

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
August 24, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager
Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. RESPONSE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT: "HISTORIC RAIN, YET DROUGHT REMAINS"
Copy of the letter from Mayor Steve Jones in response to the Grand Jury report is attached for your review.
- B. RESPONSE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT: "SCHOOL SHOOTING: HOW PREPARED ARE ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS?"
Copy of the letter from Mayor Steve Jones in response to the Grand Jury report is attached for your review.

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

- A. ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY (OCFA) MEDIA ADVISORY
OCFA Fire Chief Brian Fennessy named Chief of the year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.


Lisa Kim
City Manager



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

August 22, 2023

The Honorable Maria Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Steve Jones

Mayor

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RE: Response to the 2022-23 Orange County Grand Jury Report re Historic Rain, Yet Drought Remains

Dear Judge Hernandez,

In accordance with Penal Code 933.05(a) and (b), the City of Garden Grove submits the following response to the report, findings, and recommendations of the 2022-23 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled, "Historic Rain, Yet Drought Remains".

FINDINGS

F1. Future water supplies are impacted by climate change and current supplies will not meet future demands.

Response: The City of Garden Grove disagrees with the above finding. The City of Garden Grove is actively committed to water resource planning through partnerships with the Municipal Water District of Orange County and the Orange County Water District. The City of Garden Grove's water portfolio is comprised of approximately 70-80% groundwater supplies and 20-30% imported water. Therefore, this places the City of Garden Grove in a better position for water supply reliability for facing climate change with its lessened dependence on import supplies from the Colorado River and Northern California Water Project. At this point in time, the Orange County Water District has a well-managed supply of groundwater to meet future demands.

F2. Climatologists predict future extended periods of low moisture with occasional wet years.

Response: The City of Garden Grove agrees with the above finding. The City of Garden Grove relies on climate predictions from the Orange County Water District and Municipal Water District of Orange County.

F3. Climate change is inevitable and is exacerbated by human behavior.

Response: The City of Garden Grove partially agrees with the above finding. The City of Garden Grove agrees climate change is a long-term shift in global or regional climate patterns.

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The City of Garden Grove does not have expertise to comment on the impact of human behavior on the climate.

F4. South Orange County relies primarily on the importation of water.

Response: The City of Garden Grove agrees with the above finding.

F5. Local water suppliers recognize that enhanced stormwater capture and storage, wastewater recycling, and infrastructure improvements will not be sufficient to address the long-term forecast of drought and its effects on supply.

Response: The City of Garden Grove does not agree with the above finding. At this point in time, the City of Garden Grove's existing water portfolio is sufficient for addressing the long-term forecast of drought and its effects on supply.

F6. There is significant water infrastructure planning, but inadequate implementation.

Response: The City of Garden Grove does not agree with the above finding. The Municipal Water District of Orange County and the Orange County Water District has implemented numerous projects to improve on long-term water supply reliability.

F7. The review and approval process for major water capital projects is cumbersome and overly restrictive.

Response: The City of Garden Grove agrees with the above finding.

F8. Failing to find solutions to water shortages will have significant impact on the Orange County economy.

Response: The City of Garden Grove agrees with the above finding.

F9. Continued development in Orange County creates additional water supply needs.

Response: The City of Garden Grove does not agree with the above finding. Since 1997, total water demands within the City of Garden Grove have declined by 36% while the population has increased by over 18,400 people.

F10. Conservation and efficient use of water is essential.

Response: The City of Garden Grove agrees with the above finding.

F11. Increased outreach and public education are necessary.

Response: The City of Garden Grove agrees with the above finding.

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F12. Desalination has proven to be technologically and environmentally feasible and is slowly being embraced as a drought-resistant source of water.

Response: The City of Garden Grove partially agrees with the above finding. The City of Garden Grove agrees that desalination is a drought-resistant source of water. The City of Garden Grove does not have expertise to comment on the technological and environmental feasibility of desalination.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R2. Orange County water agencies should expedite the planning, development, and construction of desalination plants over the next five years to insure a sustainable and reliable drought-resistant source of water. (F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F11, F12)

Response: The City of Garden Grove does not agree with the above finding. The City of Garden Grove's existing water portfolio are sufficient sources for addressing the long-term forecast of drought and its effects on supply.

R3. The County of Orange and all Orange County cities should formulate an emergency development moratorium plan for anticipation of the Colorado River water supply being constrained. The emergency moratorium plan should be developed by the end of the calendar year 2023. (F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F12)

Response: The City of Garden Grove partially supports this recommendation with the intent to develop an emergency moratorium plan for anticipation of the Colorado River water supply being constrained. The County of Orange does not have the technical knowledge and expertise to develop an emergency moratorium plan for water supply reliability. The Municipal Water District of Orange County and Orange County Water District are better suited to serve as the lead planners on behalf of all the Orange County cities to develop this type of plan.

R4. Orange County water agencies should update their public communication strategies, by calendar year end 2023, to inform the public of lifestyle changes if additional water sources are not developed. (F10, F11, F12)

Response: The recommendation is being implemented. The State has adopted Water Use Objective regulations to Make Conservation a California Way of Life, which has prompted cities to develop public outreach plans to inform the public of lifestyle changes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steve Jones
Mayor



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RE: Response to the 2022-2023 Grand Jury Report, *School Shooting: How Prepared are Orange County Public Schools?*

Dear Judge Hernandez,

In accordance with Penal Code 933.05(a) and (b), the City of Garden Grove submits the following response to the report, findings, and recommendations of the 2022-2023 Grand Jury Report, *School Shooting: How Prepared are Orange County Public Schools?*

FINDINGS

F1. Law Enforcement, First Responders, and other stakeholders have demonstrated a strong interest in working cooperatively with Orange County Public Schools to mitigate the risk of an active shooter incident: establishment of MOUs between law enforcement and school districts would strengthen this cooperation.

Response: The City of Garden Grove agrees with the above finding. The City of Garden Grove is fully committed to collaborating with the Garden Grove Unified School District, Westminster School District and Orange Unified School District.

In June 2019, the City executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Garden Grove Unified School District. The Garden Grove Unified School District currently funds two full time School Resource Officers with additional funding added this month to add one additional officer bringing the total number of funded officers to three. In total, The City of Garden Grove will have six full time School Resource Officers for the coming school year.

The current sergeant overseeing the School Resource Officer program is also in constant contact with Orange Unified School District and the Westminster School District. Both those municipalities have schools within the city limits of Garden Grove.

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F8. School Resource Officers (SROs) are a valuable asset for school safety, yet many cities/districts do not allocate sufficient funds to hire needed officers.

Response: The City of Garden Grove agrees with the above finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. Each Orange County School District should arrange for local law enforcement to do an annual safety inspection of each school. The written safety checklist should include an audit of the integrity of site boundaries and a review of safety plans and policies. This annual safety audit should comment with the 2023-24 school year by October 1, 2023, and annually thereafter. (F1,F10,F11)

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. Safety inspections of each school has been implemented for several years now and continues each new school year. The audits are completed with school resource officers and administrative staff at each school site.

R3. Each Orange County School District, in conjunction with law enforcement, should develop and implement tabletop exercises to be conducted in district schools by December 31, 2023 and annually thereafter.(F2)

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. During the 2022-2023 school year, all school site administrators and additional staff were taught the CSTAG (Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines) threat assessment model. A large portion of the course were table top exercises related to threats to school sites.

R4. Each Orange County School District should work with local law enforcement to plan and conduct district-wide active shooter drill by July 1, 2023 and at least every other year thereafter. (F2)

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. This recommendation was completed in January of 2023 for all Garden Grove Unified School District Administrators. The drill utilized multiple officers from Garden Grove along with critical care being demonstrated by multiple members of The Orange County Fire Authority. The City is fully committed to continuing our collaboration with the Garden Grove Unified School District and its fellow municipalities by holding bi-annual district wide active shooter drills.

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R12. Each Orange County School Districts should assess the need for SRO's or additional SRO's, reaching out to facilitate funding by July 1, 2024. (F8)

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. In June 2019, the City executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Garden Grove Unified School District. The Garden Grove Unified School District currently funds two full time School Resource Officers with additional funding added this month to add one additional officer bringing the total number of funded officers to three. In total, The City of Garden Grove will have six full time School Resource Officers for the coming school year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Steve Jones
Mayor



Orange County Fire Authority MEDIA ADVISORY

FIRE CHIEF BRIAN FENNESSY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 16, 2023

Contact: Captain Sean Doran

714-357-7782

OCFA FIRE CHIEF BRIAN FENNESSY NAMED CHIEF OF THE YEAR BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Fennessy is the first OCFA Fire Chief and only the third career fire chief in state history to receive the international recognition

Just a year after being named the state's Fire Chief of the Year by the California Fire Chiefs Association, Chief Fennessy has again earned Fire Chief of the Year honors – this time from the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), which represents members around the world.

Presented to Chief Fennessy today at IAFC's Fire-Rescue International Conference in Kanas City, Missouri, the IAFC Fire Chief of the Year award recognizes "leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, public service, and contributions to the fire service," attributes used to describe Chief Fennessy throughout his nomination letter.

"For nearly 50 years, Chief Fennessy has been a constant advocate and change agent for the fire service — from his humble beginnings as a hotshot, helitack captain, and crew superintendent for the U.S. Forest Service/U.S. Bureau of Land Management to his ascension to one of the most revered and impactful fire chiefs in the nation," wrote nominator Mark Niemeyer, fire chief of Boise FD.

Now in his sixth year at the helm of the OCFA, Fennessy's nomination touted the agency's emergence as a national model in multiple arenas, including reaching an 85% goal for OCFA Pension Funding; launching an annual Girls Empowerment Camp; transitioning the Firefighter Recruit Academy to an Accredited Local Academy; adding a fourth Firefighter/Paramedic position for enhanced responses; adding an additional fully-staffed second handcrew; facilitating a four-year process to purchase two new FIREHAWK helicopters; spearheading both the FIRIS and QRF programs; and hiring the first Diversity/Inclusion Coordinator, the first Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator, and the first Peer Support K-9 & Canine Peer Support Specialist in agency history.

"While I am honored by this recognition, I accept it only on behalf of the OCFA firefighters and professional staff who collectively and collaboratively save lives, protect property, and inspire new generations of fire service professionals through their courage, commitment, and care," Chief Fennessy said upon receiving the award. "Together, we serve nearly two million people in Orange County, and I am proud that our collaborative efforts to be an international model for excellence in service and innovation are being recognized with this award from the IAFC."



www.ocfa.org

We visualize problems and solutions through the eyes of those we serve.

WEEKLY MEMO 8-24-2023

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

August 17, 2023 - August 23, 2023

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 8/22/2023 6:31 pm PDT

Last night, August 21, 2023, at 10:10 PM, #GardenGrovePD Officers were dispatched to 9939 Chapman Ave, regarding a car...



Video Views	1,676
Impressions	2,151
Reach	2,118
Engagements	694
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	32.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 8/19/2023 3:00 pm PDT



Impressions	1,887
Reach	1,803
Engagements	337
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	17.9%




Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 8/19/2023 3:00 pm PDT

Outreach & Cleanup Recap: this week, #GardenGrovePD's Special Resource Team (SRT) collaborated with Be Well OC and...



Impressions	2,456
Reach	2,291
Engagements	368
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Fri 8/18/2023 5:30 pm PDT

8/19/23, 6 PM. Sandbag update: All three locations are now out of sandbags. In preparation for Hurrican...



Video Views	786
Impressions	1,316
Reach	1,207
Engagements	69
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



Post Performance

August 17, 2023 - August 23, 2023

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Wed 8/23/2023 6:05 pm PDT

Join Garden Grove City Manager Lisa Kim for UnReel! This time, we're checking out Garden Grove City Hall and the people w...



Impressions	1,573
Reach	1,442
Engagements	114
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.2%



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Wed 8/23/2023 6:05 pm PDT

Join Garden Grove City Manager Lisa Kim for UnReel! This time, we're checking out Garden Grove City Hall and the people w...



Video Views	113
Impressions	655
Reach	651
Engagements	29
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.4%



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Wed 8/23/2023 3:59 pm PDT

Hey teens! Are you between the ages of 13-17, looking for leadership and volunteer opportunities? The GG Teen Action...



Impressions	231
Potential Reach	4,670
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



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Wed 8/23/2023 3:52 pm PDT

Hey teens! Are you between the ages of 13-17, looking for leadership and volunteer opportunities ? The Garden Grove Teen...



Impressions	653
Reach	591
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 8/23/2023 3:48 pm PDT

Hey teens! Are you between the ages of 13-17, looking for leadership and volunteer opportunities ? The Garden Grove Teen...



Impressions	567
Reach	567
Engagements	28
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.9%



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Wed 8/23/2023 12:32 pm PDT

This **#WaterSafetyWednesday**, we encourage the community to practice drowning prevention measures whenever you or a loved one is in or near a body of water. For safety tips, visit ocfa.org/preventdrowning.
[▶:youtu.be/tTk4m4NU8Cg](https://youtu.be/tTk4m4NU8Cg)
#GG1956 #GardenGrove
OCFireAuthority

Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	248
Potential Reach	4,670
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 8/23/2023 12:32 pm PDT

#DYK **!?** Drowning is the leading cause of death in children under five years old in Orange County. This...



Video Views	52
Impressions	102
Reach	98
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



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Wed 8/23/2023 12:31 pm PDT

#DYK **!?** Drowning is the leading cause of death in children under five years old in Orange County. This...



Impressions	1,685
Reach	1,507
Engagements	51
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%



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Wed 8/23/2023 9:38 am PDT

Calling all **#GG** residents! **AC** On 9/30, GG Sanitary District & Republic Services are hosting a free shredding and...

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
9:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.
H. LOUIS LAKE SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT
11300 STANFORD AVE GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840

SHREDDING
 Bring paper for safe and secure on-site shredding. Maximum of five boxes.

DISPOSE OF EVERYTHING FROM LARGE, BULKY ITEMS TO EVERYDAY CLUTTER
 (Appliances, furniture, mattresses, carpets, etc.)

E-WASTE COLLECTION AVAILABLE
 (TVs, computer monitors, etc.)

LIMITED AMOUNT OF BAGGED COMPOST AVAILABLE ON SITE

NOT ACCEPTED Hazardous Waste
 (paint, oil, batteries, tires, refrigerators, freezers, AC units, etc.)

Impressions	228
Potential Reach	4,670
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.6%



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Wed 8/23/2023 9:33 am PDT

Calling all #GardenGrove residents! 📢
Save the date! 📅 On Saturday, September 30, 2023, the Garden Grove Sanitary...



Impressions	1,267
Reach	1,169
Engagements	51
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 8/23/2023 9:30 am PDT

Calling all #GardenGrove residents! 📢
Save the date! 📅 On Saturday, September 30, 2023, the Garden Grove Sanitary...



Impressions	135
Reach	135
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.9%



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Tue 8/22/2023 5:30 pm PDT

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed for the rest of the week, due to flooding. Senior center members may pic...



Impressions	233
Potential Reach	4,671
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%



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Tue 8/22/2023 5:30 pm PDT

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed for the rest of the week, through Friday, August 25, 2023, due to flooding....



Impressions	1,057
Reach	961
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 8/22/2023 5:30 pm PDT

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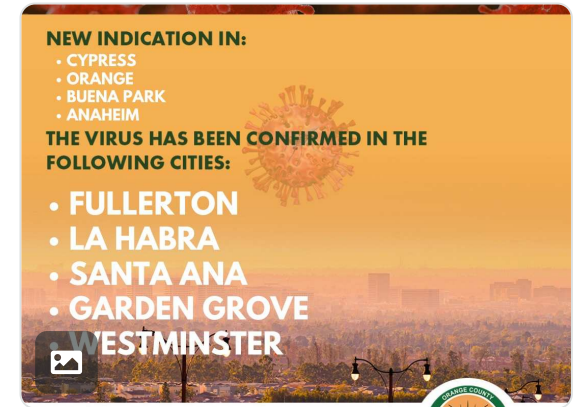
Impressions	348
Reach	336
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%



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Tue 8/22/2023 3:57 pm PDT

@OCVector has confirmed that mosquito samples collected in **#GardenGrove** have tested positive for West Nile Virus. For...



Impressions	18
Potential Reach	—
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.1%



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Tue 8/22/2023 3:57 pm PDT

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) has confirmed that mosquito samples collected in...



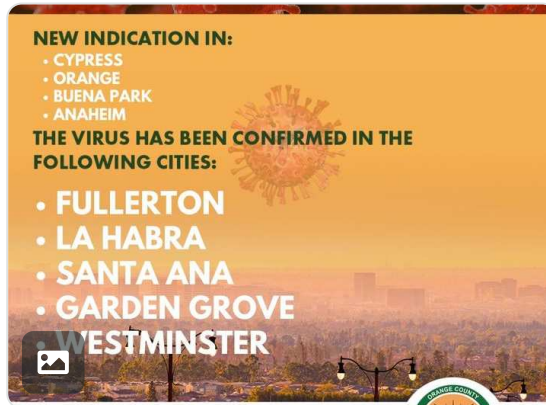
Impressions	4,738
Reach	4,142
Engagements	229
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 8/22/2023 3:57 pm PDT

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) has confirmed that mosquito samples collected in...



Impressions	341
Reach	333
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.3%



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Tue 8/22/2023 12:47 pm PDT

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on 9/4....



Impressions	172
Potential Reach	4,670
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.6%



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Tue 8/22/2023 12:47 pm PDT

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on...



Impressions	1,316
Reach	1,211
Engagements	37
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



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Tue 8/22/2023 12:47 pm PDT

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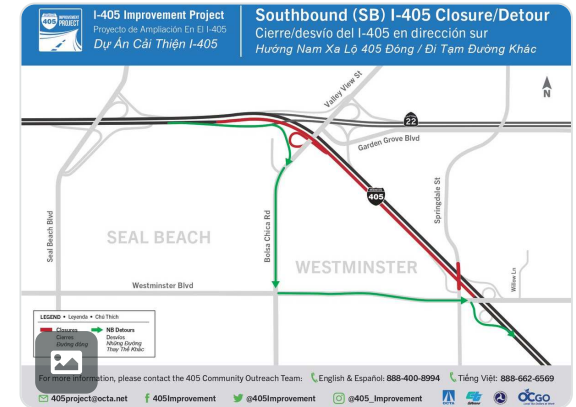
Impressions	206
Reach	206
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



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Tue 8/22/2023 9:55 am PDT

• SB I-405 will close between Bolsa Chica Rd/Valley View St and Springdale St on Fri., 8/25, from 11:00 PM through 6:00 AM on...



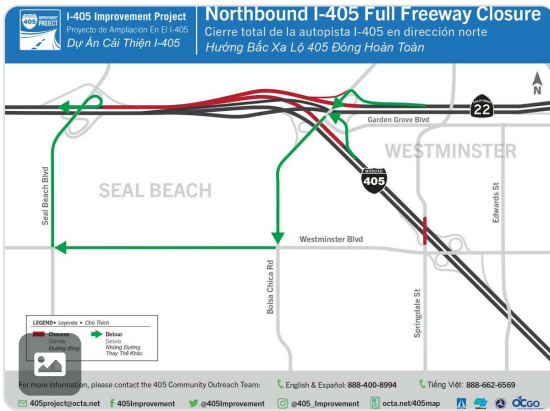
Impressions	80
Potential Reach	4,704
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5%



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Tue 8/22/2023 9:55 am PDT

• NB I-405 will close nightly between Seal Beach Blvd and WB SR-22 on Wed., 8/23, from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM and Fri. 8/25,...



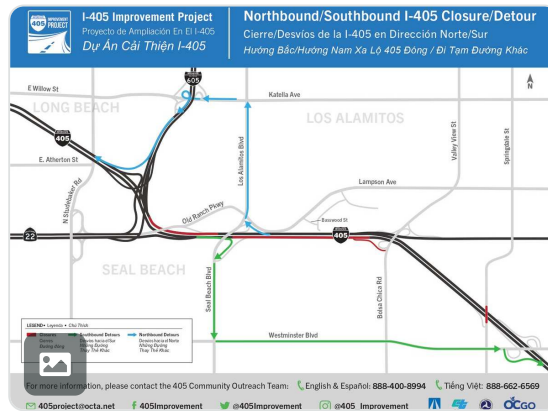
Impressions	88
Potential Reach	4,704
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%



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Tue 8/22/2023 9:55 am PDT

Are you a regular commuter of the I-405? If so, these upcoming @405improvement closures may impact your travel: • SB I-...



Impressions	306
Potential Reach	4,704
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 8/22/2023 9:55 am PDT

Are you a regular commuter of the I-405? If so, these upcoming 405 Improvement Project closures may impact your travel: ...



Impressions	488
Reach	488
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%



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Mon 8/21/2023 5:30 pm PDT

🎃 The Fall 2023 Garden Grove Parks & Recreation Guide is now available at gpparksandrec.com! Take a look at the...



Impressions	254
Potential Reach	4,671
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%



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Mon 8/21/2023 5:30 pm PDT

🎃 The Fall 2023 Garden Grove Parks & Recreation Guide is now available at gpparksandrec.com! Take a look at the...



Impressions	3,567
Reach	3,216
Engagements	167
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/21/2023 5:30 pm PDT

🎃 The Fall 2023 Garden Grove Parks & Recreation Guide is now available at gpparksandrec.com! Take a look at the...



Impressions	1,370
Reach	1,351
Engagements	83
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.1%



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Mon 8/21/2023 2:33 pm PDT

Join us next year for a brand new set of contestants vying for the chance to be 🎤 The Voice of Garden Grove 2024!...



Impressions	91
Potential Reach	4,671
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.4%



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Mon 8/21/2023 2:33 pm PDT

🏆 We'd like to congratulate The Voice of Garden Grove 2023 winner Rebecca Trejo from Rancho Alamitos High School! She...



Impressions	288
Potential Reach	4,671
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



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Mon 8/21/2023 2:33 pm PDT

🏆 We'd like to congratulate The Voice of Garden Grove 2023 winner Rebecca Trejo from Rancho Alamitos High School! She...



Impressions	5,356
Reach	3,982
Engagements	448
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/21/2023 2:33 pm PDT

🏆 We'd like to congratulate The Voice of Garden Grove 2023 winner Rebecca Trejo from Rancho Alamitos High School! She...



Impressions	1,775
Reach	1,772
Engagements	250
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.1%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/21/2023 11:53 am PDT

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed 8/21-8/22, due to flooding. During the closure, all scheduled programming...



Impressions	249
Potential Reach	4,671
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



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Mon 8/21/2023 11:49 am PDT

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed today, August 21, and tomorrow, August 22, due to flooding. During the...



Impressions	1,110
Reach	1,011
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/21/2023 11:49 am PDT

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed today, August 21, and tomorrow, August 22, due to flooding. During the...



Impressions	286
Reach	283
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%



@CityGardenGrove

Sun 8/20/2023 2:29 pm PDT

Expect dangerous flash flooding, strong winds. Limit travel to emergencies only, avoiding flooded roads, downed power...



Impressions	1,021
Potential Reach	4,664
Engagements	114
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.2%



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Sun 8/20/2023 1:11 pm PDT

From Orange County Emergency Operations Center: Tropical Storm Hilary Warning - Expect dangerous flash floodin...



Impressions	4,387
Reach	4,068
Engagements	203
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sun 8/20/2023 1:09 pm PDT

From Orange County Emergency Operations Center: Tropical Storm Hilary Warning - Expect dangerous flash floodin...



Impressions	589
Reach	572
Engagements	38
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.5%

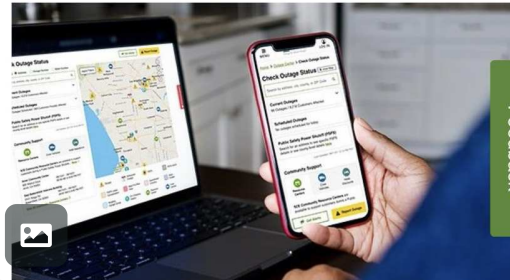


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SCE is coordinating with county and state emergency response agencies in preparation for Hurricane Hilary...

Outage Center



Impressions	635
Potential Reach	10,711
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%

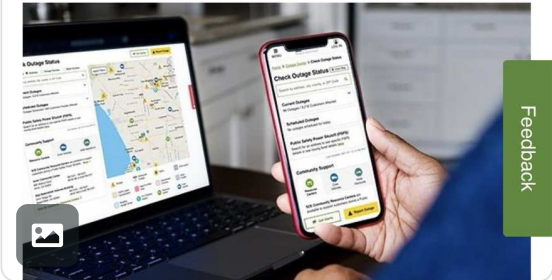


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SCE is coordinating with county and state emergency response agencies in preparation for this storm. Customers m...

Outage Center



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,658
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



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@sce is coordinating with county and state emergency response agencies in preparation for Hurricane Hilary....



Impressions	1,530
Reach	1,314
Engagements	45
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



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Southern California Edison (SCE) is coordinating with county and state emergency response agencies in...

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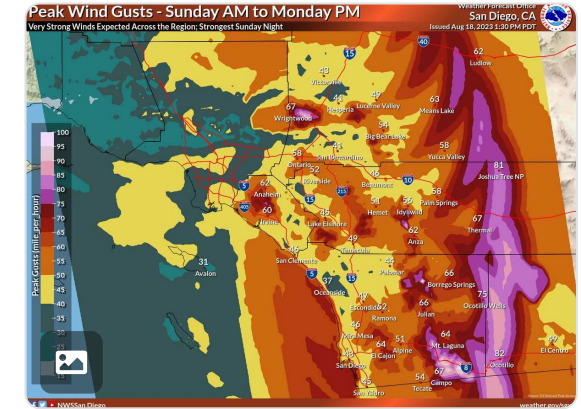
Impressions	511
Reach	483
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.8%



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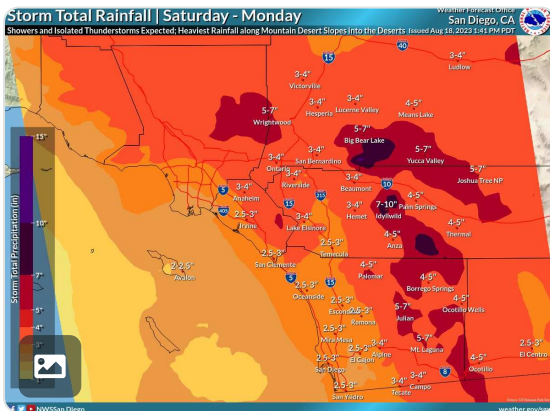
Impressions	404
Potential Reach	4,656
Engagements	71
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	17.6%



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In preparation for Hurricane Hilary's impact, the City of **#GardenGrove** is activating our Emergency Operations...



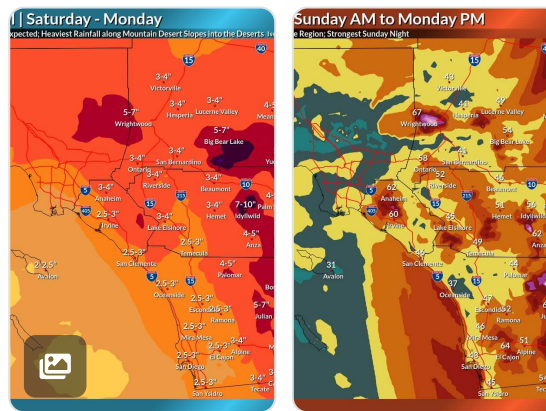
Impressions	4,044
Potential Reach	50,882
Engagements	165
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



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***UPDATE 8/19/23 6:30PM: Supplies of sand and sandbags have been depleted and will no longer be available at Garden...



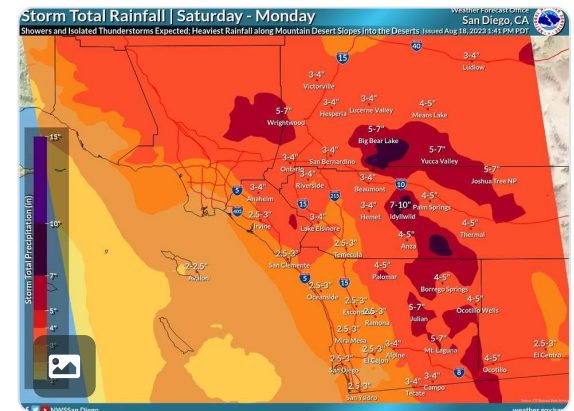
Impressions	8,416
Reach	5,820
Engagements	492
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.8%



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Fri 8/18/2023 5:20 pm PDT

UPDATE 8/19/23 6:30PM Supplies of sand and sandbags have been depleted and will no longer be available at Garden...



Impressions	4,885
Reach	4,714
Engagements	1,018
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	20.8%



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Fri 8/18/2023 2:31 pm PDT

Are you in search of a new hobby or pastime? The Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide may have what you're...



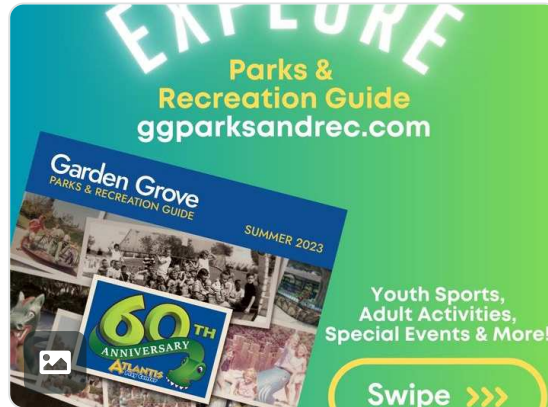
Impressions	883
Reach	623
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.9%



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Are you in search of a new hobby or pastime? The Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide may have what you're...



Impressions	7,417
Reach	5,330
Engagements	752
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.1%



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Fri 8/18/2023 9:30 am PDT

⚠️ COMMUTER ALERT @CaltransOC will close the southbound SR-57 connector to eastbound SR-22 tomorrow, August 19,...



Impressions	358
Potential Reach	4,686
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



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Fri 8/18/2023 9:30 am PDT

⚠️ COMMUTER ALERT Caltrans Orange County District 12 will close the southbound SR-57 connector to eastbou...



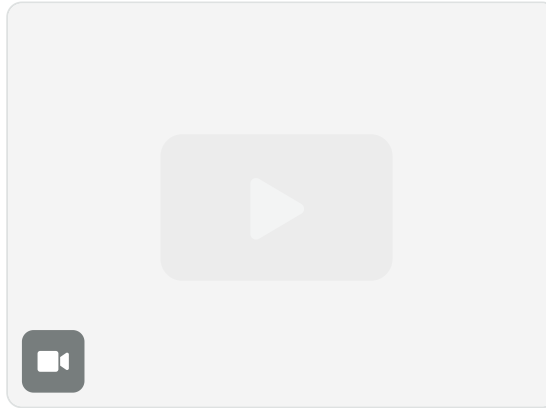
Impressions	1,238
Reach	1,220
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 8/17/2023 2:08 pm PDT

#TBT to when Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones delivered the 2023 State of the City address earlier this year. The “magical”...



Video Views	139
Impressions	373
Reach	335
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



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Thu 8/17/2023 2:07 pm PDT

#TBT to when Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones delivered the 2023 State of the City address earlier this year. The “magical”...



Impressions	615
Reach	557
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



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Thu 8/17/2023 2:07 pm PDT

#TBT to when Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones delivered the 2023 State of the City address earlier this year. **@GardenGroveTV3** reporter Breanna Greenup has the story. youtu.be/KfPyT-tUZxE **#GG1956 #GardenGrove #StateOfTheCity #communitynews**



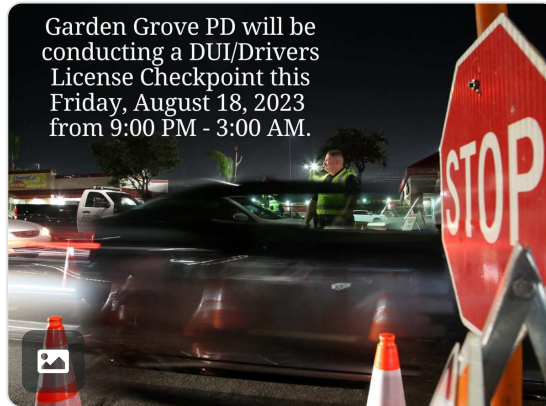
Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	238
Potential Reach	4,654
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.3%



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Thu 8/17/2023 10:00 am PDT

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification The **@GardenGrovePD** will be conducting a **#DUICheckpoint...**



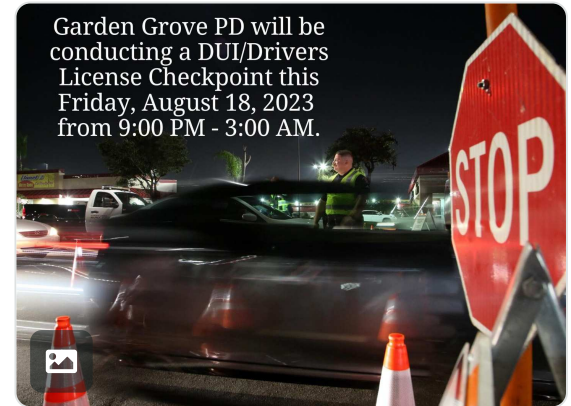
Impressions	254
Potential Reach	4,654
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.4%



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Thu 8/17/2023 10:00 am PDT

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification The **@gardengrovepd** will be conducting a **#DUICheckpoint...**



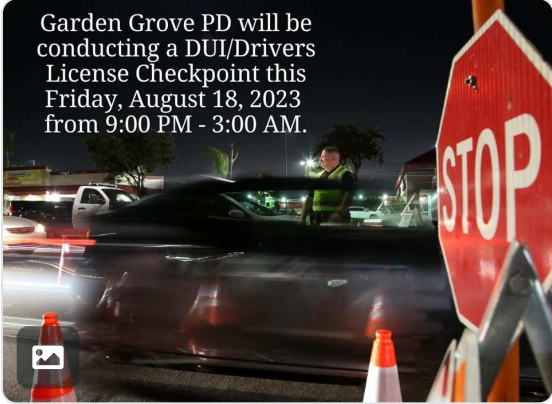
Impressions	858
Reach	747
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 8/17/2023 10:00 am PDT

DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification The Garden Grove Police Department will be conducting a...



Impressions	839
Reach	823
Engagements	41
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.9%

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Tuesday, August 22, 2023



**RESIDENTS INVITED TO FREE SHREDDING AND
COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY EVENT**

On Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Garden Grove Sanitary District and Republic Services will host a shredding and community cleanup day at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's east parking lot, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Residents will have the opportunity to bring up to five boxes of paper for safe and secure on-site shredding and dispose of bulky items like appliances, furniture, mattresses, carpets, and more. E-waste collection, including TVs, computer monitors, and other electronic items will also be available. A limited amount of compost provided by Orange County Waste and Recycling will be available for pick up.

Items not accepted include hazardous waste, batteries, LED lights, refrigerators, freezers, AC units, concrete, dirt, and tires. For a complete list of prohibited items, visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

This will be a self-service event in which residents will be unloading their own items on a first-come, first-serve basis until bins are full.

In addition, Republic Services provides special collections of bulky items at no charge for single- and multi-family residents. Each household receives up to three bulky item pickups per calendar year and is limited to up to 10 items per pickup. The service is by appointment only by calling (714) 238-2444.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

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Tuesday, August 22, 2023

CITY HALL CLOSED, NO STREET SWEEPING ON LABOR DAY

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023. Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday, and will resume the next day. Trash pick-up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5382.

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Monday, August 21, 2023



FALL PARKS AND RECREATION GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

The Fall 2023 Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide, the primary source for fall programs, classes, activities, and special events, is now available at ggparksandrec.com. Programs run from Friday, September 1, 2023, through Sunday, December 31, 2023. Residents and visitors are encouraged to register for classes in advance to ensure placement.

The Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide is an interactive, digital publication that features a listing of youth sports, creative arts, adult activities and fitness classes, special events, and more. Registration and payments can be made directly online or at Garden Grove City Hall.

Follow the Community Services Department on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ggardengrovecity) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/ggardengrovecity) at @gardengrovecity to see announcements on programs, services, events, and job opportunities.

For more information, visit ggparksandrec.com or call (714) 741-5200.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Friday, August 18, 2023

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LOCAL TEENS INVITED TO JOIN TEEN ACTION COLLABORATIVE

The City of Garden Grove invites local teens, ages 13-17, to join the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC), a program empowering teens to become future leaders in their community. GGTAC will meet every third Thursday of the month, beginning Thursday, September 21, 2023 through Thursday, May 17, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meetings will be held at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Coordinated by the Community Services Department, in collaboration with local organizations, GGTAC is an opportunity for Garden Grove teens to serve their community, gain career development skills, create new friendships, and receive college readiness guidance.

Interested teens are encouraged to attend the kick-off meeting on Thursday, September 21, to learn about the program, including goals and responsibilities, volunteer opportunities, and more. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Parents are welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, visit ggcity.org/ggtac, or call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5290.

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THE TRIBUNE

August 23, 2023

Two celebrations get approval



A request for longer hours and louder noise on New Year's Eve at the Garden Amphitheater were approved by the Garden Grove City Council (Shutterstock).

By Jim Tortolano/Orange County Tribune

A pair of celebrations to be observed locally were quickly approved by the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday night.

On a 6-0 vote – with Councilmember John O'Neill (District 1) absent – the council approved requests for a two-day observance of the Buddha's birthday and an extended New Year's Eve concert.



Giac An Buddhist Monastery in Garden Grove is planning to host a festival at Garden Grove Park on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 2024.

LFA (Large Format Assembly), which operates the Garden Amphitheater – popularly known as "Garden Amp" – on Main Street, won approval for extended hours and exemption from sound limits from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The festival will have an expected attendance of 3,000 and all direct expenses to the city will be reimbursed.

LFA stages popular music concerts and other entertainment events at the city-owned facility.

Siddhartha Gautama, usually referred to as the Buddha, is the central figure of Buddhism, one of the world's great faiths and predominant among people of Southeast Asia, including Vietnam. It is one of the three major Asian religions, the other two being Confucianism and Taoism.

The next meeting of the city council is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Elvis returns with 'Spirit' Oct. 8

August 23, 2023



ELVIS has many faces (Elvis Festival photo).

It is said "no one is truly dead until they are forgotten." Perhaps that is why so many people consider Elvis Presley to be alive. The undying love of his devotees continues to breathe life into the King of Rock and Roll through Elvis tribute shows, fan club gatherings, death anniversary memorials and events such as the annual Elvis Festival on Historic Main Street in Garden Grove slated to return Sunday, Oct. 8.

Themed "The Spirit of Elvis" this marks the 23rd year of the all-day tribute to Presley, who died August 16, 1977. As California's only Elvis Festival, it brings together a myriad of activities and performances that honor various aspects of his life including tribute artists young and old, a King of Cadillacs & Other Elvis Classic Cars Show, memorabilia, and collectibles, strolling entertainment, Elvis fan clubs, food trucks and restaurants with Elvis themed menu items.

"It's not so much about emulating Elvis exactly as he was but keeping his songs in the forefront that also encourage the younger generations to take note of the special talent Presley had," said Kirk Wall, 66, of Anaheim, the Festival's Ambassador since its inception. "We love seeing kids performing Elvis's songs. Though they may not have been born when he was alive, we rely on them to keep his legacy alive.

The festival performers range from eight years of age to 68 years old and don't necessarily look, shake or sing like Presley. "But that's not important," Wall said, "because there never will be another Elvis, but we can honor him in many ways."

The youngest is Walter Schmidt of Torrance who goes by the stage name of Little Elvis and recently returned from the Graceland Performing Arts Camp in Memphis, Tennessee. Joined by 80 other aspiring little "Elvi" it was according to Schmidt, a trip of a lifetime where he felt at home meeting other children who love Elvis as much as he does. Schmidt said, "I like his style, his music, his hair styling, his attitude, his jewelry and his jumpsuit."

Schmidt, who has been singing since he was five years old, has four jumpsuits. But it was his love of Tikis and other Hawaiian art that drew him to liking the King first when he saw a photo of Elvis's famous Jungle Room in a book. "That made me want to know more about him," Schmidt said, "and then I started listening to his music and I was hooked."

And it isn't just for boys, Schmidt met several girls at the special camp who love to dress and sing like the king.

So does 11-year-old Payton Jordan of Anaheim, who fell in love with Elvis when she was three years old after attending the 2015 Elvis Festival. She performed at the fest last year and will return to sing "Jailhouse Rock."

Schmidt will sing "Teddy Bear."

Others include 55-year-old retired law enforcement officer Mel Ruiz of Placentia singing "Can't Help Falling in Love," and 31-year-old Oleksandr Silaiev of Los Angeles, who fled the Ukraine shortly before the war broke out. Silaiev was inspired when he was about six years old watching Elvis's movies in his homeland. He loves to sing both rock and roll and opera and will present both of those styles performing O Sole Mio followed by "It's Now or Never," which have the same instrumental bed along with other Presley hits.

Josh Crosby, 45, of Garden Grove, lead singer in the Copy Cats band who has been singing since age five and drawn to everything from hillbilly mixed with gospel, rhythm and blues to jazz, will blend it all with everything Elvis as he serenade attendees on Main Street.

Other stage shows include four bands featuring Wall along with his band Krazy Kirk and the Hillbillies, regulars at Knott's Berry Farm performing Elvis songs bluegrass style; The Decades with Lil Joe Banuelos singing the King's rock and roll hits from the 50's and 60's along with other music legends; Neil Morrow and the Memphis 54 in a tribute to Sun Records' artists and Scot Bruce and his "Rockin' tribute to Elvis in the early years.

In addition, the multi award winning talent of Martin Anthony, 50, of Murrieta will sing with the gospel chorus Friendship which features Grammy nominated recording artist Sonya Griffin and will also perform with actress Tanya Lemani, the belly dancer from the Elvis movie "Little Egypt." Lemani will also be on hand for autographs and photo opportunities during the festival.

Other performances will include Elvis tribute artists Anthony Alcala, 68, of Menifee, Bradley Carrow, 61, of Yorba Linda, and Gary Anderson, 63, of Lake Forest and the top three winners of Coastline College's Show Your Spirit of Elvis High School Singing Contest.

In honor of real Hound Dogs, the Festival will be honoring the National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month in October with Pawprints in the Sand and I.C.A.R.E. Dog rescues showing the public several dogs available for adoption or fostering.

In addition to stage entertainment the festival will include the King of Cadillacs and Other Elvis Classics such as Thunderbirds, Panteras and other passenger cars from 1977 and earlier as well as any "pink" car honoring Presley's favorite color; Elvis fan clubs: Jailhouse Rockers of California and Blue Suede Shoes of California; vendors with memorabilia and collectibles; stilt Elvis; Abbit the Average Elvis; food trucks with special "Elvis" menu items and Main Street restaurants and merchants and an Elvis Life Story display by Dignity Memorial, the Festival's returning presenting sponsor.

Fans will also have an opportunity to win a 16-day trip for two on the Grand Princess to Hawaii for the 2024 The Princess and the King Music Cruise. Information and how to enter the drawing will be available at the JRW Group Entertainment booth during the festival.

The Festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and admission is free as well as parking, which is available at the Concorde Career College and Coastline College lots adjacent to the event, which is on Main Street between Acacia Parkway and Garden Grove Boulevard.

There are a limited number of paid reserved seats for stage entertainment and can be purchased online at Eventbrite under 23rd Annual Elvis Festival. A free section of seating is also available.

For more information visit the Facebook Page for the Annual Elvis Festival Garden Grove, send an email to elvisfestival@yahoo.com or call 714-267-4657.

Bolsa's test vs. Beckman

August 21, 2023



Last year, a surprising Bolsa Grande team came within a whisker of grabbing a piece of the Garden Grove League football title, and made history by being the first Matador squad to qualify for the CIF-SS playoffs in 34 years.

In previous seasons, opponents could discount the prospects for the Bolsa team, but after a 6-6 season in 2022 – and a trip to the second round playoff game – nobody can look past Michael Acosta's team this time.

A good test of how good the Mats will be will come on Thursday when they host Beckman High of Irvine. Both will come into the game with 1-0 marks. Bolsa bested Savanna 27-22 and the Patriots hammered Santa Ana Valley High 54-0.

Each team has an outstanding quarterback. Ethan Nguyen is a top-notch passer who also runs well. He had 278 total yards vs. Savanna and accounted for all four scores for his team.

As for Beckman, Austin Shepard passed for 205 yards last week. But the Patriots also have a multi-pronged rushing attack as well, with seven ball carriers combining for 175 yards and five touchdowns.

Another interesting game on Thursday will be Pacifica at Garden Grove. Both teams lost their openers, but since these are former Garden Grove League rivals who graduated to higher levels and don't play each other every often, it should be of special interest.

Therefore you could think of this game as a sort of unofficial city championship contest, although Bolsa Grande, Rancho Alamitos and Santiago might object to that.

Here's the Week One schedule as posted by MaxPreps. Details (as always) subject to change. Games should all start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Thursday

Beckman (1-0) at Bolsa Grande (1-0)

San Bernardino (1-0) at Los Amigos (0-0), 6 p.m.

Huntington Beach (1-0) at Trabuco Hills (0-0)

Pacifica (0-1) at Garden Grove (0-1)

Orange (1-0) at Villa Park (1-0)

Friday

La Sierra (0-1) at Rancho Alamitos (0-0)

Godinez (1-0) at La Quinta (0-1)

Loara (0-0) at Estancia (0-0)

Edison (0-1) at Leuzinger (1-0)

Fountain Valley (1-0) at Marina (0-1)

St. Margaret's (0-1) at Western (0-1)

Valencia (1-0) at Magnolia (0-1)

Saturday

Westminster (0-1) at Santiago (1-0)

Top stats from Week Zero

- Anthony Luna (Western) passed for 333 yards and three TDs vs. Los Alamitos.
- Ethan Nguyen (Bolsa Grande) passed for 172 yards and three TDs vs Savanna. He also rushed for 106 yards and another score.
- Pablo Reyes (Garden Grove) rushed for 181 yards and one TD vs. Bellflower.

TP Garden Grove – Chương trình và các lớp học cho mùa Thu 2023

August 22, 2023



Chương trình và các lớp học mùa Thu 2023 (Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide) cung cấp thông tin về lớp học, hoạt động và sự kiện đặc biệt trong mùa Thu tại Garden Grove và hiện có trên trang mạng ggparksandrec.com. Các chương trình sẽ bắt đầu từ ngày 1 Tháng Chín đến ngày 31 tháng Mười Hai. Cư dân trong cộng đồng được khuyến khích đăng ký lớp học sớm để đảm bảo còn chỗ.

'Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide' gồm thông tin về các lớp học, thể thao dành cho thanh thiếu niên, cũng như các hoạt động dành cho người lớn và các lớp thể dục, sự kiện đặc biệt, v.v. Hiện tại thông tin này chỉ có trên website. Đăng ký ghi danh và thanh toán trả trực tuyến (online) hoặc tại tòa thị chánh (City hall) Thành phố.

Đăng ký theo dõi Ban Phục vụ Cộng đồng trên mạng xã hội Facebook và Instagram tại [@gardengrovecity](https://www.facebook.com/gardengrovecity) để được cập nhật về các chương trình, sự kiện, thông báo tuyển nhân viên tại Thành phố.

Để biết thêm thông tin, xem tại ggparksandrec.com hoặc gọi (714) 741-5200.

Orange County sắp có tin vui cho cư dân nộp đơn cần 'housing'

August 21, 2023

Đăng-Giao/Người Việt

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Cựu Phó Thị Trưởng Garden Grove Diedre Thu Hà Nguyễn tổ chức buổi hội thảo về "housing" vào hôm Thứ Bảy, 19 Tháng Tám, với sự tham gia của đại diện bốn cơ quan "housing" là Orange County, Anaheim, Garden Grove và Santa Ana.



Lần đầu trong hơn 20 năm, cả bốn cơ quan 'housing' cùng ngồi chung tại một cuộc hội thảo. (Hình: Đăng-Giao/Người Việt)

Đây là lần đầu tiên trong 20 năm, cả bốn cơ quan "housing" này cùng ngồi chung nhau trong một cuộc hội thảo và nhiều đại diện các cơ quan lên tiếng tuyên dương nỗ lực này của bà Diedre Thu-Hà.

Các đại diện "housing" cho biết trung bình, cứ khoảng trên 10 năm thì họ mới có thể nhận đơn mới một lần.

Trong lúc cơ quan "housing" của Santa Ana và Anaheim vừa nhận đơn năm 2023 nhưng đã có quá nhiều đơn xin hiện đang cứu xét thì Garden Grove dự trù khoảng cuối năm 2024 hoặc đầu năm 2025 mới bắt đầu nhận đơn.

Tuy nhiên, ngay trong buổi hội thảo, một cơ quan "housing" hân hoan tuyên bố tin vui. Đó là trong Tháng Chín, 2023, Cơ Quan "Housing" Orange County (OCHA) sẽ nhận đơn.

“Housing” là trợ cấp của chính phủ cho những người có thu nhập thấp và năm 2023, mức thu nhập trung vị (median) tại Orange County là \$50,250 (một người) và \$57,400 (hai người).

Cơ Quan “Housing” Orange County cấp “housing” cho cư dân sống hoặc làm việc tại các thành phố của Orange County (trừ Anaheim, Garden Grove và Santa Ana).

Tuy các thành phố đang phải giải quyết những đơn đã nhận được nhưng đại diện “housing” của các thành phố vẫn khuyến khích cư dân có thu nhập thấp nên theo dõi những chương trình khác của họ như chương trình cho thuê nhà dưới giá thị trường (Affordable Housing Resources).

Để mọi người cảm nhận được số lượng đơn nộp cho Cơ Quan “Housing” Orange County, họ cho vài con số như sau.

Năm 2012, trong hai tuần nhận đơn vào Tháng Hai, cơ quan nhận được hơn 48,000 đơn xin.

Đến Tháng Tám, 2023, cơ quan còn tới 1,850 đơn trong danh sách chờ giải quyết. Trong số này, có chừng 100 gia đình sống hay làm việc tại Orange County.

Tuy nhiên, các thành phố thường xuyên có chương trình khác để giúp người nghèo.

“Những chương trình này giúp đỡ người có thu nhập thấp rất nhiều dù không bằng ‘housing,’ do đó đừng nản lòng mà nên thường xuyên theo dõi tại các website của thành phố,” các đại diện khuyến.



Rất đông người tham dự buổi hội thảo về “housing” do bà Diedre Thu-Hà tổ chức. (Hình: Đăng-Giao/Người Việt)

Trong phần hỏi đáp, một câu hỏi được đưa ra là, “Vợ chồng già, được có người săn sóc ở lại qua đêm thì có phải tính luôn thu nhập của người săn sóc đó hay không?” và câu trả lời là,

“Tùy theo thành phố nhưng, thông thường, nếu đó là người không có quan hệ gia đình thì không. Nhưng nếu đó là người có liên hệ huyết thống thì có, phải tính ‘income’ của người đó khi nộp đơn.”

Một câu hỏi khác là, “Chúng tôi nộp đơn tại một thành phố nhưng khi được thành phố đó chấp nhận cho ‘housing’ thì lại đang ở thành phố khác, như vậy có bị mất ưu tiên hay quyền lợi không?”

“Không, chỉ phải bổ túc hồ sơ cho chính xác thôi.”

“Nếu được ‘housing’ ở Santa Ana, California thì tôi có thể dọn nhà qua Arizona hay bất cứ tiểu bang khác không?”

“Được. Mọi cơ quan ‘housing’ đều tuân theo chỉ định của cơ quan liên bang.”

“Ai là người có ưu tiên nhất khi xin ‘housing’?”

“Sau khi xét về mức thu nhập, các cơ quan cứu xét đến tình trạng cá nhân như cựu quân nhân, cao niên (trên 62), người bị khuyết tật, gia đình...”



Khán phòng rộng rãi nhưng số người tham dự ngồi kín. (Hình: Đăng-Giao/Người Việt)

Có rất nhiều người có nhiều thắc mắc nhưng vì nặng tính cá nhân nên ban tổ chức đề nghị nên hỏi ở bàn riêng của từng cơ quan bên ngoài khán phòng hội thảo.

Dưới đây là danh sách bốn cơ quan “housing” để các cư dân ở vùng Orange County liên lạc khi có nhu cầu giúp đỡ.

Orange County Housing Authority
1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92705

Điện thoại: (714) 480-2700
Website: <https://www.ochousing.org>

Anaheim Housing Authority
201 S Anaheim Blvd Unit 201, Anaheim, CA 92805
Điện thoại: (714) 765-4320
Website: <https://www.anaheim.net/668/Housing-Authority>

Garden Grove Housing Authority
12966 S Euclid St #150, Garden Grove, CA 92840
Điện thoại: (714) 741-5150
Website: <https://ggcity.org/housing-authority>

Santa Ana Housing Authority
20 Civic Center Plaza #200, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Điện thoại: (714) 667-2200
Website: <https://www.santa-ana.org/departments/housing-authority>
Liên lạc tác giả: ngo.giao@nguoi-viet.com

Garden Grove tiếp tục chương trình 'JOBS 1st' để hỗ trợ doanh nghiệp

August 18, 2023

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Thành phố Garden Grove tiếp tục chương trình "JOBS 1st" để hỗ trợ cho doanh nghiệp địa phương, theo thông cáo báo chí của thành phố.



Chương trình “JOBS 1st” là nỗ lực của Garden Grove nhằm giúp doanh nghiệp phát triển doanh thu. (Hình minh họa: Garden Grove cung cấp)

Cô Kristy Thái, nhân viên giao tế cộng đồng của thành phố, nói: “Chương trình ‘JOBS 1st’ này rất có lợi mà cũng rất công bằng mà sao không thấy nhiều doanh nhân gốc Việt nộp đơn.”

Cô cho hay, chương trình “JOBS 1st” cung cấp các khoản vay không tiền lãi (zero-interest loan) lên đến \$50,000 và chương trình tài trợ (grant) lên đến \$25,000 cho các doanh nghiệp hội đủ điều kiện để tạo ra hoặc duy trì việc làm.

Chương trình vay tiền

Khoản vay này nhằm mục đích giúp doanh nghiệp tạo thêm việc làm mới.

Các doanh nghiệp muốn vay \$50,000 cần chứng minh họ đang tạo việc làm cho nhân viên mới.

Doanh nghiệp nào đã nhận hỗ trợ từ chương trình này trong vòng năm năm thì không thể ghi danh nữa.

Điều kiện cho các doanh nghiệp muốn ghi danh:

- Đang kinh doanh tại Garden Grove, có giấy phép hợp lệ.
- Có thêm nhân viên làm việc toàn thời gian.
- \$25,000 cho mỗi nhân viên toàn thời gian.
- Chủ doanh nghiệp phải có tài sản thế chấp.
- Tổng doanh thu hằng tháng phải gấp đôi số tiền vay.

Chương trình tài trợ

-Người nộp đơn phải đang kinh doanh tại Garden Grove, có giấy phép hợp lệ.

Chương trình tài trợ nhằm giúp doanh nghiệp giữ nhân viên.

Số tiền lên đến \$25,000 là khoản tài trợ, không phải hoàn trả. -Khoản tài trợ lên đến \$12,500 cho mỗi nhân viên toàn thời gian được giữ lại.

-Chủ doanh nghiệp phải cung cấp báo cáo bảng trả lương chứng minh gặp khó khăn trong việc giữ nhân viên.

-Những doanh nghiệp muốn nhận được khoản tài trợ (grant) \$25,000 cần chứng minh họ đang giữ việc làm trong khoảng thời gian ba tháng, và chứng minh doanh thu đã bị giảm hơn 15% hơn so với năm ngoái.

Cô Kristy Thái nói: "Mỗi doanh nghiệp chỉ được mượn tiền hay xin trợ cấp chứ không thể xin cả hai một lúc."

Đồng thời cô nhắc thêm: "Cơ sở nào đã được 'JOBS 1st' giúp đỡ trong năm năm thì không thể nộp đơn nữa."

Cô cũng cho biết rằng một số cơ sở thương mại do người gốc Việt làm chủ đã được giúp đỡ qua chương trình "JOBS 1st" như Làng Nướng BBQ và Phở Inn.

Thông tin có thể tìm thấy tại trang ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/jobs-1st.

Để hội đủ điều kiện tham gia chương trình "JOBS 1st" là các doanh nghiệp phải có giấy phép kinh doanh hợp pháp tại Garden Grove.

Chương trình "JOBS 1st" là một phần của kế hoạch Khuyến Khích Kinh Doanh và Phát Động Khả Năng Phục Hồi (Business Resource and Resiliency Plan), nhằm để hỗ trợ các doanh nghiệp địa phương, kích thích phát triển và tạo việc làm, đồng thời cải thiện kinh tế tại Garden Grove.

Cô Kristy Thái cho biết rằng không có thời hạn nộp đơn nhưng vì số tiền có giới hạn nên ai nộp đơn sớm thì có cơ hội cao hơn.

"Cứ 'first come, first served' cho đến khi nào ngân quỹ hết tiền. Nhưng nếu cần tiền thì nên ghi danh ngay," cô khuyên.

Để biết thêm thông tin hoặc ghi danh những chương trình trợ giúp từ thành phố, truy cập tại ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/jobs-1st hoặc liên lạc Ban Phát Triển Kinh Tế qua số điện thoại (714) 741-5131.

Chương trình "JOBS 1st" được Garden Grove thực hiện lần đầu vào Tháng Sáu, 2020 nhằm giúp đỡ doanh nghiệp địa phương gặp khó khăn vì COVID-19, đến nay đã giúp giới tiểu thương trong thành phố rất nhiều.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
August 24, 2023

1. Calendar of Events
2. League of California Cities articles from August 18, 2023 to August 24, 2023.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 24, 2023 – October 6, 2023

Thursday	August 24	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
		11:30am	Employee Appreciation Luncheon, CMC AB Room
Friday	August 25		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	September 4		City Hall Closed – Labor Day
Tuesday	September 5	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	September 8		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 14	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	September 22		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 26	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 28	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Saturday	September 30	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Shredding & Community Cleanup Day H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.
Thursday	October 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	October 6		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



State Water Board begins rulemaking process for new urban water conservation regulation

Aug 23, 2023

The State Water Resources Control Board initiated the [formal rulemaking](#) process for a new urban water use rule last Friday. The League of California Cities is reviewing the draft regulation and plans to provide comments to the State Water Board. Known as the Making Conservation a California Way of Life, the regulation would reduce urban water use by over 400,000 acre-feet by 2030. The average California household uses between one-half and one acre-foot of water per year.

The draft regulation is the result of two 2018 laws — [SB 606 \(Hertzberg\)](#) and [AB 1668 \(Friedman\)](#). The laws established a new foundation for long-term standards in water conservation and drought planning, including new and expanded authorities and requirements for urban water suppliers, agricultural water suppliers, small water suppliers, and rural communities.

The regulation outlines water use efficiency requirements for urban retail water suppliers, including urban water use efficiency standards, variances, and an urban water use objective. It also proposes commercial, industrial, and institutional measures, such as standards, guidelines, and methodologies for establishing the objectives and annual reporting requirements.

The State Water Board will present the draft regulation and provide an opportunity for comments during a public hearing on October 4, 2023. Written comments are due October 17, 2023.

[Draft regulation text](#) and supporting materials are available on the agency's [website](#). To provide input on Cal Cities' public comments or for more information about the rulemaking process, contact Environmental Quality Lobbyist Melissa Sparks-Kranz at msparkskranz@calcities.org or (916) 658-8232.



A hot labor summer could have a chilling effect on city services

Aug 23, 2023

Labor stoppages across California have dominated headlines this summer, including at the Capitol where multiple state worker unions authorized possible strikes.

Unsurprisingly — and keeping in trend with last year — lawmakers are considering changes to the state’s labor laws. The League of California Cities opposes a trio of labor bills that would hurt cities’ ability to deliver key services.

Perhaps the most sweeping measure is [AB 1484 \(Zbur\)](#), which would limit the ability of cities to staff up for temporary or seasonal needs. The bill would require cities to include temporary employees in the same bargaining unit as permanent employees upon request of the union. This would create inconsistencies in the bargaining process. Permanent employee contracts are often based on certain benefits that temporary employees are ineligible to receive.

The bill would also increase hiring costs, effectively void probationary period policies, and require cities to inform temporary employees about their anticipated length of employment.

The last requirement would be difficult, if not impossible, for cities to meet. Temporary employees are often hired to fulfill an immediate need of uncertain duration. Identifying an end date in those cases is pure speculation, which would serve no purpose and may lead to unnecessary disputes.

Another measure, [AB 504 \(Reyes\)](#), would make sympathy striking and honoring the picket line a human right. This change would also upend the bargaining process and undermine the ability of cities to provide certain services during a strike. Many local labor agreements have no-strike provisions in their contracts due to the vital nature of their jobs, which this bill would void in contracts going forward.

In areas where government services are co-located, employees from a non-struck agency could refuse to work at the shared location if employees from a different agency are on strike. Cities that bargained in good faith and have approved agreements should not be penalized for sharing a business space with another government employer.

Then this morning, Sen. Anthony Portantino put an end to [the rumors](#) and introduced [SB 799](#). The measure would allow striking workers to draw unemployment benefits after two weeks of strike action. Legislators put forward a similar proposal in 2019 but it failed to get the votes needed to pass out of the Senate. The combined impact of all three measures would likely create longer, more frequent strikes and leave cities with few ways to provide the services residents expect during said strikes.

For more information about these bills, please contact [Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Johnnie Pina](#).



Lawmakers want to make it easier to pass local revenue measures

Aug 23, 2023

Big businesses have used California's powerful ballot initiative process to overturn or delay unfavorable laws. Now, they could get a taste of their own medicine.

On Friday, Asm. Chris Ward — with the support of Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas — introduced [ACA 13](#). The constitutional amendment would require ballot measures that increase voter approval requirements to also pass by the same margin. For example, if powerful corporations wanted to [require two-thirds approval for all taxes and fees](#), they would need to get the approval of two-thirds of all voters.

The League of California Cities today testified in support of ACA 13, along with the California Teachers Association. A broad group of local government, labor, and nonprofit organizations earlier this week [publicly threw their support behind the proposal](#).

The constitutional amendment would make it easier to pass revenue measures dedicated to homelessness and housing, fire, public safety, and road and other critical services.

Currently, a simple majority of voters may vote to require a super-majority for future action. This framework has given disproportionate power to a small number of voters: Little more than one-third of voters can prevent laws that a majority of voters agree upon.

The status quo has worked against public interests. From 2001-18, city revenue measures with a two-thirds vote requirement had a 51% passage rate, compared to a 70% passage rate for all local revenue measures over the same period.

ACA 13 would also preserve the right of cities to place advisory questions on the ballot. If passed, ACA 13 would go to the voters for approval in March 2024. A [sample letter of support](#) is available.

For questions or more information about ACA 13, please contact [Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Ben Triffo](#).



Two-part legislative proposal would make targeted improvements to the state's behavioral health system

Aug 23, 2023

SB 326 (Eggman) and AB 531 (Irwin) would provide massive investments and make policy reforms to California's behavioral health system

The League of California Cities adopted a support position for Gov. Gavin Newsom's plan to modernize the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and pass an accompanying bond measure for 10,000 new community behavioral health beds and housing.

Cal Cities is also urging the Governor and Legislature to increase the size of the bond to directly fund cities' efforts to deploy new housing and services for people in need. The request is part of Cal Cities' [ongoing call](#) for direct funding to help cities [increase housing affordability and reduce homelessness](#).

The Governor referenced Cal Cities' support — the support of several dozen mayors — in a recent [press release](#).

Sen. Susan Eggman introduced part of the proposal through [SB 326](#). The bill would update the MHSA to include treatment for people with substance use disorders. It would also prioritize investments in housing interventions for individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

Asm. Jacqui Irwin's [AB 531](#) would authorize \$4.68 billion in general obligation bonds to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate community-based residential care settings for people with behavioral health needs, including veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This investment is desperately needed: California has a shortage of [at least 6,000](#) behavioral health beds.

Collectively, these changes would ensure that California can better meet the needs of individuals experiencing severe behavioral health conditions.

Since the proposals were introduced in June, the Legislature has been hard at work analyzing their impacts and hearing from stakeholders. This includes informational hearings in the [Senate](#) last week and the [Assembly](#) this week. These hearings featured presentations by the Newsom Administration, comments by the Legislative Analyst's Office, and broad panels of stakeholders.

After the hearings, SB 326 passed unanimously out of the Assembly Health Committee and will be heard next in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on Monday. The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear AB 531 next Monday. A [sample letter](#) is available for cities interested in supporting these measures. The Department of Health Care Services, along with the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS), held a webinar last week on the proposal and provided a [high-level summary of its provisions](#) and impacts. That webinar recording, fact sheets, and resources are available on [CalHHS's website](#).