFICATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S
REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE
WHEELER NORTH REEF EXPANSION MARINE MITIGATION
PROJECT
APPLICATION FILING NO. A. 16-12-002**

SUMMARY

On December 1, 2016, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed a joint application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting approval to increase rates for the recovery of costs associated with the Wheeler North Reef (WNR) Expansion Project.¹ This application seeks to recover costs associated with the WNR expansion project directed by the California Coastal Commission (CCC). The WNR Expansion Project was not included in SCE's 2018 General Rate Case (GRC) Application (described below). If approved, this application would result in SCE customers experiencing an overall increase of \$28.072 million between 2018 and 2020.

ABOUT THE APPLICATION

SCE is the licensed operator of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) and majority owner. As such, SCE is responsible for 78.21% of any costs incurred in relation to SONGS and maintaining compliance with various regulatory agencies regarding SONGS. SCE is also responsible for filing SONGS related costs in its GRC. In Decision D.15-11-021 the CPUC determined that costs related to SCE's compliance with marine mitigation projects related to SONGS should be recorded as cost of service and recovered through customer rates. This decision also allowed SCE and SDG&E to submit a separate application to recover costs for any additional marine mitigation projects not included in SCE's GRC requests.

The CCC directed SCE to implement an expansion project for the WNR marine mitigation project located near SONGS to improve the performance of the reef. Due to timing these costs were unable to be included in the 2018 GRC. As a result, SCE and SDG&E are filing this separate application to recover those additional costs.

¹ SCE owns a 78.21% interest in SONGS Units 2&3. SDG&E owns a 20% interest in SONGS 2&3. The City of Riverside owns the remaining 1.79% interest in SONGS Units 2&3.

IMPACT ON RATES

If the CPUC approves this application, customer rates will not be affected until 2019, and will result in an estimated **0.12% system average rate increase relative to currently forecasted rates for 2019 and 2020.**

The following table is representative of the estimated rate impact by customer group if this application is approved by the CPUC. Based on the revenue requirement forecasts for 2019 and 2020, this rate increase will remain in effect for 2019 and 2020 (*i.e.*, the rate increase in 2019 will remain in effect for two years, 2019 and 2020). If the CPUC approves this application, a typical non-CARE residential customer living in inland areas of Ventura and Los Angeles counties (baseline region 9) and using 500 kilowatt-hours per month could see a monthly bill increase of 0.005%, or \$0.00, from a typical current monthly bill of \$90.06 to \$90.06 for 2018, an increase of 0.12%, or \$0.10, from a typical current monthly bill of \$90.06 to \$90.16 for 2019 and, an increase of 0.13%, or \$0.12, from a typical current monthly bill of \$90.06 to \$90.18 for 2020.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S ILLUSTRATIVE 2018-2020 RATE IMPACTS

| Customer Group | System Revenues (\$000) | | | Bundled (¢/kWh) | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Current Revenues (\$000) ^[1] | Proposed Revenues (\$000) | % Change over Current | Current Rates (¢/kWh) ^[1] | Proposed Rates (¢/kWh) |
| Residential | 4,729,345 | 276 | 0.01% | 17.15 | 17.15 |
| Lighting - Small and Medium Power | 4,112,709 | 187 | 0.00% | 15.59 | 15.59 |
| Large Power | 1,804,479 | 66 | 0.00% | 10.78 | 10.78 |
| Agricultural and Pumping | 387,371 | 16 | 0.00% | 11.86 | 11.86 |
| Street and Area Lighting | 126,305 | 1 | 0.00% | 17.04 | 17.04 |
| Standby | 257,361 | 7 | 0.00% | 8.97 | 8.97 |
| Total | 11,417,570 | 553 | 0.00% | 14.87 | 14.87 |

[1] "Current" = June 01, 2016 rates with 2018 forecasts

| Customer Group | System Revenues (\$000) | | | Bundled (¢/kWh) | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Current Revenues (\$000) ^[2] | Proposed Revenues (\$000) | % Change over Current | Current Rates (¢/kWh) ^[2] | Proposed Rates (¢/kWh) |
| Residential | 4,655,571 | 6,660 | 0.14% | 17.18 | 17.20 |
| Lighting - Small and Medium Power | 4,140,228 | 4,619 | 0.11% | 15.59 | 15.61 |
| Large Power | 1,823,098 | 1,639 | 0.09% | 10.79 | 10.79 |
| Agricultural and Pumping | 390,572 | 392 | 0.10% | 11.85 | 11.87 |
| Street and Area Lighting | 126,878 | 25 | 0.02% | 16.92 | 16.93 |
| Standby | 257,368 | 167 | 0.06% | 8.97 | 8.98 |
| Total | 11,393,715 | 13,502 | 0.12% | 14.86 | 14.87 |

[2] "Current" = June 01, 2016 rates with 2019 forecasts

| Customer Group | System Revenues (\$000) | | | Bundled (¢/kWh) | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Current Revenues (\$000) ^[3] | Proposed Revenues (\$000) | % Change over Current | Current Rates (¢/kWh) ^[3] | Proposed Rates (¢/kWh) |
| Residential | 4,543,072 | 7,279 | 0.16% | 17.18 | 17.21 |
| Lighting - Small and Medium Power | 4,135,096 | 4,734 | 0.11% | 15.66 | 15.68 |
| Large Power | 1,823,604 | 1,395 | 0.08% | 10.82 | 10.83 |
| Agricultural and Pumping | 391,166 | 436 | 0.11% | 11.89 | 11.90 |
| Street and Area Lighting | 127,471 | 28 | 0.02% | 16.81 | 16.81 |
| Standby | 257,368 | 144 | 0.06% | 8.97 | 8.98 |
| Total | 11,277,777 | 14,017 | 0.12% | 14.87 | 14.89 |

[3] "Current" = June 01, 2016 rates with 2020 forecasts

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SCE'S APPLICATION

You may review a copy of this application and related exhibits at SCE's corporate headquarters (2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770).

Customers with Internet access may view and download SCE's application and related exhibits on SCE's website at <http://on.sce.com/2gWRqzt>, or by visiting www.sce.com/applications, typing "A.16-12-002" into the Search box, and clicking "Go." If you have technical issues accessing the documents through the website, please e-mail case.admin@sce.com for assistance (be sure to reference proceeding A.16-12-002 in your e-mail).

To request a hard copy of this application and related exhibits, or to obtain more information about this application from SCE, please write to:

Southern California Edison Company
A.16-12-002 – SCE's Marine Mitigation Application
P.O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770
Attention: June Bote

In addition, a copy of this application may be reviewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office, located in San Francisco, CA, by appointment. For more information, please contact the CPUC at aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 703-2045.

CPUC PROCESS

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

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

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

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Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

TTY 1-866-836-7825 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-5282

Or write to: CPUC
Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

The CPUC will also accept public comments on this application. Please reference SCE and SDG&E's Joint Marine Mitigation Application Number A.16-12-002 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review for the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.

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\$6 Billion Transportation Funding Proposals Introduced

Includes \$2.2 Billion for Local Streets and Roads

As the first order of business in the new legislative session, Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) and Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley) introduced similar transportation funding proposals. The bills introduced on Dec. 5 are [SB 1](#) and [AB 1](#) respectively and each generates approximately \$6 billion annually, with about \$2.25 billion going to local streets and roads. *For more, see Page 2.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$6.85 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds in Los Angeles

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority \(CSCDA\)](#). *For more, see Page 4.*



State Treasurer Announces New Economic Development Web Portal

The State Treasurer's Office recently launched an online gateway for businesses to access information on state and local business development incentives. [The California Business Incentives Gateway \(CBIG\)](#) is the first online portal aimed at pairing businesses with economic incentives that state and local governments provide. *For more, see Page 5.*

These proposals present an opportunity in the new legislative session for all sides to negotiate on a comprehensive package to send to Gov. Jerry Brown. The League of California Cities® supports these proposals as a starting place for negotiations, but also understands that there is still work needed to get the necessary two-thirds vote in each legislative chamber. The League will continue to help advance the discussion and will provide cities with the tools it needs to advocate when the legislature is closer to reaching a deal. While not yet introduced, the League will continue to advocate for constitutionally protecting the additional revenue for transportation purposes.

Below is a summary of the key provisions in each proposal as well as the differences between specific provisions.

Reforms

- **Establishes local reporting requirements.** Requires cities and counties to send the California Transportation Commission (CTC) a list of projects they propose to fund with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds, specifying the location, description, proposed schedule, and estimated useful life for each project each fiscal year.
- **Requires cities and counties to maintain existing general fund levels for transportation funding.** Requires cities and counties to maintain their general fund transportation levels at equal to or greater than their annual average expenditures during FY 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, which is known as a maintenance of effort requirement. Authorizes the State Controller's Office to audit local governments for compliance and subject local governments to reimbursing the state for non-compliance.
- **Makes permanent the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) delegation authority.** Permanently extends the authority for Caltrans to participate in the federal NEPA delegation pilot program, which allows projects involving federal funds to be delivered faster.
- **Promotes employment and training opportunities through pre-apprenticeship.** Requires state and local agencies to create programs that promote employment in advanced construction through pre-apprenticeship as a condition of receiving RMRA funds.
- **Incorporates "complete streets" design concept into the Highway Design Manual.** Requires Caltrans to incorporate the "complete streets" design concept into the Highway Design Manual.
- **Restores independence to the CTC.** Moves the CTC from the California State Transportation Agency, establishing it as its own entity within state government to help it fulfill its oversight role.
- **Creates the Office of Transportation Inspector General as an independent entity and office within state government.** Its role will be to ensure that all other state agencies that receive state transportation funds are operating efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with federal and state laws. The Governor appoints the inspector general to a six-year term and the inspector general will be authorized to conduct audits and investigations involving state transportation funds with all affected state agencies.
- **Permanently extends and expands the limited CEQA exemption for transportation repair, maintenance, and minor alteration projects to existing roadways.** Deletes the Jan. 1, 2020 sunset of the existing law and expand the exemption to cities and counties with populations greater than 100,000 and apply the exemption to state roadways.
- **Creates an Advanced Mitigation program for transportation projects.** Authorizes the Natural Resources Agency to prepare, approve, and implement advance mitigation plans

for one or more planned transportation projects. An advanced mitigation plan is defined as a regional or statewide plan that estimates the potential future mitigation requirements for one or more transportation projects and identifies mitigation projects, sites, or credits that would fulfill some or all of those requirements. Authorizes the agency to administer the program, establish mitigation banks, secure areas for the purpose of providing mitigation, and allow transportation agencies to use mitigation credits to fulfill mitigation requirements. The program's intention is to supplant existing CEQA requirements, not substitute for them.

Additional Revenues (Approximate)

- **\$1.8 billion from a 12 cent increase to the gasoline excise tax, adjusted every three years for inflation.** The revenue generated from this particular increase will help restore the gas tax's lost purchasing power due to inflation. The funds attributable to the 12 cent increase would be transferred to the newly created RMRA for distribution.
 - **Key Difference:** SB 1 phases in the 12 cent increase over three years, while AB 1 does not include a phase-in period.
- **\$1.1 billion from ending the Board of Equalization "true up" and resetting the rate to the historical average of 17.3 cents per gallon, adjusted every three years for inflation.** This provision "resets" the price based excise tax on gasoline to its original rate of 17.3 cents. Funds would be distributed using current formulas.
- **\$1.3 billion from a \$38 increase to the Vehicle Registration Fee, adjusted every three years for inflation.** After the California Department of Motor Vehicles deducts its administrative costs from imposing and collecting the fee, the funds from the increase will be deposited into the RMRA for distribution.
- **\$500 million from restoration of half the truck weight fees to transportation projects.** Phase-in restoration of truck weight fee revenue over a five-year period and half will no longer be allowed to be transferred out of the state highway account (SHA) after FY 2020-21. The funds remain in the SHA, which prevents HUTA funds from the variable gas tax from having to offset the SHA weight fee transfer.
 - **Key Difference:** SB 1 phases-in a percentage of the truck weight fees back to transportation projects, while AB 1 phases-in specific weight fee amounts every year. SB 1 caps the weight fee transfer at 50 percent in FY 2020-21, while AB caps the weight fee transfer at \$500 million in FY 2020-21.
- **\$600 million from a 20 cent per gallon increase to the diesel excise tax, adjusted every three years for inflation.** The funds attributable to the 20 cent increase to the diesel excise tax would be transferred to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF). Federal FAST Act funds for freight will be deposited into the TCIF.
- **\$300 million from unallocated Cap-and-Trade funds.** This continuous appropriation of Cap-and-Trade funds is estimated to double the amount going towards the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.
- **\$263 million from 3.5 percent increase to the diesel sales tax.** The funds generated through the additional 3.5 percent increase to the diesel sales tax are estimated to deposit \$263 million into the State Transportation Account for transit and intercity rail purposes.
 - **Key Difference:** SB 1 would impose an additional 0.5 percent to this sales tax which would generate a \$40 million set aside for intercity rail and commuter rail.
- **\$60 million from miscellaneous transportation revenues.** Deletes the transfer of miscellaneous revenues to the Transportation Debt Service Fund and instead redirect the funds to the RMRA.
- **\$20 million from Vehicle Registration Fee on zero emission vehicles, starting in the second year of ownership, adjusted every three years for inflation.** Per the authors,

this provision will help make up for the fact that owners of zero emission vehicles do not pay any gas tax to maintain the roads they drive on. Revenues would be deposited into the RMRA for distribution.

- **Key Difference:** SB 1 imposes a \$100 Vehicle Registration Fee on zero emission vehicles generating, while AB 1 imposes a \$165 Vehicle Registration Fee.

The revenues generated from these proposals, would provide the following allocations:

From the \$3.2 billion in the RMRA:

- State Highway System — \$1.45 billion annually for maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system.
- Local Streets and Roads — \$1.45 billion annually for maintenance and rehabilitation of local streets and roads.
- Self-help counties — \$200 million for existing and aspiring self-help counties.
- Active Transportation Programs — \$80 million annually for Active Transportation and up to an additional \$70 million through Caltrans efficiencies.
- Advanced Mitigation — \$120 million one-time funds for implementation of the Advanced Mitigation program over the first four years.
- California State University — \$2 million for transportation research and workforce training.
 - **Key Difference:** University of California — \$3 million under AB 1 for the Institute for Transportation Studies.

From restoration/returned revenue from the HUTA:

- State Transportation Improvement Program — \$770 million annually for capital projects and improvements on the state's highway system.
- State Highway Operation and Protection Program — \$210 million annually for maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system.
- Local Streets and Roads — \$770 million annually for local streets and roads.

From Cap-and-Trade revenues and diesel tax increase:

- Transit and Intercity Rail — \$563 million annually for transit and intercity rail capital projects and operations, \$40 million additionally set aside for intercity and commuter rail under SB 1.

From the TCIF:

- Freight, trade corridors, and goods movement — \$600 million annually for freight, trade corridors, and goods movement.

From loan Repayments:

- \$706 million one-time funds for transportation loan repayment.

Next Steps

The League has prepared preliminary estimates of the revenues each city could receive for transportation maintenance and repair under the proposal. The time for the Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown to act is now and these proposals provide a solid framework to move the discussion forward.

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This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued \$6,850,000 in tax-exempt bonds for Discovery Charter Preparatory School (Discovery Prep) located in the Pacoima area of Los Angeles.

About Discovery Prep

Discovery Prep is an independent charter school, chartered in 2002 by the Los Angeles Unified School District. Discovery Prep has an anticipated enrollment of 280 students in grades 9-12 for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. WASC accredited, the school serves students from an economically challenged background. Many students entering Discovery Prep have academic skills below their grade level, however, the school's academic results and graduation rates far exceed their immediate competition. Of the 59 students in the 2015-16 graduating class, for example, 31 are expected to matriculate to four-year universities.

CSCDA partnered with the investment bank Ziegler to provide the \$6.85 million in tax-exempt bonds for Discovery Prep. The bonds will be used to acquire new educational facilities located on 3.8 acres and comprised of 28,000 square feet of classroom space in the nearby Los Angeles area of Sylmar.

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.

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Local governments can register and upload their business incentive and economic development offerings to the CBIG website. There is no cost for cities to create a profile and link their available resources and the tool is designed to help cities reach more business owners and improve the business climate and investments in their community.

While local governments provide numerous business services and incentives, there may be untapped outreach potential to attract interested business owners to utilize them through a single, easy-to-use website. Often, business owners must take on the complex task of visiting dozens of state and local agency websites to find available economic development opportunities. In this process, opportunities are missed and cities are overlooked.

The goal is that in the future, the CBIG will serve as the universal application to offer all incentives from the state of California and its 4,000 local governments.

The roll out of CBIG marks another step toward improving government accessibility and harnessing the power of technology to catalyze economic activity.

For questions and inquiries, please email cbiq@treasurer.ca.gov.

Submit 2017 Annual Conference Session Proposals before the Start of the New Year

Deadline to submit is Friday, Jan. 6

There is still time to submit a session proposal for the League of California Cities® 2017 Annual Conference & Expo, which will be held Sept. 13–15 in Sacramento. Jan. 6 is the deadline to submit session proposals.

City officials have great ideas, which make great learning opportunities that can be shared. The League's Annual Conference is the organization's largest conference bringing together elected and appointed officials and staff and stakeholders for three days of educational sessions, workshops and networking.

Proposal Session Submission Instructions

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome. The Annual Conference Program Planning Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information. Sessions should not be product or vendor commercialization oriented.

Proposals may be submitted online only. For questions, please contact Katie Sacco at (916) 658-8251.

California City Solutions: Santa Barbara Develops One-Stop-Shop Web Portal for Small Businesses

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2016 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. The Guide to Start and Grow Your Business in Santa Barbara was submitted in 2016 for the League Partners Award for Excellence in the City-Business Relations award category.

Working with local business organizations and entrepreneurs, the city of Santa Barbara developed a program to help small business owners navigate city regulations and services. This program comprises an instructional guide, online resources, videos and a quarterly newsletter to make it easier for entrepreneurs to find the resources they need to make informed decisions and spend wisely for their business.

Santa Barbara in recent years conducted roundtable discussions with the various business sectors quarterly to understand their challenges and to improve services. In 2013, the mayor met with local entrepreneurs who had experience launching their first business or growing their operations. Entrepreneurs shared stories about the difficulties of finding information by visiting multiple departments or being caught off guard by new information.

Common inquiries included:

- Understanding what activities might require approvals;
- How to plan tenant improvements and navigate the planning and permitting process;
- When to get a business license;
- Best practices to conserve water; and
- Obtaining permits for events and special needs.

Leasing or purchasing a new space is a critical and expensive decision for entrepreneurs and many business owners voiced frustrations about learning of planning and permitting regulations after committing to a lease. City staff also realized the countless hours spent assisting first-time business owners who made decisions and commitments without key information in hand. If business owners researched a property, understood requirements, and planned accordingly, they could avoid significant expenses and later complication with the city when they needed to comply with building regulations.

Communicating with prospective business owners further adds to the challenge because entrepreneurs may not understand that there are regulations that need to be followed and may not visit a city counter or website until they are too far along in the process. Some businesses noted that they were hesitant to contact the city because they may be taking a risk in sharing plans that would later not be approved. Unfortunately, this mindset prevents business owners from getting the early advice that is essential for them to successfully implement their business plans.

Santa Barbara developed online resources and videos to help business owners navigate regulations and services that may affect their business. A guide on *Starting and Growing Your Business* is provided over the counter for every new business license. The city's website was also

reorganized with a [portal of business information](#) to connect entrepreneurs with advice on specific business needs that include creating a disaster plan, conserving water, placing tables on the sidewalk for outdoor dining, and installing any type of signage. The online resources include an interactive mapping tool to create custom-designed maps, library databases available for consumer research, advice to certify as a green business, and directions to list businesses on Google maps. An area for community resources was also developed on the website featuring organizations that provide start-up assistance, mentorship and networking organizations, incubators that offer low-cost work spaces and meeting areas, and trade and professional associations.

Communication materials were designed to translate difficult concepts and explain issues to a first-time business owner. Improved messaging and tone helps entrepreneurs build trust and develop a new mindset that the city values local businesses, understands their challenges, and appreciates their commitment to remain in Santa Barbara. Businesses are strongly encouraged to seek advice early and often because the city wants to be a partner in their success.

The city produced [videos](#) with examples of businesses complying with regulations and introduce key city staff who could explain their services. Video topics include police services, water conservation, obtaining a business license, how restaurants and automotive businesses can prevent water pollution, and the basics of planning and development. The video library continues to grow with new topics to address different business services.

The quarterly newsletter helps the city remain in regular contact with business owners. The brief communication includes short videos and key information to highlight new city policies affecting the business community. Roundtable meetings with community business organizations provide a forum to discuss outreach opportunities and brainstorm ideas for new content to help local businesses. Staff has also been trained in specific customer service protocols to help new and existing businesses.

The city has received positive feedback on this effort. Since the online resources were launched, the business site has received over 6,600 visits with 83 percent representing return visitors. A high level of return indicates that businesses are relying on the site for information. When someone visits the city's home page, the business area is one of the most frequently visited areas of the site.

Collaboration with business and entrepreneurial organizations has helped leverage the strengths of each organization to raise the level of community services provided to entrepreneurs.

Other cities can easily adopt similar practices and improve connections with the business community. While cities may not be in a position to solve many problems facing local businesses, they can make it easier to navigate the existing municipal services and regulations by taking steps to organize and improve their information so businesses avoid visiting every counter to help with each step.

REMINDER: Call for Entries Open for Outstanding City Street Projects

Nominations due Jan. 11

The [Save California Streets](#) Coalition's nomination period for its annual Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Awards Program is currently open. Submissions should highlight a street infrastructure project or program that has demonstrated a significant improvement in your community's street system. The coalition comprises a number of organizations including the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties.

Nominations for this prestigious award are due by Jan. 11. Winners will be announced in February and awards will be presented during the Public Works Officers Institute and County Engineers Association of Counties conference March 22–24 in San Diego. They will also be featured later in 2017 in *Western City*, the League's monthly magazine.

Projects nominated should address one of four categories that promote a comprehensive improvement of local streets:

- Efficient and Sustainable Road Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Projects;
- Complete Streets Projects;
- Safety or Intelligent Transportation System Project; or
- Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Projects.

Applications must be submitted online.

Please contact Meghan McKelvey with questions about the award program and application process.

State Water Board Releases New Sustainable Groundwater Management Act FAQ

The State Water Board released its new Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) frequently asked questions document providing guidance on questions asked about groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs). The 2014 SGMA requires the formation of GSAs in high- and medium-priority groundwater basins and subbasins by June 30, 2017.

The new FAQ supplements additional frequently asked questions about GSAs that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has responded to, which are available on DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management website. The FAQ will be updated as necessary.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this FAQ, please contact Sam Boland-Brien at (916) 322-9633.

Volkswagen to Invest \$1.2 Billion in California for Zero Emission Vehicle Programs

Proposal Submissions Accepted through Jan. 16, Funding Released over 10 Years

Volkswagen Group of America has entered into a partial settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board. The outcome of this settlement has established a \$2 billion Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) investment program over the next 10 years. Volkswagen has named the program Electrify America. Proposals are due by Jan. 16 and the draft investment plan will be drafted by Feb. 22, 2017.

Through the consent decree, \$1.2 billion is mandated — \$381 million will be allocated for NOx mitigation through “the Mitigation Trust” and \$800 million will be invested in California. The consent decree only allows up to one-third to be paid out during the first year or up to two-thirds during the first two years.

The ZEV investment program is designed to increase ZEV adoption throughout the United States through charging infrastructure expansion, education and awareness programs, and other measures aimed at overcoming ZEV adoption barriers. Volkswagen Group of America will accomplish its mission in four 30-month investment cycles, with planning for the first cycle underway. Volkswagen wants input and proposals, but cautions that some submissions might not fit within the scope of our initiatives for the first 30-month investment cycle. Other promising ZEV initiatives, such as hydrogen fueling stations or national ZEV car-sharing or ZEV ride-sharing services, will be considered in later investment cycles.

Proposal Submissions

States, municipal governments, federally-recognized Indian tribes and federal agencies can submit proposals through Jan. 16.

Potential proposal categories include:

- Charging and hydrogen fuel cell infrastructure;
- Zero emission awareness; and
- The Green City initiative.

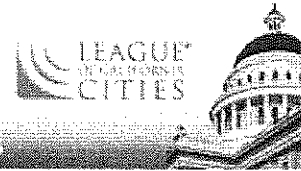
In addition, Volkswagen will be creating the Green City initiative to select a California city to host pilot projects that will develop sustainable mobility projects such as zero emission vehicle based shuttle services or car sharing programs (Partial Consent Decree).

Additional information resources can be found at:

- [Air Resources Board VW Settlement FAQ](#)
- [Electrify America Investment Plan](#)
- [VW Partial Consent Decree PDF](#)
- [EPA VW Settlement Information](#)

If your municipality is interested in submitting a proposal and has questions, please email [Derek Dolfie](#).

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Carolyn Coleman Takes the Helm of the League of California Cities

Carolyn Coleman officially began her tenure as the League of California Cities® executive director on Monday, Dec. 19. The League board of directors selected Coleman in October to replace Chris McKenzie who retired this fall after leading the League for the past 17 years. *For more, see Page 2.*



League to Host Member-Only Proposition 64 Briefings on Local Regulation and Taxation

New League Executive Director Participates in State Treasurer's Cannabis Banking Working Group

With the passage of Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), cities are eager to understand the law and how it affects various aspects of city operations. The League has scheduled five information briefings in Northern, Central and Southern California for members to learn about local regulations and taxations under the AUMA. The first will be held on Jan. 11 in Sacramento and the last has been scheduled for March 1 in Pasadena. *For more, see Page 2.*



Community Based Transitional Housing Grants FAQ Now Available-Application Open

The Department of Finance's (DOF) [FAQ for the Community Based Transitional Housing grant program](#) is now available online. *For more, see Page 3.*

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She joins the League after a decade with the National League of Cities (NLC) in Washington, D.C. as senior executive and director of federal advocacy. While at NLC, Coleman oversaw the organization's advocacy efforts and worked closely with city leaders and the 49 state municipal leagues throughout the country to advance NLC's priorities in matters before Congress, the Administration and the courts.

Prior to working with NLC, Coleman served as deputy mayor for the city of Indianapolis where she focused on economic development, infrastructure and community engagement. She previously practiced law and held marketing leadership positions in the private sector. In addition to her professional endeavors, Coleman serves on the board of trustees of the University of Indianapolis, the National Urban Fellows Program board of directors and as a member of the Dean's School of Business advisory board at the University of Kansas.

Western City magazine will feature an interview with Coleman in the January issue of the magazine.

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League Fiscal Policy Advisor Michael Coleman will join League Legislative Representative Tim Cromartie for the member-only briefings, which are geared for mayors, council members, city managers, assistant city managers, fiscal officers, city planners, city attorneys and law enforcement.

Topics will include:

- Summary of the AUMA;
- Key differences between AUMA and the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act of 2015;
- Rules on personal use and cultivation;
- State licensing;
- Local regulation of commercial recreational marijuana operations;
- Taxation; and
- Policy issues for local governments to consider.

Details

Five briefings have been scheduled throughout California to make the sessions as convenient as possible to a large number of cities.

Dates and cities are listed below:

- Jan. 11, Sacramento City Hall, 2–4:30 p.m.;
- Jan. 25, Fresno, UC Center, 1–3:30 p.m.;
- Feb. 1, Ukiah, location and time to be determined;
- Feb. 15, Riverside City Hall, 1–3:30 p.m.; and
- March 1, Pasadena Central Library, 9 a.m. to noon.

Register online at www.cacities.org/events.

Please contact [Sarah Nowshiravan](#) with questions.

Treasurer Convenes Cannabis Banking Working Group

California State Treasurer John Chiang invited League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman and Legislative Representative Cromartie to join the Cannabis Banking Working Group, which held its first meeting on Monday, Dec. 19 in Sacramento. The group comprises representatives from the banking and cannabis industries, local government and state agencies that are responsible for the regulation of the marijuana industry in California.

The Dec. 19 meeting was the first in a series of meetings that will focus solely on issues related to the cannabis industry and banking. Panels addressed the impact that the lack of banking access has had on the industry, financial institutions and public agencies. The Cannabis Banking Working Group is expected to complete its work and issue a set of recommendations by the middle of 2017.

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Applications will be accepted on a first come basis over a two-year period that began Oct. 1. DOF will stop accepting applications when the \$25 million appropriation is fully awarded even if that occurs prior to Oct. 1, 2018. The [application](#) is available on DOF's website.

Cities and counties will be eligible for grants under the new Community-Based Transitional-Housing Program. Established by [SB 837](#), a budget trailer bill approved in June 2016, the program provides \$25 million in grants for cities or counties that agree to site transitional housing connected with support services for recently released offenders. Individual grants can be up to \$2 million, depending on the size of the facility, and priorities will be provided for applications with local matching contributions.

Key features include:

- The applying city or county must agree to issue a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a facility providing transitional housing and supportive services for ex-offenders released from county jail or state prison. While the measure is primarily directed at ex-offenders there is some additional flexibility on the types of individuals housed. The CUP must be for at least 10 years.
- An experienced facility operator must be identified.
- 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.
- 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 by the local agency 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.

Third Round of Proposition 41 Funds Available for Veteran Housing and Homelessness

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in collaboration with the California Housing Finance Agency and California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), recently announced the availability of approximately \$75 million in funding for veterans and their families under the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Program (VHHP). This is the third round of funding available to communities throughout California through the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) pursuant to Chapter 727, Statutes of 2013 and Proposition 41 (2014).

Approximately \$65 million is available for the development of affordable multi-family rental housing containing permanent supportive housing units, transitional housing units or affordable housing units. Awards will be made to qualifying developers and nonprofit entities to construct, acquire, rehabilitate, or preserve affordable multi-family housing for veterans and their families.

As part of the funding, and in accordance with Chapter 44, Statutes of 2016, \$10 million is reserved for the construction or rehabilitation of transitional housing or shelter facilities that

provide services to homeless veterans. Funds will be awarded to programs or counties that demonstrate need, focus on long-term solutions, include mental health and addiction treatment services, and have proven long-term effectiveness.

California voters approved \$600 million in 2014 to build housing for homeless veterans. HCD, CalVet, and the California Housing Finance Agency were tasked with jointly managing and developing the guidelines for how the funds would be expended.

The objective of the VHHP is to develop housing for our veterans at risk of homelessness or experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness. To date, \$176 million has been awarded to 45 developments through the first two NOFA application cycles. When complete, these developments will provide more than 1,500 housing units for veterans, including 900-plus units for homeless veterans.

Additional funds will be released annually until all of the \$600 million is exhausted, with an objective of addressing the housing needs of low-income veterans and reducing veteran homelessness in California. Geographic distributions intend to focus on areas with the largest concentrations of veterans in need. For more information about VHHP and this NOFA, please visit www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/vets.

For questions regarding this NOFA, please contact [Evan Gerberding](#) with HCD at (916) 204-9310 or [Thora Chaves](#) with CalVet at (916) 653-2547.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$27.8 Million in Tax-Exempt Affordable Housing Bonds in Fresno

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 \$27,791,620 in tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Parks at Fig Garden Apartments in Fresno.

About Parks at Fig Garden Apartments

Parks at Fig Garden Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 366 multifamily affordable housing apartments by Fruit Avenue Housing Associates, LP. The project sponsor is Community HousingWorks. Parks at Fig Garden will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide 75 one-bedroom, 229 two-bedroom, and 57 three-bedroom apartments to low-income families in Fresno.

CSCDA and Community HousingWorks partnered with Jones Lang LaSalle Multifamily, LLC to provide tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Parks at Fig Garden. The rehabilitation will include extensive exterior and interior renovations which include energy and water efficiency upgrades. The financing of Northwest Manors II will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

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.

Comments on Political Reform Act Revisions due Dec. 31

The California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is seeking comments on draft two of the revisions to the Political Reform Act (PRA) to help simplify, streamline and reform the law.

First enacted in 1974, an estimated 500,000 to 750,000 people in California are subject to the PRA. Rules on campaign spending and funding, conflicts of interest, and Form 700s are all part of the PRA.

The revision project will not change the substance of the law, but is designed to make the law less complex, with less “legalese” and more plain English. It is also aimed at putting the various laws and regulations into groupings that are more obvious, intuitive and understandable to the average person.

After initial drafts which included partners such as the California Constitution Center at Berkeley Law and UC Davis School of Law, the first draft was made public. Those public comments were incorporated, and another draft included the work of nationally-recognized legal author Professor Bryan Garner and his team at LawProse.

Comments can be submitted online to the FPPC through Dec. 31.

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CalPERS Board Approves Significant Lowering of Discount Rate *Increased Employer and Employee Contributions Coming*

The CalPERS board of directors on Wednesday morning approved a plan to lower its discount rate (the expected rate of return on portfolio investments) from the current 7.5 percent to 7 percent over the next three years with corresponding incremental increases in employer/employee payments over an eight-year smoothing period. The action comes less than a day after the CalPERS Finance and Administration Committee approved the change and sent its recommendation to the full board. Negotiated between representatives from CalPERS, labor and Gov. Jerry Brown's Administration, the approved plan differs from the original CalPERS recommendation that would have lowered the discount rate immediately to 7 percent.

The League and the League Pension Task Force were well represented on Tuesday during the committee hearing with League staff testifying, as well as two city managers/fiscal officer(s) and one elected city official. The League and city officials communicated a clear message to the committee and CalPERS board members — lowering of the discount rate is a necessary step but it is by no means the solution to ensure the sustainability of the pension system. To do that, all stakeholders and the CalPERS board must rise to the challenge of difficult but necessary actions to ensure the viability of defined benefits for public employees.

Lowering the discount rate will mean higher contributions from city employers and employees. This is not easy for any CalPERS participating agency, however, stabilizing the fund ensures that the defined benefit promised to employees will be fulfilled. Standing League policy supports prudent policies to address the shortfall that recognize the impacts on local government. City officials are seeking a balance that brings stability to the pension fund while reducing spikes in employer contributions.

The plan provides three steps to incrementally move the discount rate from 7.5 to 7 percent. With each step, the impact of the rate change to unfunded liability payments will be phased-in over five years. This will process will occur over eight years. The steps are as follows:

- FY 2018-19: rate reduced from 7.5 percent to 7.375 percent;
- FY 2019-20: rate reduced from 7.375 percent to 7.25 percent; and
- FY 2020-21: rate reduced from 7.25 percent to 7 percent.

This action is being precipitated by investment returns that are well below the CalPERS assumed rate of return. The nation's largest pension fund reported just a 0.61 percent of return on investments for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2016, which is dramatically lower than the 7.5 percent assumed return. In addition, the overall CalPERS funded status has dropped from 73 percent funded to 68 percent in a short period of time. Absent any action, there is currently a 47 percent chance of the fund status dropping below 50 percent, which has been regarded as a point of no return since the grave negative cash flow will require assets to be liquidated and investments to stall.

League Cautions Optimism

The League has taken an active role in representing city governments in discussions with CalPERS and the Administration. The League reported on Dec. 9 that 240 cities had responded to the League's survey on proposed CalPERS discount rate changes.

Although, CalPERS has proactively reached out to local governments to solicit feedback on proposed changes, this proposal does not reflect a fully prudent plan for cities to meet their pension obligations. The plan does not account for two critical pieces of necessary reform. It lacks a mechanism to address employer/employee benefit structures. In addition, the extended phase-in period will result in local governments paying more to meet their pension obligations because of the accrued interest on their unfunded liabilities. However, the longer phase-in will be beneficial for cities facing budget challenges because the increased contributions will occur over a slower timeframe.

Next Steps

The League will continue to be an active voice in pension system changes. In the coming months, CalPERS will be reviewing their risk mitigation protocols and investment priorities and decisions. In addition, League staff will work with CalPERS to deliver all the necessary information cities will need to plan for the expected contribution increases.