

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**August 31, 2023**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

- A. Planning Commission Public Hearing Notice  
An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the September 14 and 21, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

• **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

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# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS

LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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August 30, 2023

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SIGNED:



Orange County News

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 30th day of August 2023.

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OCN-CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
P.O. BOX 3070  
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN 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, 9:00 A.M., September 14, 2023

The City of Garden Grove Zoning Administrator will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Meeting Center, to consider the request listed below. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-244-2023**

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new restaurant, Yoshiharu Ramen, with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer & Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The site is located at 9812 Chapman Avenue in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-242-2023**

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new restaurant, The Hive, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "23" (Small Beer Manufacturer) License and limited live entertainment. Also, a request to revoke Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 223-2022, which previously allowed the operation of a restaurant with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Eating Place) License. Upon approval and exercising of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP 223-2022, shall be revoked and become null and void. The site is at 12865 Main Street in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-248-2023**

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the expansion of a vocational beauty school, RT7 Beauty School, to a maximum capacity of five (5) instructors and sixty-five (65) students within a combined 5,245 square foot tenant space, at 9836 & 9838 Garden Grove Boulevard. Also, a request to revoke Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 234 2023, which previously allowed the operation of the vocational beauty school with three (3) instructors and thirty-six (36) students at 9836 Garden Grove Boulevard. Upon approval and exercising of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-234-2023, shall be revoked and become null and void. The site is at 9836 & 9838 Garden Grove Boulevard in the GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on September 14, 2023 If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the

Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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134366 GPA-002-2023/A-037-2023

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• THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. GPA-002-2023  
AMENDMENT NO. A-037-2023

The Garden Grove Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and consider a recommendation that the City Council: (i) adopt a General Plan Amendment (GPA-002-2023), which includes updates to the adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element and to amend the General Plan Land Use Designation of a property located at 13621 Harbor Boulevard (Assessor's Parcel No. 100-123-01), from Industrial (I) to International West Mixed Use (IW); and (ii) adopt a Zoning Map amendment (A-037-2023) to revise the Zoning Map to implement the updates to the Housing Element and to clarify the sites intended to be included in the International West Mixed Use Overlay and the Industrial/Residential Mixed Use 1 Overlay, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2925. The focus of the General Plan and Zoning Map Amendments is to comply with State law provisions and resolve comments received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on the adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element, in order to obtain HCD certification of the City's Housing Element.

In conjunction with this request, the City of Garden Grove will consider a determination that no further review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is required pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 because the proposed General Plan and zoning amendments implement the General Plan update analyzed in the City of Garden Grove Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments Environmental Impact Report, State Clearinghouse No. 2021060714 ("Garden Grove General Plan Update and Focused Zoning Amendments"), potential impacts of the General Plan and zoning amendments fall within the scope of the General Plan Update EIR, and the General Plan and zoning amendments will not result in any new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Garden Grove City Council.

The draft of the proposed Revised Adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element (June 2023) is available for public review on the City's website at ggcity.org/housing-element.

The proposed Zoning Map Amendment will apply and/or clarify that the mixed use overlays adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. 2925 apply to the parcels listed below. These parcels are generally located along Harbor Boulevard between Trask Avenue and Westminster Avenue, and along Western Avenue between Chapman Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.

The following parcels will be included in the International West Mixed Use Overlay:

13621 HARBOR BLVD (APN: 10012301) 13631 HARBOR BLVD (APN: 10012302)  
12382 GARDEN GROVE BLVD (APN: 10161101) 13851 & 13861 HARBOR BLVD

(APN: 10013079)  
12532 GARDEN GROVE BLVD (APN: 10134366) 13862 SEABOARD CIR (APN:  
10013058)  
12562 GARDEN GROVE BLVD (APN: 10101104) 13962 SEABOARD CIR (APN:  
10013068)  
12640 GARDEN GROVE BLVD (APN: 10101101) 11901 WESTMINSTER AVE  
(APN: 10013069)  
13518 HARBOR BLVD (APN: 10108075) (APN: 23132320)  
13591 HARBOR BLVD (APN: 10012232)

The following parcels will be included in the Industrial/Residential Mixed Used 1  
Overlay:

7571 CHAPMAN AVE (APN: 13160115) 12906 WESTERN AVE (APN: 21514111)  
7541 CHAPMAN AVE (APN: 13160125) 7561 GARDEN GROVE BLVD (APN:  
21514112)  
12700 WESTERN AVE (APN: 21503301) 7601 GARDEN GROVE BLVD (APN:  
21514113)  
12712 WESTERN AVE (APN: 21503303) 7500 CHAPMAN AVE (APN: 13167112)  
7532 ANTHONY AVE (APN: 21514110) (APN: 13167107)  
7572 ANTHONY AVE (APN: 21514109) 7571 LAMPSON AVE (APN: 13167106)  
7602 ANTHONY AVE (APN: 21514108)

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**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-243-2023**

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the operation of a new massage establishment, 128 Luxury Spa, within an existing multi-tenant office building. The site is at 10868 Garden Grove Boulevard in the GGMU-1 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 1) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-245-2023**

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a new, approximately 795 square foot tattoo parlor, White Lotus Society, to operate within an existing tenant space of a multi-tenant commercial plaza. The site is at 8550 Garden Grove Boulevard in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-284-09 (REV. 23)**

A request to modify Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 284 09 (REV. 10), which governs alcohol sales and limited live entertainment at an existing restaurant, The Wharf, located within the Historic Main Street, to include (i) a modification to the approved floor plan and conditions of approval to add two (2) new pool tables in the dining area as incidental amusement devices, and (ii), a modification to the conditions of approval to extend the operational hours from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., seven (7) days a week. The site is at 12941 Main Street in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

August 24, 2023 - August 30, 2023

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



**Included in this Report**

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Wed 8/30/2023 5:16 pm PDT

🚲🚗🚊 Are you passionate about the environment and want to make an impact on the future of transportation? @goOCT...



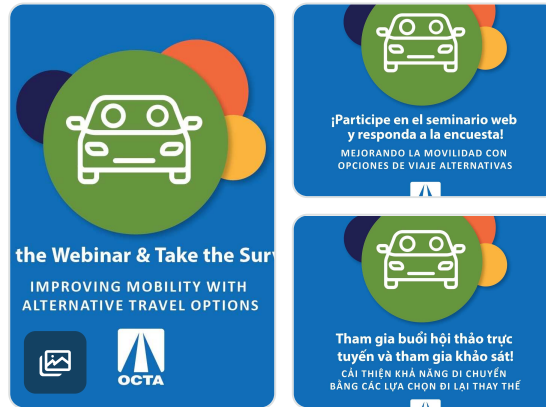
Impressions	228
Potential Reach	4,673
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.4%



gardengrovecityhall

Wed 8/30/2023 5:16 pm PDT

🚲🚗🚊 Are you passionate about the environment and want to make an impact on the future of transportation? The...



Impressions	400
Reach	294
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 8/30/2023 5:16 pm PDT

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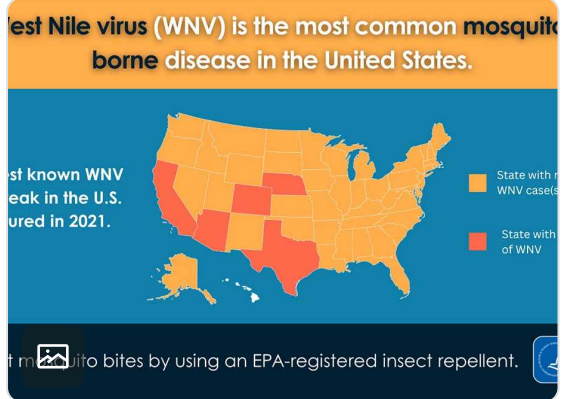
Impressions	212
Reach	209
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.9%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/29/2023 5:19 pm PDT

Yesterday, @ochealth reported the first human case of West Nile Virus in Orange County for this year. Protect yourself and...



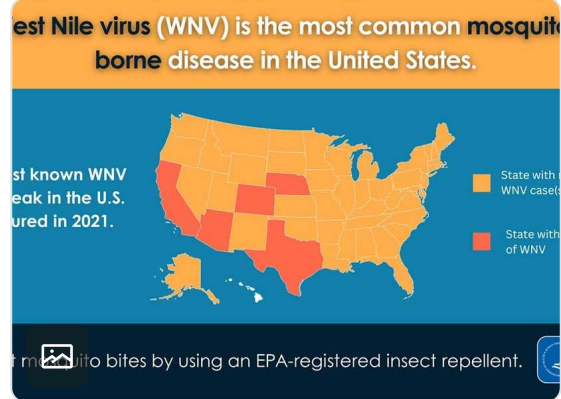
Impressions	296
Potential Reach	4,684
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



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Tue 8/29/2023 5:19 pm PDT

Yesterday, the @oc\_hca reported the first human case of West Nile Virus in Orange County for this year. #StaySafeGG and...



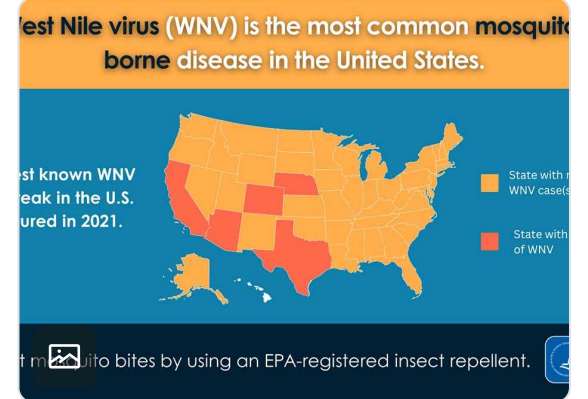
Impressions	1,020
Reach	931
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 8/29/2023 5:18 pm PDT

Yesterday, the ochealth Care Agency reported the first human case of West Nile Virus in Orange County for this year...



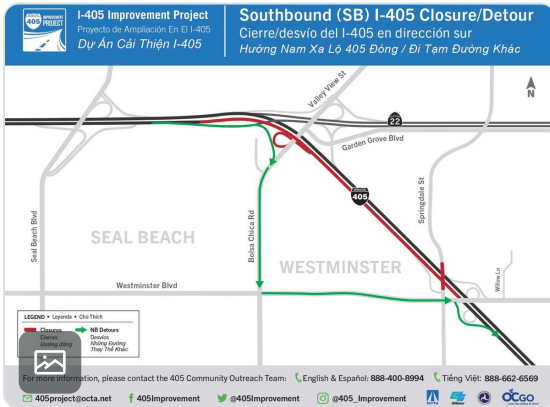
Impressions	1,083
Reach	1,083
Engagements	23
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.1%



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Mon 8/28/2023 5:08 pm PDT

⚠️ **COMMUTER ALERT** The southbound I-405 will close between Bolsa Chica Rd/Valley View St and Springdale St...



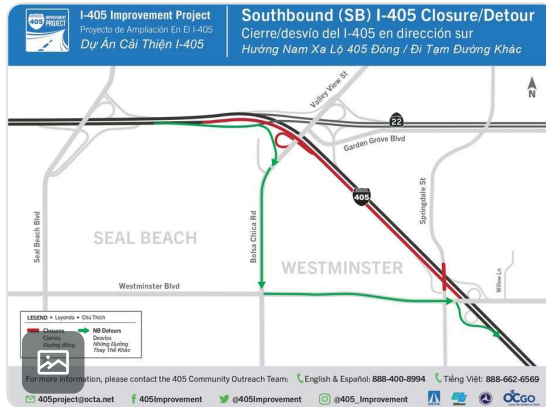
Impressions	371
Potential Reach	4,672
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/28/2023 5:08 pm PDT

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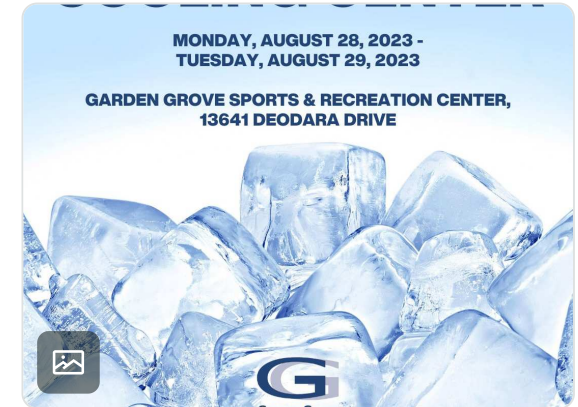
Impressions	162
Reach	158
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/28/2023 2:01 pm PDT

Due to excessive high-temperatures, the #GardenGrove cooling center will be open 8/28-8/29, 11AM-5PM, at 13641...



Impressions	264
Potential Reach	4,673
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%



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Mon 8/28/2023 2:00 pm PDT

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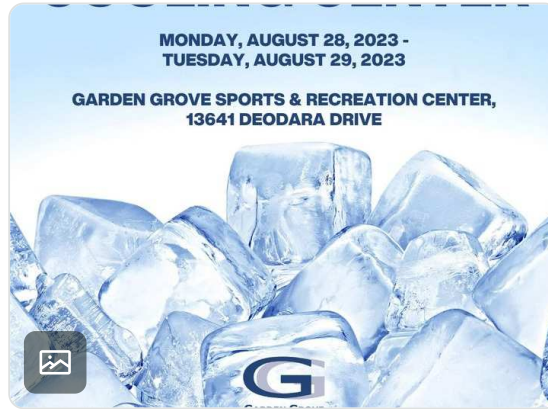
Impressions	<b>1,969</b>
Reach	<b>1,799</b>
Engagements	<b>71</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3.6%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 8/28/2023 2:00 pm PDT

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Impressions	<b>1,744</b>
Reach	<b>1,725</b>
Engagements	<b>75</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4.3%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 8/24/2023 2:08 pm PDT

Earlier this year, we hosted the 10th annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, honoring #GardenGrove's...



Video Views	<b>124</b>
Impressions	<b>310</b>
Reach	<b>281</b>
Engagements	<b>13</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4.2%</b>



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Thu 8/24/2023 2:07 pm PDT

Earlier this year, we hosted the 10th annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, honoring #GardenGrove's...



Impressions	833
Reach	727
Engagements	23
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



**@CityGardenGrove**

Thu 8/24/2023 2:07 pm PDT

Earlier this year, we hosted the 10th annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception. Watch [@GardenGroveTV3](#) Reporter Breanna Greenup catch up with the Class of 2023 as we celebrate their achievements! [youtu.be/100iAYQrKfw](https://youtu.be/100iAYQrKfw) [#GG1956](#) [gardengrovegrads](#)

Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	230
Potential Reach	4,995
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.9%



# Post Performance

August 24, 2023 - August 30, 2023

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

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 Garden Grove Police Department





**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Wed 8/30/2023 6:00 pm PDT

Last night, August 29, 2023,  
#GardenGrovePD Neighborhood Traffic  
Unit (NTU) responded to the El Super...



Impressions	<b>1,409</b>
Reach	<b>1,372</b>
Engagements	<b>337</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>23.9%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sun 8/27/2023 4:05 pm PDT

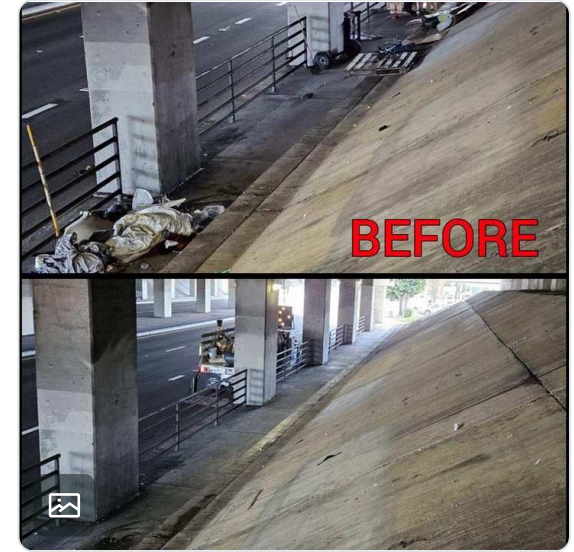


Impressions	<b>5,154</b>
Reach	<b>5,154</b>
Engagements	<b>808</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>15.7%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sat 8/26/2023 12:00 pm PDT



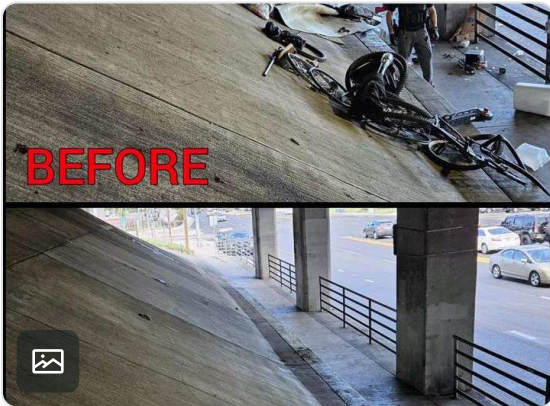
Impressions	<b>2,840</b>
Reach	<b>2,827</b>
Engagements	<b>396</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>13.9%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sat 8/26/2023 12:00 pm PDT

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



Impressions	<b>4,227</b>
Reach	<b>4,180</b>
Engagements	<b>561</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>13.3%</b>

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# **NEWS ARTICLES**



CONTACT:  
Rene Camarena  
Community Services Department  
(714) 741-5173

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Thursday, August 31, 2023



**SENIORS INVITED TO RESOURCE FAIR AND VACCINE CLINIC**

Seniors are invited to attend the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Resource Fair and Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. Admission and parking are free.

Attendees will receive free giveaways from participating vendors, including CalOptima, Adult Protective Services, and more. Activities include opportunity drawings, music, and a free meal.

Shingles, RSV Vaccine, TDAP, Hep B, flu, pneumonia, and COVID vaccinations will also be available. Vaccinations are made possible through a partnership with Albertson's Pharmacy. Seniors are asked to bring their medical or Medicare card. Co-payments will not be charged unless required by the health plan.

To register, call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5423, during office hours, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information about the center, visit [ggcity.org/seniorcenter](http://ggcity.org/seniorcenter).

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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### **CITY'S COOLING CENTERS OPEN TODAY AND TOMORROW**

Due to excessive high-temperatures, the City of Garden Grove's cooling center is open today, August 28, 2023 through tomorrow, August 29, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cooling center is located at the Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, located at 13641 Deodara Drive, in Garden Grove Park.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the center's air-conditioned accommodations. Visitors will have access to the center's lobby and restrooms. Food will not be available. No pets are allowed except for service animals.

Also, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, will extend their hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for seniors only.

For more information, call (714) 741-5200 or visit [ggcity.org/cooling-center](http://ggcity.org/cooling-center).

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# THE TRIBUNE

August 31, 2023

## \$750,000 for 'Rails to Trails'

August 29, 2023



Another segment of the planned "Rails to Trails" project connecting cyclists and pedestrians from Garden Grove with Santa Ana has been filled in. Financially, anyway.

On Tuesday Rep Lou Correa (D-Santa Ana) and Orange County Transportation Authority officials announced \$750,000 in federal funding to support what's officially called the "Santa Ana-Garden Grove Rails to Trails Gap Closure Project."



REP. LOU CORREA

Upon completion it would seek to connect the existing bicycle and pedestrian path between Nelson and Brookhurst streets southeast along the former Pacific Electric rail right-of-way to link up with the Santa Ana River Trail, which runs north to Orange and south to Huntington Beach.

Someone on a bike or on foot would eventually be able to go from one downtown to another without generating any greenhouse gas emissions. It's called the "Rails to Trails" because it would allow people to bike or walk to the Santa Ana Transportation Center or board the under construction OC Streetcar.

This grant won't be enough to finish the job; the original request was for \$3 million. But it's considered another step – or turn of the wheels – forward.

## **Kittens saved; eight lives left**

*August 28, 2023*



They say that all cats have nine lives.

There's five cats in Garden Grove with just eight lives left.



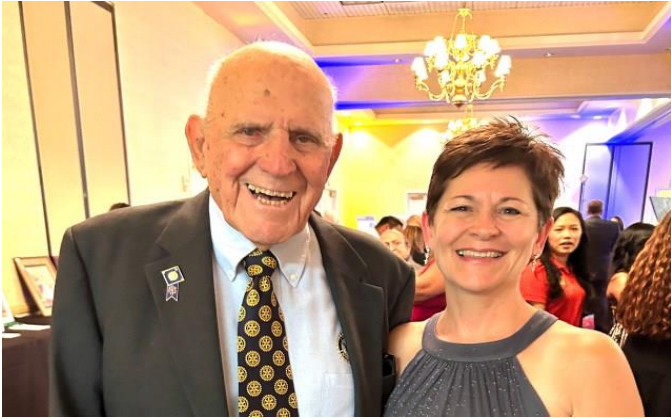
Firefighters from the from the Orange County Fire Authority saved a home in the 10500 block of Paloma Avenue (southwest of Century and Garden Grove boulevards) by confining fire to a garage.

A smoke alarm alerted the resident to the fire at 10:39 a.m. Tuesday. Firefighters quickly extinguished the flames, but that wasn't all they did. They rescued five kittens from the back patio, preventing them from inhaling the potentially deadly smoke.

The cause is under investigation and the OCFA reminds people that "smoke alarms really do save lives," including those of pets

# Chamber honors Joe, Andrea

August 26, 2023



He started a company that moves people and their worldly goods. She moves people by helping kids to learn by reading as well as almost non-stop volunteering.

Joe Hammer and Andrea Palladino Perez on Friday evening were celebrated as Garden Grove's 2023-2024 Man and Woman of the Year at the 116th Annual Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Gala Dinner and Awards.

Hammer and Perez are both longtime volunteers in the city, and the list of the organizations they have been involved with is quite lengthy. Hammer has been a member of the Garden Grove Rotary Club for more than two decades and has also served on the board of directors of the Garden Grove Community Foundation, Acacia Adult Day Services, and the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce. "Volunteering is a very good way to help your neighbors," he said. "It's very fulfilling."

Perez is the immediate past president of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, served as a member of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association for several years, and currently sits on the city's Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission. She also works in the library at Garden Park Elementary School (part of the Garden Grove Unified School District) and has been involved in local PTA activities at various levels since 2005.

She is the immediate past vice chair of the GGUSD's special education community advisory committee and has been part of the Lamplighter Guild at Children's Hospital of Orange County for 11 years, where she assists with fundraising. "I wear so many hats," she said. "I just love volunteering and can't imagine my life without it. It's all about community and it makes you feel good."

Both honorees expressed surprise when informed of being chosen as Man and Woman of the Year. "I have a hard time wrapping my brain around it," Perez said. "I'm touched and honored." When asked why he thought he was chosen for the award, Joe Hammer laughed and jokingly said, "I have no idea. I've made an awful lot of friends in Garden Grove. I guess someone put my name on the ballot and too many people voted for me."

Perez, who has lived in Garden Grove for 30 years, talked about why she feels the city is special. "Everyone supports one another and it's like everyone is connected. There is such a true feeling



of community.” Hammer’s business (California Relocation Services) moved to Garden Grove in 1995, and he told us why he has enjoyed volunteering in the community for nearly three decades. “I’ve wanted the community and the city to do well, and I’ve always been one who wants to help others. It’s the right thing to do.”

Both honorees agree that volunteering in the community is very impactful. “You never know how the smallest thing you may do might touch someone’s life,” she said.

## He “Cook-ed” up a new city

August 26, 2023



*Garden Grove was founded in 1874, making next year the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the community. This is the first in a series of articles about the early days of the founding, excerpted from the book by Jim Tortolano.*

In Garden Grove, Alonzo Gerry Cook is granted the status of founder of the community, father of his municipal country, as it were.

An elementary school is named after him. There’s a giant photo of him hanging in City Hall, and a bronze statue in Civic Center Park. He looks a little surprised at all the fuss he’s kicked up.

But like a lot of city founders in the post-cattle era of what would become Orange County, Cook was more of a speculator than he was a community-builder. He spent only about six years in Garden Grove, and claims that he established the community and invented its name are open to considerable variation of opinion.

There is also some confusion over just when the village was started, although 1874 is usually given as the year. It is certainly true that other American families preceded Cook to the area

that would become Garden Grove, and that there were settlers here as early as 1869, by some accounts.

Records and memories are sketchy, but the best information has John Mitchell as the first permanent settler in Garden Grove, arriving sometime in the late 1860s, and securing a deed to an 80-acre site at which is now the southwest corner of Cannery Road and Garden Grove Boulevard, quite a distance from the townsite that would spring up around what's now called Main Street.

Other families followed and small clusters of homes and farms began to dot the landscape. If Cook was not the literal pioneer of the community, he was certainly the man who helped give it a focus.

Cook was probably born in 1842, although some sources state 1839. "Probably" is a good word to employ heavily in this time and place, as identities, ages and addresses had a way of shifting under pressure in the Old West.

Garden Grove's titular founder has been variously described as a medical doctor, an attorney, a farmer and what would certainly today be considered a developer. He ran for the California state Assembly and reportedly worked as a probate judge in Idaho and a government attorney in Washington state, both territories at the time.

What brought he and his wife Belle to the Santa Ana Valley in 1874 is lost in the mists of time. What is certain is that when he left about a half-dozen short years later there was a crossroads village, a school district and a church – all the yeast and flour of the community that would eventually become a suburban metropolis.

It's easy to think of Orange County's boom as having taken place in the late 1940s and 1950s. In truth, the area has long had a series of boom-and-bust cycles. This was just the first. In fact, it wasn't even an Orange County boom – the partition of this region from Los Angeles County didn't take place until 1889.

In 1874 he came into possession of a 160-acre (later 200-acre) plot of land in the future Garden Grove. Today the boundaries would roughly be Lampson Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard north and south, with Euclid (now Main) Street and Nutwood Street east and west.

The land had been purchased by C.E. Palmer, who sold it to Cook for the sum of \$2,280. Soon buildings began to rise, although the location of the Cook home is subject to dispute.



*Statue of Alonzo Gerry Cook (City of Garden Grove photo)*

In "The History of Garden Grove," written by H.C. Head and published in 1939, Cook lived in a brightly-painted two-story wooden frame building a short distance west of what is now Main Street.

But in "The Village of Garden Grove," author Leroy Doig places Cook in a one-story "California" house at the southeast corner of Nelson Street and Lampson Avenue. Presumably a man of many vocations and talents had more than one address.

Readers interested in researching the history of the community will receive an interesting lesson on local geography. Garden Grove Boulevard, for instance, has been variously known as The Westminster Road and Ocean Boulevard.

Euclid was once called The Anaheim Road, not to be confused with Anaheim Boulevard.

If the names of the roadways offer an interesting study in ambiguity, the naming of the community also allows considerable room for speculation.

Mrs. J.D. Price, one of the community's pioneers, said that Cook named the newly-planted school district Garden Grove, which applied itself to the village.

In subsequent years the story has arisen that some early settlers expressed skepticism about using such a grandiose name for the flat, featureless and largely uncultivated plains that spread out in every direction.

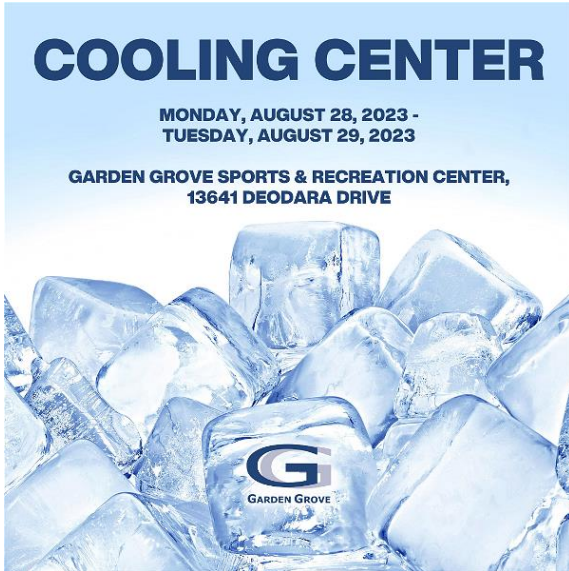
The story has Cook replying, "Then we'll make it appropriate by planting trees and gardens." And Garden Grove did soon become a garden and a grove, serving as an agricultural center for the next 80 years or so.

Even the suburban sprawl that displaced the orange trees has a verdant look to it. Drive along Lampson Avenue (especially between Brookhurst and Magnolia streets, for example) and you'll find yourself traveling under a leafy canopy of many varieties of lush, mature trees.

Cruise along the Garden Grove Freeway as it rises above the tree-line and it looks like someone scattered a bunch of cars, houses and streets in the midst of an evergreen forest.

**Trung tâm Thể thao "Sports and Rec Center" TP Garden Grove mở cửa để cộng đồng tránh nắng**

*August 28, 2023*



Khi nhiệt độ tăng cao có thể nguy hiểm đối với người cao niên và trẻ em, đặc biệt là nếu nhà không có máy điều hòa không khí. Trung tâm 'Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center', tọa lạc tại 13641 Deodara Drive sẽ mở máy lạnh để cộng đồng trú nắng vào hôm nay, Thứ Hai, 28 tháng Tám và ngày mai, Thứ Ba, 29 tháng Tám, từ 11:00 giờ trưa đến 5:00 giờ chiều.

Mọi người đều có thể tới để tránh nắng tại trung tâm có máy lạnh. Cư dân sẽ được sử dụng đại sảnh và phòng vệ sinh của trung tâm. Sẽ không có thức ăn tại đây, và không được phép mang thú nuôi vào, trừ thú nuôi 'service animals'.

Để biết thêm thông tin, vui lòng gọi cho Ban phục vụ cộng đồng ở số (714) 741-5200 hoặc coi tại [ggcity.org/cooling-center](http://ggcity.org/cooling-center).

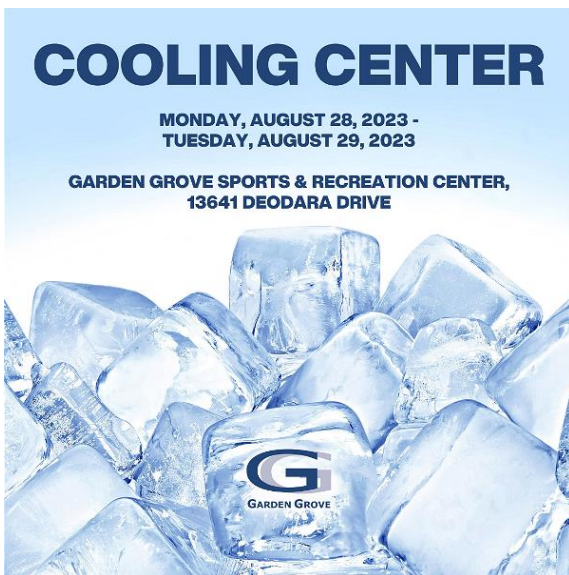
*August 28, 2023*

### **Garden Grove mở trung tâm thể thao 'Sports and Rec Center' cho cộng đồng tránh nắng**

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**August 31, 2023**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the September 7, 2023 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Agenda for the September 14, 2023 Zoning Administrator Meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from August 25, 2023 to August 31, 2023.
5. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Newsletter, Summer 2023.
6. Garden Grove Historical Society Newsletter, September 2023.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 31, 2023 – October 10, 2023

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 <b>CANCELLED</b>
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
Wednesday	September 20	10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Resource and Vaccine Fair H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.
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
Tuesday	October 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC



**GARDEN GROVE**

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: August 31, 2023

JOSH LINDSAY  
CHAIR





## AGENDA

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue

Thursday, September 14, 2023

9:00 a.m.

**Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing [public-comment@ggcity.org](mailto:public-comment@ggcity.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record.**

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

**Meeting Assistance:** Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, should contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (714) 741-5312 or email [planning@ggcity.org](mailto:planning@ggcity.org) 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-244-2023](#)

APPLICANT: Yoshiharu Global Co.  
LOCATION: 9812 Chapman Avenue

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new restaurant, Yoshiharu Ramen, with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer & Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. In conjunction

with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

b. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-242-2023](#)

APPLICANT: The Hive on Main, Inc. (Elizabeth Dang)

LOCATION: 12865 Main Street

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new restaurant, The Hive, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type “23” (Small Beer Manufacturer) License and limited live entertainment. Also, a request to revoke Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-223-2022, which previously allowed the operation of a restaurant with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control Type “41” (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Eating Place) License. Upon approval and exercising of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-223-2022, shall be revoked and become null and void. The site is in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

c. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-248-2023](#)

APPLICANT: Kyunghee Choi Park

LOCATION: 9836 & 9838 Garden Grove Boulevard

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the expansion of a vocational beauty school, RT7 Beauty School, to a maximum capacity of five (5) instructors and sixty-five (65) students within a combined 5,245 square foot tenant space, at 9836 & 9838 Garden Grove Boulevard. Also, a request to revoke Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-234-2023, which previously allowed the operation of the vocational beauty school with three (3) instructors and thirty-six (36) students at 9836 Garden Grove Boulevard. Upon approval and exercising of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-234-2023, shall be revoked and become null and void. The site is in the GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a

determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT



# Make cents out of city budgets at the Municipal Finance Institute

Aug 30, 2023

*The Municipal Finance Institute is open for registration through Nov. 29*

Today's rapidly changing economic landscape can make it challenging for cities to manage their finances to ensure the well-being of their communities. Join fellow municipal finance officers in San Diego, Dec. 14-15, for market updates, peer learning, engaging keynotes, and more.

Designed for city officials and staff involved in fiscal planning, the Municipal Finance Institute connects municipal finance professionals with information and people crucial to the profession.

## Registration and hotel information

**Registration** for the full conference starts at \$500 for city officials from any Cal Cities member city. Registration includes admission to all educational sessions, the Thursday lunch and reception, Friday breakfast and lunch, and access to all program materials. The deadline to register online is Wednesday, Nov. 29. After that, officials must register on-site.

The 2023 Municipal Finance Institute will be at the San Diego Mission Bay Hotel. A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a reduced rate for conference attendees who register before Tuesday, Nov. 21. Discounted hotel rooms often sell out early, so advance registration is encouraged.

Cal Cities' health and safety protocols — which are subject to change — are available [online](#). For more information, including details to register, visit the [Municipal Finance Institute](#) webpage. For registration questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#). If you are interested in sponsoring the conference, please email [Amy Wade](#). For all other questions, please contact [Erin Wylder](#).



# California Supreme Court ruling leaves voting rights lawsuit unresolved

*Aug 30, 2023*

A recent ruling by the California Supreme Court provided little clarity on a long-running legal battle over Santa Monica's election system. The [case centers](#) on whether the city's at-large election system dilutes the voting power of Latino voters. The plaintiffs argue that the city should adopt district-based voting.

The Supreme Court held that a lower court failed to properly evaluate the plaintiffs' claim that Santa Monica's election system violated the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). The Supreme Court provided a more nuanced test and sent the case back to the lower court for further proceedings.

The League of California Cities had urged the Supreme Court to adopt clear guidelines so that cities could evaluate their election system without fear of unjustified litigation. Despite the overall disappointing and unclear result, there are a couple of helpful takeaways for cities.

## Case background

In the initial 2016 lawsuit, a trial court agreed with the plaintiffs and ordered Santa Monica to switch to a district-based election system. The city appealed the decision, and the Court of Appeal reversed it. The Court of Appeal concluded that the plaintiffs failed to prove unlawful vote dilution.

The plaintiffs showed a potential increase in Latino voting power from 14% under the at-large system to 30% in one district under the district-based system. However, the Court of Appeal concluded this was not unlawful vote dilution. It reasoned that 30% is not enough to change the outcome of an election: The CVRA only prohibits at-large election systems if they "impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election."

The California Supreme Court reviewed the case to resolve what a plaintiff must prove to establish unlawful vote dilution.

## What did the Supreme Court say?

The Supreme Court rejected the Court of Appeal's reasoning. The Supreme Court pointed out that local elections are nonpartisan and that candidates can win with only a plurality — not a majority — of votes. It also noted that the CVRA was passed to make it

easier to challenge at-large election systems using state law as opposed to federal law. Thus, a plaintiff does not need to prove that the protected class would make up a majority or near-majority of a district to establish unlawful vote dilution.

Rather, to prove that an at-large elections system impairs the ability of a protected minority "to elect candidates of its choice," a plaintiff must show that "under some alternative electoral system, the protected class would have the potential, on its own or with the help of crossover voters, to elect its preferred candidate."

In assessing whether a plaintiff has met this standard, courts must review the facts and circumstances as a whole, "including the characteristics of the specific locality, its electoral history, and an intensely local appraisal of the design and impact" of the contested election system and potential alternative systems. The Supreme Court also encouraged courts to "consider the experiences of other similar jurisdictions that use alternative electoral systems."

### [What does this ruling say or not say about CVRA violations?](#)

The Supreme Court's opinion does lay out the standard for reviewing claims of unlawful dilution of a protected minority group's ability to "elect candidates of its choice." However, the standard is fact-based and complex. Since the lawsuit is ongoing, it remains uncertain what evidence might persuade a court that a city's at-large elections system has led to unlawful voter dilution.

Moreover, the ruling left a significant question unanswered. The Court stated that it was not deciding "the scope of the ability-to-influence prong" in this case. Therefore, it is unclear what might give rise to a successful claim that an at-large elections system unlawfully dilutes the ability of a protected minority group to "influence the outcome of an election" as opposed to "electing candidates of its choice."

Despite this lack of clarity, the opinion did provide a couple of tangible takeaways. The Court rejected the suggestion that a CVRA violation could be proven simply by showing that racially polarized voting was occurring. The Court held that a plaintiff must prove vote dilution *and* racially polarized voting to establish a violation of the CVRA. "Racially polarized voting" means that there is a marked difference between the electoral choices of voters in a protected class versus the choices of the rest of the electorate.

The Supreme Court further noted that a plaintiff must show that the incremental gain in a protected class's ability to elect its candidate of choice in such districts would not be offset by a loss of the class's potential to elect its candidates of choice elsewhere in the locality. Santa Monica has suggested that moving to district elections might leave Latinos with less voting power. The Supreme Court's conclusion on this point suggests that the city could still prevail in the case if they can make that showing.

It is unknown how long it will take for the Court of Appeal to decide the case. Cal Cities will report on significant developments and may consider filing additional amicus briefs if appropriate. City leaders with questions about the ruling should consult their city attorney.



# Cal Cities-sponsored bond agency issues over \$5 million in affordable bonds for housing

*Aug 30, 2023*

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) issued \$5,968,922 in affordable housing bonds for the city of Twentynine Palms.

Twentynine Palms Apartments is the acquisition and rehabilitation of 48 one-, two-, and three-bedroom affordable housing apartments. The apartments will remain 100% affordable to very low and low-income residents. The apartments will undergo extensive interior and exterior renovation so that residents have an updated, safe, and affordable community to call home for years to come.

CSCDA partnered with Twentynine Palms and others for the acquisition of the properties and issuance of bonds. The financing of Twentynine Palms Apartments will maintain the affordability of units for very low and low-income tenants for an additional 55 years.

## About CSCDA

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. More than 530 cities, counties, and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently financed, locally approved projects.

Visit the organization's [website](#) to learn how CSCDA can help your city.



# Cycling on sidewalk bill puts pedestrians at risk

Aug 30, 2023

Protecting pedestrians from speeding bikes could get a lot more difficult next year. Lawmakers are pushing a bill that would remove cities' authority to prohibit cycling on certain sidewalks.

The measure, [AB 825 \(Bryan\)](#), is expected to move to the Assembly this week for concurrence. The League of California Cities opposes the bill.

Asm. Bryan introduced AB 825 to reduce unnecessary stops of people of color. A [Los Angeles Times investigation](#) found that the LA County sheriff's deputies pulled over Latino cyclists at a disproportionate rate compared to other riders.

However, this bill would do so to the detriment of public safety and open cities up to new legal risks. Cities would also need to make costly, potentially unnecessary investments in cycling infrastructure.

## What would AB 825 specifically do?

If passed, AB 825 would stop cities from restricting cycling on a sidewalk when a proper bike lane does not exist (Class I, Class II, or Class IV bikeways). The only exceptions are Business Activity Districts and streets with a posted speed limit of 20 mph or lower.

AB 825 ignores well-documented safety risks — including those reported by [federal and state agencies](#) — associated with shared sidewalks. Cyclists can go too fast, lose control, and collide with a pedestrian. This can be even more dangerous for [vulnerable populations](#), including the disabled, elderly, and younger children. This is especially true when a cyclist is approaching from behind.

Previously, the bill contained some protections for pedestrians, including a maximum speed limit for cyclists on sidewalks. The author recently eliminated that provision, along with a requirement that cyclists yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, making the bill far worse than its earlier iterations.

To avoid litigation, cities would need to adopt an ordinance — containing findings from studies — requiring cyclists to ride safely and reasonably, as well as yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. They would also need to make costly and possibly unwarranted investments in new bike lanes.

Even if cities made those investments, they could still be open to new legal risks. The bill would make it easier for the plaintiff (pedestrian) and the defendant (cyclist) to sue



the city when there is a collision. A court would then need to decide what is “reasonable,” such as undulations on an aging sidewalk caused by tree roots.

An [updated sample letter](#) is available for cities. For more information about AB 825, please contact [Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Damon Conklin](#).



Governing Board Member

# Carlos Rodriguez

Cities of Orange County



South Coast Air Quality Management District

Newsletter

Summer 2023

## Discounted Zero-Emission Lawn Equipment Available for Residents and Commercial Landscapers and Gardeners



There are two South Coast AQMD programs that help clean the air through the replacement of gasoline and diesel-powered lawn and garden equipment.

The Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Incentive & Exchange Program is available for commercial landscapers and gardeners operating within South Coast AQMD's region. This program is also open to local governments, school districts, colleges and non-profits. Commercial lawn and garden equipment will be made available at a discounted price of up to 85% off through pre-authorized retailers. Equipment available through this program includes handheld trimmers, chainsaws, pruners, backpack and handheld blowers and ride-on, stand-on and walk-behind lawnmowers. An equivalent operable gasoline or diesel-powered piece of lawn or garden equipment must be scrapped when the new battery-electric equipment is purchased.

Additionally, the agency has a Residential Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program available for eligible residents within South Coast AQMD's area to receive a rebate of up to \$250 with the purchase of a cordless, battery-electric lawn mower. An operable, gasoline-powered lawn mower must be scrapped to be eligible for the rebate.

These programs are available to all eligible participants who work or reside within the South Coast AQMD's four-county jurisdiction. For more information visit [www.aqmd.gov/mower](http://www.aqmd.gov/mower).

## Greetings!

Welcome to my newsletter for the residents and businesses of Orange County. My goal is to help keep you informed about the policies and programs at South Coast AQMD that improve the air quality in our basin, which benefit you, our cities, and our economy. If you have suggestions for improving air quality, or on how we can do business at South Coast AQMD, please feel free to contact me at [crodriguez.scaqmd@gmail.com](mailto:crodriguez.scaqmd@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez,  
Yorba Linda City Council

## Join the Clean Air Team – South Coast AQMD is Now Hiring

South Coast AQMD is one of the largest and most scientifically-advanced regulatory agencies in the nation. A diverse team of over 800 employees share in the mission of cleaning the air and improving the environment and public health for our local residents.

The agency is now hiring for a variety of positions. If you'd like to be part of the leading air quality agency in Southern California, make a difference in people's lives and clean the air we breathe, then I strongly encourage you to apply today. Here are some of our current needs:

- Hearing Board Alternate Medical Member
- Legislative Analyst
- Maintenance Worker
- Air Quality Engineers

Pay and benefits at South Coast AQMD are highly competitive. Amenities include an onsite fitness center, childcare center and cafeteria, a 4/10 work schedule with partial telework options for some positions and electric vehicle chargers on site. Our headquarters is in Diamond Bar.

For more information and to apply, visit the South Coast AQMD website at [www.aqmd.gov/careers](http://www.aqmd.gov/careers) or <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/scaqmd>.

- Air Quality Instrument Specialists
- Career Development Intern
- Fleet Services Worker
- Health Effects Officer

Work For The Leading Air Quality Agency in Southern California. Make A Difference in People's Lives. Clean the Air You Breathe and Protect Public Health.



4 Day Work Week



Retirement Plan



Telework up to 3 Days/Week



Life Insurance Benefits



Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance



Wellness Programs



13 Paid Holidays



Continued Education Reimbursement

# APPLY ONLINE



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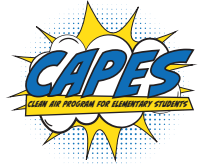
# Register for South Coast AQMD's Free Air Quality Education Programs for Elementary, Middle and High School Students

South Coast AQMD's free air quality education programs, Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) and the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) are open for registration for the 2023-24 school year. The programs were created to generate awareness of local air quality issues to elementary, middle and high school students.

The WHAM program introduces students to academic and career paths they can take to help clean the air. Students learn about air quality through a hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) based curriculum. There are four lessons featuring air quality topics such as: regulations and public policy, chemistry, health impacts, sources of air pollution and clean air solutions. This curriculum, aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), is flexible to fit in-person, hybrid, and/or distance learning. In Orange County, schools in Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Mission Viejo and Santa Ana have been participating in WHAM.

CAPES is geared toward first through sixth grade students. The program educates students about the importance of clean air, health impacts and actions students can take to improve air quality. Educators

participating in this program are provided with short videos and an NGSS-aligned curriculum kit that includes lesson plans, worksheets and answer keys. Locally, schools in Buena Park, Huntington Beach, Orange, and Santa Ana have been participating in CAPES. The air quality education programs have collectively reached more than 31,000 students since their inception in 2019. Last school year, WHAM was implemented in a total of 409 classrooms in 70 high schools and 45 middle schools within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction, reaching more than 10,000 middle and high school aged students. CAPES was implemented in a total of 90 schools, reaching more than 6,000 students throughout South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. Both programs are available at no cost for eligible schools, youth groups, clubs and organizations. For information on WHAM and CAPES, or to register, please visit: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/education>.



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## BEFORE A WILDFIRE-BE PREPARED

GET READY FOR WILDFIRE SMOKE EVENTS BY PLANNING AHEAD! HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE:

### KNOW YOUR AIR QUALITY:

Download the South Coast AQMD app and sign up for alerts at [www.AirAlerts.org](http://www.AirAlerts.org). Download the AQMD Mobile App at [www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp](http://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp)

### FILTERS AND AIR CLEANERS:

If you have an A/C system, change your filter often (MERV 13 +), or run a portable HEPA purifier.

### RESPIRATOR MASKS:

Have a few disposable respirators available (i.e. N-95 or P-100).

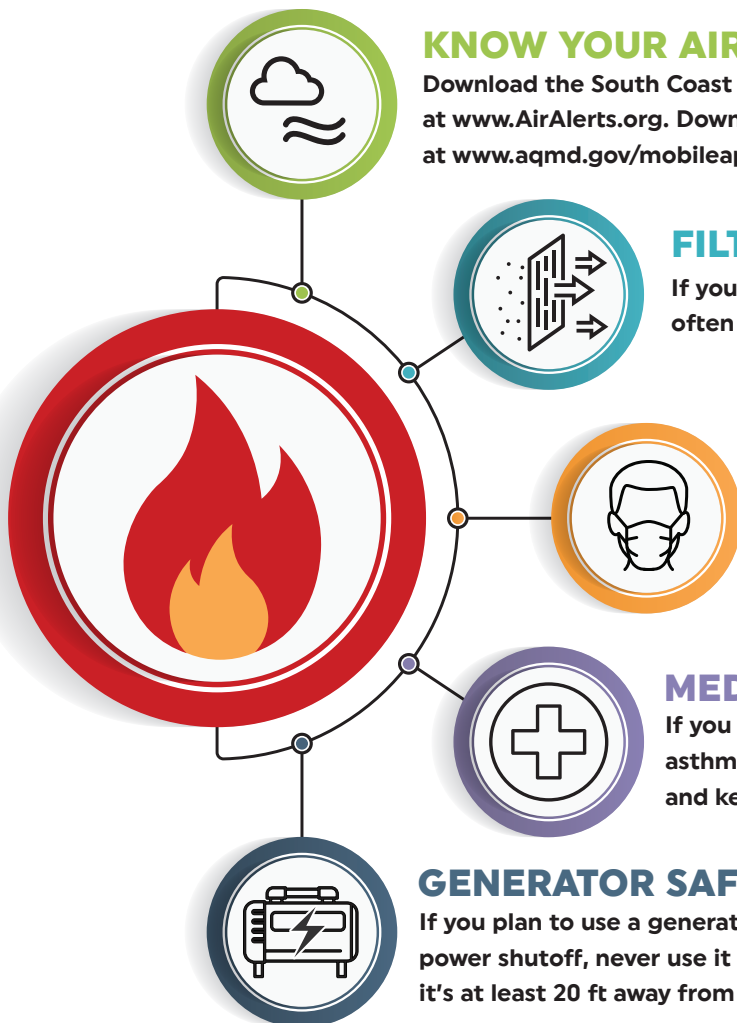
### MEDICAL PLAN:

If you have heart or lung disease (such as asthma), consult your doctor to make a plan and keep 5+ days of medication on hand.

### GENERATOR SAFETY:

If you plan to use a generator during a public safety power shutoff, never use it inside your home. Make sure it's at least 20 ft away from your house outdoors.

WILDFIRE



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# *Garden Grove Historical Society*

## *Calendar of Activities*

### *September*

September 3 – Public tour, 1:30 PM

September 17 – Public tour, 1:30 PM.

September 26 – Board meeting, 9:30 AM.

### *October*

October 1 – Public tour, 1:30 PM

October 15 – Public tour, 1:30 PM

October 17 – Board meeting, 9:30 AM

October 26, 27 and 28 – Semi-annual Barn and Book Sale. We have clothing, household goods, jewelry, and fine art, not to mention books. Join us for the best deals in town!

## **Another Successful Barn Sale**

The weather cooperated, the crowds were cheerful and in a shopping mood, and all went well at the April barn and book sale. Our thanks to all who stopped by and (especially) snapped up the bargains!

This was the second time in the last eight years that we have featured a gallery of artwork for sale. Sandy Brame took on the job, from selecting, cleaning, and transporting the artwork to the gallery (on the west side of Emerson Hall) from storage, to providing guidance and suggestion to shoppers.



Sandy Brame supervising the merchandise



The Art Corner was hidden in plain sight, next to Emerson Hall

## The Story of Two Trees

Thanks to Bill Null for sending the information in this article

The first tree planted at Stanley House after it was moved to its present location from the middle of the orange grove was the black walnut, one of which is still standing in the courtyard. It was a seedling from a black walnut that had been planted near the house at its previous location. The mother tree was reported to be grown from a seed from George Washington's estate (but, like much legend, this has yet to be verified). The seedling was cared for by students in a horticulture class at Rancho Alamitos High School prior to planting as a three-foot tree in 1972. The picture shown at right was taken 34 years later, showing Bill and Jan Null's great grandson circling the tree.

The second tree on today's Ranch was a pepper tree donated by the Nulls and planted next to the barn. At that time, farm equipment was displayed in front of the tree. The 1973 photo shows farm equipment along the right edge, next to Bill and Jan and their son, Kip, nattily attired in period costume.

The pepper tree has grown up (and out), now providing welcome shade to the Barn Sale



Bill, Jan and Kip Null in front of the pepper tree next to Arthur's Barn, back in 1973

cashiers, just to the west side of the barn. When you visit the sale in October, take a moment to admire this fifty-year-old remnant of the early days of the Stanley Ranch.



Bill and Jan's grandson in 2011, next to the walnut tree. The trunk is A LOT larger now!

## Fire Station Remodel Open House

Thanks to the hard work of our retired fire fighters from the Garden Grove fire stations, the replica fire station has been renovated and all spruced up. The crew have been working every Tuesday (weather and holiday schedules permitting) to make this stop on the Stanley Ranch tours even more interesting.

Visitors gathered on a warm Saturday, August 5, to have a look at the hard work of volunteers Jeff Harlan, Teresa Gamba, Bill Keen, and Richard Bravo.



Jeff Harlan at work on the roof

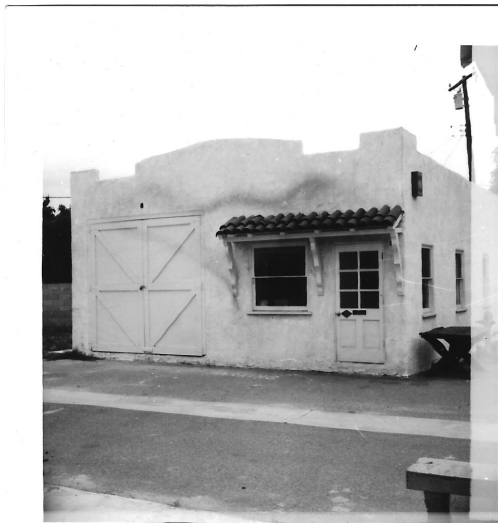
The event was attended by firefighting enthusiasts from around the county. Here are some of the exhibits; if you missed the open house, the fire station is routinely part of our docent-led tours.



Entertainment room, with displays.



Alina and Sparky in the fire station. Alina is Richard Bravo's granddaughter, and has spent her summer break helping with the station remodel.



Here's a view of how the fire station looked when it first came to the Stanley Ranch...

## Happy Birthday to Wanda Martin!

The work crew celebrated Wanda Martin's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on our morning break. We're so happy to have Wanda working on our fine jewelry collection every Tuesday morning, joined by her daughter, Sherry Britton.

Many happy returns of the day!



General information and recruitment materials



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**DATED MATERIAL**

**STANLEY RANCH MUSEUM TOURS**

Tours begin at 1:30 PM on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Suggested donations are \$5, and \$1 for students under the age of 12.

Group tours for 8 or more can be scheduled Monday through Saturday by calling the office at (714) 530-8871.

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

STUDENT	\$ 15
INDIVIDUAL	\$ 20
FAMILY	\$ 30
BUSINESS / ORG.	\$ 40
SUSTAINING	\$ 50
PATRON	\$ 100
LIFE	\$ 500
CENTENNIAL	\$1874



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Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month.