

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
December 9, 2021

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

**I. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES,
BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS**

- A.** Letter informing that Orange County Fire Authority's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 is available on its website.
- B.** OC Streetcar construction alert for the week of December 6, 2021.

• **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.



Scott C. Stiles
City Manager



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

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Brian Fennessy, Fire Chief

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www.ocfa.org

November 29, 2021

City of Garden Grove
Attn: City Manager
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Subject: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Orange County Fire Authority's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021, was presented to and approved by its Board of Directors on November 18, 2021. An electronic copy of this document may be viewed on and/or downloaded from our website at:

<https://www.ocfa.org/Uploads/Transparency/OCFA 2020-2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.pdf>

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the information presented in this report, or if you would like to request a hard copy. I can be reached at (714) 573-6320 or via email at tammiepickens@ocfa.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammie Pickens".

Tammie Pickens, CPA
General Accounting Manager

Fwd: OC Streetcar Construction Alert

From :Scott Stiles <sstiles@ggcity.org>
Subject: OC Streetcar Construction Alert
To : Meena Yoo <meenay@ggcity.org>

Tue, Dec 07, 2021 10:21 AM

Meena: for Mgr's memo. Thanks. Scott

Scott C. Stiles, ICMA-CM
 City Manager / City of Garden Grove
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: OC Streetcar <ocstreetcar@octa.net>
Date: December 7, 2021 at 9:02:22 AM PST
To: sstiles@ci.garden-grove.ca.us
Subject: OC Streetcar Construction Alert
Reply-To: ocstreetcar@octa.net



[Anuncio en Español](#)

Construction Alert Week of December 6, 2021

Construction Highlights:

- 5th Street Crossing construction at 5th Street and the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way. Work requires a full closure of 5th Street from Nantucket Place to Hawley Street. Through traffic across the work zone is prohibited; however, businesses are open and access is available for staff and visitors. Please follow detour signage.
- Platform installation at French Street and Sycamore Street. Work requires lane closures on Santa Ana Boulevard from Parton Street to Mortimer Street. Learn more [here](#).
 - Lane closures are in place between Broadway and Flower Street; however, access to all businesses for staff and visitors are open. Visitors to Santa Ana City Hall and California State of Appeals buildings are encouraged to use entrance on Flower Street to access parking.
- Track installation in Segment 5. Work requires an eastbound lane closure and parking closure on Santa Ana Boulevard from Mortimer Street to Santiago Street.

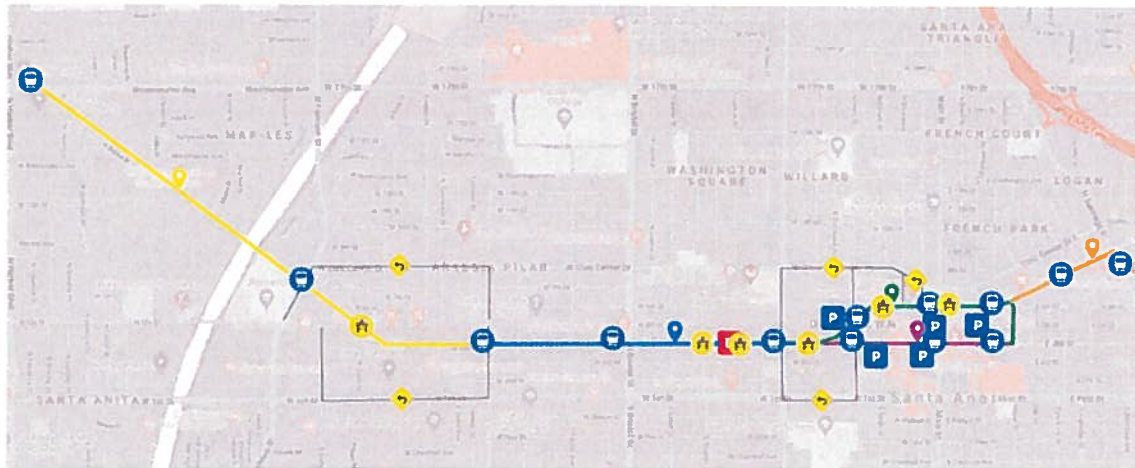
Construction in Downtown Santa Ana will be paused until January 1, 2022 in observance of the holidays.

Access will be maintained for all residents and businesses. Construction activities are dependent on weather and resource availability.



[Click here](#) form more information on track installation activities.




For specific work activities in your area, click on the map below.



OC Streetcar Track Installation Has Started!

Click to watch the video premiere
of this exciting milestone

Join the OCTA Board of Directors, the City of Santa Ana and the project's community partners in celebrating this major OC Streetcar project milestone.



OCTA's Eat Shop Play program supports businesses located along the future OC streetcar route. Benefits to



customers include special deals, invitations to community events and free parking for the first hour in nearby structures. Learn more at octa.net/eatshopplay.

About the Project

OC Streetcar is the first modern streetcar project to be built in Orange County and will serve Santa Ana’s historic and thriving downtown, which includes federal, state and local courthouses, government offices, colleges, an artists’ village and a thriving restaurant scene. It will operate along a 4.15-mile route that connects the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) and a new transit hub at Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove.

To share this e-blast, forward this [link](#)

 OCstreetcar.com	 OCstreetcar@octa.net	 1(844) 7GO-OCSC or 1(844) 746-6272
 facebook.com/OCstreetcar	 @OCstreetcar	 @OCstreetcar



OC Streetcar | 550 S. Main Street , Orange, CA 92868

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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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December 2, 2021 - December 8, 2021

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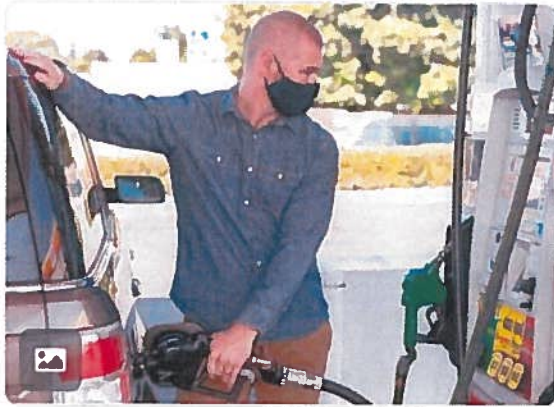
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Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 12/2/2021 9:05 am PST

Are you supporting local? 🎁 + From now through December 16, shoppers who collect \$50 in total register receipts from...



Impressions	1,086
Reach	1,049
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 12/2/2021 9:05 am PST

How's your **#BIGG** shopping going? 🎁 + Don't forget to save your Garden Grove receipts now through December 16 for...



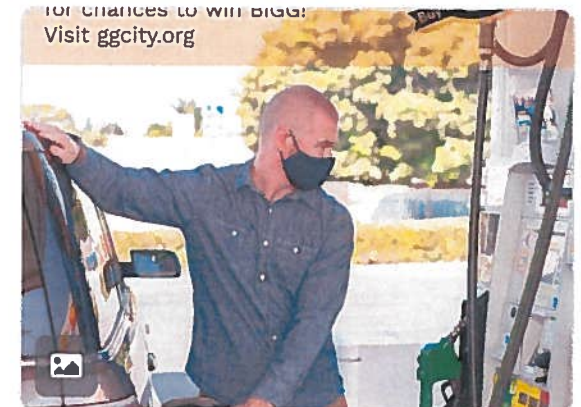
Impressions	587
Potential Reach	4,421
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.7%



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Thu 12/2/2021 9:07 am PST

Are you supporting local? 🎁 + From now through December 16, shoppers who collect \$50 in total register receipts from...



Impressions	1,197
Reach	1,103
Engagements	26
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 12/2/2021 12:30 pm PST

The Garden Grove Sports & Recreation Center is expanding the drop-in pickleball program! 🎾 An additional drop-in sessio...



Impressions	764
Reach	737
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 12/2/2021 4:24 pm PST

📍 West Haven Park's south portion, playground, community meeting room, and parking lot on West Street will remai...



Impressions	945
Reach	923
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2%




@CityGardenGrove

Thu 12/2/2021 4:25 pm PST


📍 West Haven Park's south portion, playground, community meeting room, and parking lot on West Street will remai...




Impressions	305
Potential Reach	4,422
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2%

G  **gardengrovecityhall**
Sat 12/4/2021 2:12 pm PST


Who's ready for snow?! Winter in the Grove community event begins at 3PM today! Village Green Park Corner of Main...



Impressions	678
Reach	657
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	10

 **f** **Garden Grove City Hall**
Mon 12/6/2021 10:37 am PST

Mental health matters♥ The City of Garden Grove, in collaboration with Mind OC, is hosting a free virtual Garden Grov...



Impressions	601
Reach	589
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Mon 12/6/2021 10:40 am PST

Mental health matters♥ The City of GG, in collaboration with Mind OC, is hosting a free virtual Community Conversation...



Impressions	192
Potential Reach	4,424
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 12/6/2021 2:54 pm PST

⚠️ STREET CLOSURE AHEAD ⚠️ On Friday, December 10, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Santa Rita Avenue, between...



Impressions	3,613
Reach	3,510
Engagements	243
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6.7%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 12/6/2021 2:56 pm PST

⚠️ STREET CLOSURE AHEAD ⚠️ On Friday, 12/10, from 2-10PM, Santa Rita Ave, between Winton St & St. Mark St, will be...



Impressions	247
Potential Reach	4,428
Engagements	27
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	10.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 12/7/2021 8:37 am PST

We are proud to support Orange County's vibrant Asian American and Pacific Islander community, and there's no better way t...



Impressions	669
Reach	665
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.3%



@CityGardenGrove
Tue 12/7/2021 8:40 am PST

We are proud to support OC's vibrant Asian American & Pacific Islander community. Ring in the holidays by shopping AAPI...



Impressions	236
Potential Reach	4,425
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.3%



@CityGardenGrove
Tue 12/7/2021 12:24 pm PST

It's time to decorate for the holidays! 🎄🔥
The OCFA has a message for you about holiday fire safety precautions when...



Impressions	164
Potential Reach	4,425
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	0.6%



Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 12/7/2021 12:30 pm PST

It's time to decorate for the holidays! 🎄🔥
The Orange County Fire Authority has a message for you about holiday fire safet...



Impressions	646
Reach	630
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 12/8/2021 8:58 am PST

The deadline is almost here! 🕒 The annual Black Friday Goes BiGG giveaway is coming to an end! Save your receipts to...



Impressions	2,404
Reach	2,164
Engagements	147
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6.1%



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 12/8/2021 9:00 am PST

The deadline is almost here! 🕒 The annual Black Friday Goes BiGG giveaway is coming to an end! Save your receipts to...



Impressions	77
Potential Reach	4,425
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.3%



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Wed 12/8/2021 9:39 am PST

SUPPORT LOCAL TO WIN BIGG! Chances to win \$500, \$250 or 1-night stay at @greatwolfodge water park!...



Impressions	825
Reach	809
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	14



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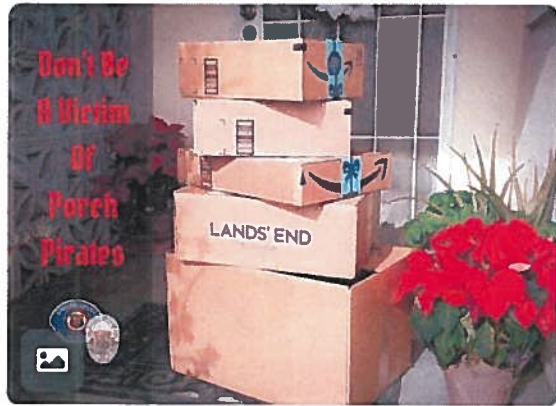
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f Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 12/8/2021 12:00 pm PST

Chances are, you have packages being delivered to your home right now. Parcels left unattended at your front door are ea...



Impressions	1,985
Reach	1,985
Engagements	120
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	6%



f Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 12/6/2021 12:00 pm PST

Please join us next Tuesday, December 14, 2021 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM for the monthly Safety Event, at Hoa Binh Gard...



Impressions	4,304
Reach	4,173
Engagements	324
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	7.5%



f Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 12/3/2021 3:00 pm PST

It's the time of the year to reflect and count our blessings. We are #thankful for...the civilians who do a million little...



Impressions	2,995
Reach	2,875
Engagements	278
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	9.3%



f Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 12/2/2021 3:00 pm PST

#DidYouKnow, #GardenGrovePD participates in the Orange County Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership...



Impressions	4,198
Reach	3,934
Engagements	344
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	8.2%



g ggpdk9unit

Thu 12/2/2021 12:44 pm PST

As much as Vader wants to come out, he has to stay until he is called. Adding lights and sirens for more stimulation....



Video Views	738
Impressions	1,354
Reach	1,162
Engagements	158
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	11.7%



Post Performance

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 Garden Grove TV 3



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WEEKLY MEMO 12-9-2021

NEWS ARTICLES

BMW-driving burglars steal 40 firearms from Garden Grove gun shop



Burglars stole about 40 guns early Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021, from Whitten Sales, 12812 Valley View St. in Garden Grove. They got away in two BMWs, say police. (Google Street View)

By **CITY NEWS SERVICE** | news@socalnews.com |

PUBLISHED: December 9, 2021 at 6:15 a.m. | UPDATED: December 9, 2021 at 6:15 a.m.

GARDEN GROVE — Burglars broke into a Garden Grove gun store early Thursday morning and stole approximately 40 firearms.

Officers from the Garden Grove Police Department responded at 12:16 a.m. to Whitten Sales, 12812 Valley View St., and saw the store's front door had been shattered, said Garden Grove Police Sgt. Erick Ley.

Ley said the owner of the business viewed live surveillance footage of at least one suspect inside his business, but the suspects drove away from the scene in two separate vehicles prior to the arrival of the officers.

The thieves apparently stole the weapons from a safe inside the business.

Police say the getaway vehicles were described as a blue BMW and a silver BMW.

Anyone with information concerning this burglary is asked to contact the Garden Grove Police Department at 714-741-5872.

Pandemic once closed schools; now it's financing them

Districts in Orange County are getting millions in COVID-relief dollars. Spending plans vary, but a common goal is to help students recover from a lost year.



Students at Villa Park Elementary School in Villa Park attend their Sports for Learning physical education class under the shade shelters on the school's quad on Friday, December 3, 2021. The shelters were built in the spring of 2020 and paid for through fundraisers by Villa Park Elementary parents. Similar shelters are planned for every school in the Orange Unified School District. (Photo by Mark Rightmire, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By [ROXANA KOPETMAN](#) | rkopetman@scng.com | Orange County Register

PUBLISHED: December 7, 2021 at 8:45 a.m. | UPDATED: December 7, 2021 at 8:49 a.m.

Christmas came early this year for Orange County's school districts, in the form of hundreds of millions of dollars from state and federal COVID-19 relief funds.

The money will buy things as diverse as new air filtration systems, computers, WiFi hot spots, classroom projectors and, of course, lots of face masks. It also will pay for people to help students: more teachers, counselors, aides, special education experts and campus nurses, with a special emphasis on addressing the mental health needs of students. Depending on the district, the money also will be used for improvements in gyms and other facilities.

The California Department of Education is administering \$33.8 billion in education funding from state and federal sources, but each district decides how that money is to be spent.

Overall, COVID relief represents an unprecedented financial windfall for schools.

“This is my 33rd year in education. I’ve never seen allocations to support education of this magnitude,” said Dave Rivera, assistant superintendent of business services in the Orange Unified School District.

Stuff vs. people

In Santa Ana Unified, the county’s second largest district, COVID-relief from state and federal sources adds up to \$308 million, said district spokesman Fermin Leal. In the 21-22 fiscal year, the new monies account for 22.5% of the district’s total budget, he said.

Like other school boards across the county, Orange Unified and Santa Ana Unified trustees recently approved spending plans for the third round of money received under the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, the American Rescue Plan Act funding known as ESSER III.

The rules on how that money is spent offer districts flexibility. In addition to addressing the academic, emotional and health needs brought on by the pandemic, some of the money can be spent on issues that existed pre-pandemic but were simply worsened by the outbreak and the lockdown that came with it.

That can take many forms. While renovations of ventilation systems and upgraded gymnasiums represent acceptable uses of COVID-relief money, a minimum of 20% of the latest round of funding must be spent on helping students make up for lost instruction time over the past two years.

In Orange County, common themes include more money for after school and summer programs, hiring teachers and other staff, and purchasing items that make for a healthier environment, such as shade shelters that allow students to spend more time outdoors.

Still, specific spending plans vary from district to district.

In Santa Ana Unified, for example, the bulk of the latest \$134 million pot was aimed at helping students make up lost instruction time. The district is doing that by hiring more people, increasing training for teachers and staff, extending tutoring and summer programs and other support services. The district also is bringing on “instructional coaches” to help teachers and others get the most out of the time they spend with students.

Leal, the district spokesman, said the extra staff and teacher coaching are temporary.

“The thinking was we needed that extra support to help students recover from a steep learning loss because students were remote for more than a year,” Leal said.

“We want to provide as much academic and social emotional support as we can for students who have been away from in-person instruction.”

In neighboring Garden Grove Unified, administrators chose to put \$71 million of the \$111 million it received in its latest COVID-relief funding into facilities maintenance. Projects include expanding or building new spaces for outdoor instruction – which may help reduce the risk of virus transmission – along with things like classroom projectors, outdoor security cameras, athletic facility upgrades, portable classrooms, shade structures, playground equipment and heating and air conditioning projects..

Some of Garden Grove Unified’s plans didn’t sit well with the teachers’ union and a number of educators who spoke at a recent school board meeting.

“None of these Band-aids address the devastating emotional and mental toll the pandemic has taken on our students and teachers,” Sarah Held, a first grade teacher at Garden Park Elementary, told the GardenGrove Unified school board.

“We need to use this ESSER funds money as it was intended.”

Kelly Nolan, president of the Garden Grove Education Association, also suggested the board take another look at how that money will be spent. In a recent interview, she repeated the teachers’ recommendation for the district to flip its priorities, giving higher priority to human resources, even if temporary, rather than to facilities.

“We need extra teachers and aides in the classroom, with the understanding we would hire this many teachers for maybe one or two years to help with the situation we are currently in,” Nolan said.

Garden Grove Unified is receiving \$260 million in one-time spending. Spokeswoman Abby Broyles said the district already offers “some of the lowest (teacher-student ratio) class size in the county and state,” and is planning to use some money on making class sizes even smaller.

She also addressed criticism that the district was using COVID money to remake sports facilities.

“There have been a number of false rumors circulating about ESSER funds,” Broyles wrote in an e-mail. “ESSER funds allocated to facility upgrades account for 26.79% of all one-time expenditures, with only 3% going to athletic upgrades.”

Garden Grove Unified, she said, has used some COVID-relief money to expand learning opportunities, boost teacher pay and offer added work hours. Other spending

has resulted in more student devices and hotspots, new campus shade structures, and upgraded air conditioning units, among other things.

Students at Villa Park Elementary School in Villa Park attend their Sports for Learning physical education class under the shade shelters on the school's quad on Friday, December 3, 2021. The shelters were built in the spring of 2020 and paid for through fundraisers by Villa Park Elementary parents. Similar shelters are planned for every school in the Orange Unified School District. (Photo by Mark Rightmire, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Orange County's largest district, Capistrano Unified, has focused on reducing class sizes, said spokesman Ryan Burris.

"For us, the opportunity to use the money to create more classes with fewer students was the best way to provide individual support for each student," Burris said.

With 63 schools, he said, the district's pandemic relief money didn't stretch far enough to work on facilities. Of its most recent \$35.2 million allocation, Capistrano Unified is spending \$28.2 million on strategies for continuous and safe learning, including maintaining lower student per teacher ratios in the classroom. The rest is being spent on helping students make up for lost instruction time.

Another large district, Anaheim Union High School District, received \$64.5 million in the most recent round of relief money. One chunk of that, \$51.6 million, will include spending to improve indoor air quality and upgrade or add outdoor learning areas. Another slice, \$5.6 million, is being spent on unspecified "strategies and protocols to ensure operations of school facilities to maintain the health and safety of students, educators and other staff as well as purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean facilities," according to a school district report.

The rest, almost \$13 million, is funding a range of items and new employees to address learning loss. That will include \$3.2 million for an additional psychologist and speech language staff to help students with disabilities.

One-time only

While school officials welcome the backing, they note it isn't permanent and some of the programs will end when the money runs out.

"The fact we're getting an influx of one-time money is great," said Rivera, of Orange Unified. "But what are the federal and state mindsets of making these ongoing funds? Because we know we have an ongoing problem."

Of Orange Unified's most recent \$28 million allocation, \$20 million is aimed at new programs and serving student needs, while \$7.8 million will be spent on facilities. Some of the facility improvements have involved mixing COVID money with traditional support. Two examples: bathroom renovations that include touchless fixtures and new

flooring and stalls set further apart, and gym renovations that involve new bleachers and new air conditioners.

“We look at the guidance for (the money) and see where we can easily justify this; the rest of it we’re going to backfill with something else,” Rivera said. “We’re leveraging Covid funds with those other funds.”

In addition to more people and measures to help students recover from learning loss and move past the trauma of the pandemic, Orange Unified’s investments include new canvas shade shelters and bottle filling stations as well as new lunch and picnic tables at every school.

Districts received varying amounts of relief money. In the latest round, Tustin Unified got \$23 million, Irvine Unified received \$18 million and Newport Mesa \$27 million.

Districts have until Sept. 30, 2024 to spend the money.



Contact: Nate Robbins (714) 741-5206
Community and Economic Development
Department

Contact: Anthony Delgado (949) 749-2500
Director of Mobile Response Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Monday, December 6, 2021

**PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO JOIN COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION AROUND MENTAL HEALTH**

The City of Garden Grove, in collaboration with Mind OC, is hosting a free virtual Garden Grove Community Conversation Series on Saturday, December 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., via Zoom or by phone, to provide information and answer questions about mental health, and to discuss and explore experiences with health care systems and providers in Orange County. To register online, visit <https://bit.ly/3lDqKrf>.

Topics to be discussed are: Community Mental Health Care Services Experience; Community Mental Health Needs; Effective Self-Advocacy Skills Development; Taking Ownership of Our Healing and Recovery Process; and We Have HOPE (Be Well OC in Garden Grove).

Be Well OC in Garden Grove is a mobile mental health program that provides immediate in-community assessment and stabilization to residents experiencing mental health issues, substance abuse, and homelessness. For more information on Be Well OC in Garden Grove, visit ggcity.org/be-well.

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PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO JOIN CONVERSATION AROUND MENTAL HEALTH
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Mind OC is a nonprofit organization that supports the Be Well OC community of caregivers to positively impact the mental health and wellbeing of all residents in Orange County. For more information on Mind OC and Be Well OC, visit bewelloc.org.

For more information, contact Nate Robbins, Community and Economic Development Department at (714) 741-5206 or Anthony Delgado, Director of Mobile Response Services at (949) 749-2500.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: Ana Pulido (714) 741-5280
Public Information Officer
Office of Community Relations/GGTV3

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Monday, December 6, 2021



SHOP LOCAL FOR CHANCES TO WIN CASH, GREAT WOLF LODGE STAY

The City of Garden Grove and Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce encourage the community to participate in the end-of-year Buy in Garden Grove (BiGG) campaign, Black Friday Goes BiGG, for chances to win \$500, \$250, or a 1-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California. The deadline to participate is Thursday, December 16, at 1:00 p.m.

When shoppers collect \$50 in total register receipts from any Garden Grove business, they'll receive one raffle ticket towards a cash and prize drawing.

Receipts must be brought to the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, located at 12866 Main Street, Suite 102, by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16. Raffle tickets will not be available at business establishments.

If purchases were made from a BiGG business, Foods of Garden Grove restaurant, or Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce member, shoppers will receive an additional raffle ticket. For business lists, visit ggcity.org/biggs.

On Monday, December 20, four winners will be announced on the City and Chamber's websites and social platforms. One winner will receive \$500, two winners will receive \$250, and one winner will receive a 1-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California.

For information, visit ggcity.org/biggs or call (714) 741-5280.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: John Montanhez
Community Services Department
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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, December 2, 2021



PORTION OF WEST HAVEN PARK TO CLOSE FOR RENOVATIONS

From Monday, December 6 through, tentatively, April 2022, a portion of West Haven Park, north of Orange County Fire Authority Station 86, will be temporarily closed for turf renovations. West Haven Park's south portion, playground, community meeting room, and parking lot on West Street will remain open to park goers. West Haven Park is located at 12252 West Street.

The improvements consist of the installation of new topsoil and grass seed. The area will remain fenced off through, tentatively, April 2022, to allow root establishment.

The \$634,835 project is funded by the City's Water Enterprise Fund and will be overseen by Kasa Construction Inc., awarded by the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

In 2018, West Haven Park underwent major park improvements, including construction of a themed playground, and a new 1,600 square-foot community meeting room.

For more information, contact Principal Engineering Technician Carina Dan at (714) 741-5346.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

December 9, 2021

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the December 9, 2021 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation of the December 16, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from December 3, 2021 to December 9, 2021.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 9, 2021 – January 28, 2022

Thursday	December 9		Holiday Drive \$2 Casual Dress Day
Tuesday	December 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Industrial Development Authority, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	December 16	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED \$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	December 17		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Friday	December 24- January 2		City Hall Closed – Holiday Closure
Tuesday	January 4	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 6	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	January 11	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	January 13	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	January 14		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	January 17		City Hall Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Thursday	January 20	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	January 25	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, CM
Thursday	January 27		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	January 28		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
Garden Grove City Hall – 3rd Floor Training Room
11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-213-2021

Applicant: Ivy Trang (A.N. Food World)
Location: 9920 Garden Grove Boulevard
Date: December 9, 2021

Request: To operate a new restaurant, Furai Fried Chicken, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. 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.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Ivy Trang

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1809-21.

PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE NO. V-035-2021

Applicant: Cottage Industries, LLC
Location: 11421 Garden Grove Boulevard and 12931 9th Street
Date: December 9, 2021

Request: Variance approval to: (1) allow a 150 square foot addition to an existing building at 12931 9th Street, to encroach into the required 15-foot front and 5-foot side setback areas to accommodate a new trash enclosure area, and (2) allow a 6-foot block wall at 11421 Garden Grove Boulevard, to encroach into the required 15-foot front and 7-foot side street setback areas to secure the proposed community garden. The proposed improvements are integral to the design and operation of the Cottage Industries Farm Block project. The site is in the CC-1 (Civic Center East) 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 15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Linda Sadeghi

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1810-21.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2021
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: December 9, 2021

DAISY PEREZ
CHAIR



League of California Cities adopts 2022 State Action Agenda

Dec 3, 2021

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sacramento – Today, the League of California Cities Board of Directors adopted the organization's 2022 Action Agenda during its meeting.

City leaders who serve in leadership positions in Cal Cities divisions, departments, policy committees, and diversity caucuses convened during meetings over the last month to chart the organization's priorities for 2022 and ensure they are laser focused on the issues most critical to our cities and the residents our members serve.

The 2022 Action Agenda is as follows:

- 1. Secure funding to increase the supply and affordability of housing and reform state housing laws to retain local authority.** Secure adequate and sustainable funding for cities to increase construction of housing at all income levels, particularly affordable housing and workforce housing. Reform state housing laws to ensure cities retain local decision-making to meet the needs of their communities.

2. **Attain investments to strengthen and sustain critical infrastructure.** Advocate for policies that strengthen the conditions of local streets, highways, bridges, public transit, and broadband to improve workforce and economic development. Secure support for the modernization and expansion of the statewide water grid, including infrastructure, storage, and conveyance. Work with stakeholders to provide cities with access to the tools needed to ensure projects are delivered efficiently and cost-effectively to meet current and future needs.
3. **Secure increased funding and resources to prevent homelessness and assist individuals experiencing homelessness.** Secure additional ongoing, flexible resources to provide navigation assistance, emergency shelters, and permanent supportive housing. Enhance city and county coordination and strengthen partnerships with stakeholders to ensure adequate wraparound services are available for adults and youth at risk of, or already experiencing, homelessness in our communities, and effectively address mental health and substance use disorders.
4. **Strengthen disaster preparedness, resiliency, and recovery from climate change impacts through improved collaboration and resources.** Secure additional resources and support to mitigate the effects of climate change, including catastrophic wildfires, drought, and sea level rise. Promote collaboration with other city, state, and federal governments, to strengthen disaster preparedness, resiliency, and recovery.

“Housing, homelessness, critical infrastructure, and the impacts of climate change — these priorities have been at the heart of local leaders’ efforts for years,” said League of California Cities President and Walnut Creek Council Member Cindy Silva. “The pandemic exacerbated these issues, many of them decades in the making, and highlighted the importance of a strong state investment to ensure cities have the resources necessary to protect their communities and improve the quality of life for all those who call California home.”

With its agenda now set, Cal Cities will begin working immediately to advance these objectives in the state capitol.

“As local officials continue to display remarkable resilience in their commitment to serving their cities, the state has yet another opportunity in 2022 to invest directly into our communities and create truly transformative change for California’s residents,” said League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. “California’s cities will be actively seeking the state’s partnership that will ensure an equitable recovery for all of our communities next year.”

Cal Cities’ Action Agenda for 2022 is available at [www.calcities.org/action-agenda \(/home/action-agenda\)](http://www.calcities.org/action-agenda (/home/action-agenda)) .

Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.

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Cal Cities Board of Directors adopts 2022 Action Agenda; considers positions on potential ballot initiatives

Dec 8, 2021

During its Dec. 2-3 meeting, the League of California Cities Board of Directors adopted the organization's 2022 Action Plan and 2022 Budget. The Action Agenda guides the organization's legislative and educational efforts and is updated annually. The Board also considered positions on potential ballot initiatives in 2022 that would impact cities. Below, are additional details on the Board actions.

Cal Cities 2022 Action Agenda

Prior to the board vote, city leaders in Cal Cities divisions, departments, policy committees, and diversity caucuses convened for several virtual meetings to chart the organization's priorities for 2022 and ensure they are laser-focused on the issues most critical to cities and the residents they serve. During the process, city leaders had the opportunity to review Cal Cities legislative achievements for 2021, discuss challenges cities are facing, and inform the organization's advocacy goals for 2022.

The Board adopted the following strategic advocacy priorities:

- **Secure funding to increase the supply and affordability of housing and reform state housing laws to retain local authority.** Secure adequate and sustainable funding for cities to increase construction of housing at all income levels, particularly affordable housing and workforce housing.

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ACA 7 and the Land Use Initiative

The Cal Cities Board of Directors voted unanimously, with one abstention, to “take no position at this time on ACA 7 and the land use initiative. The Board reaffirms its strong desire to protect local decision-making authority over land

use, housing, and zoning to meet the needs of their communities. To that end, the Board directs staff, working with the relevant policy committees, to develop a menu of near-, mid-, and long-term strategies to reform state housing laws and to bring recommendations to the Board for consideration in spring 2022.”

The Board’s action was informed by the work of the organization’s ACA 7 Working Group. After a thorough review, the working group raised concerns that the measures may have significant, unintentional consequences, including pitting local jurisdictions against each other, and that additional feedback from cities is needed prior to taking a position.

Among the issues identified by the working group was the potential for unintended and negative consequences beyond housing that could arise if the initiative were to pass. For example, ACA 7 could result in a disjointed patchwork approach to the management of potential natural disasters, such as seismic hazards, wildland and urban fires, and floods.

Passage of these measures could also impede progress on environmental justice efforts that seek to mitigate health risks and other issues in disadvantaged communities.

The Board, along with the working group, recognized that while there are important concerns and unanswered questions with the proposed measures, an urgent need remains to address the supply and affordability of housing while affirming local decision-making with regards to land use.

As a result, Cal Cities staff will take immediate action to develop a menu of strategies to reform state laws impacting cities in the area of land use in collaboration with relevant Cal Cities policy committees and regional divisions.

Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act

During the meeting, the Cal Cities Board of Directors also voted unanimously to oppose Attorney General Initiative 21-0026A1 — the deceptively named “Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act.” The measure would significantly jeopardize cities’ ability to provide necessary services and critical infrastructure to residents. It would impose onerous and undemocratic restrictions on local governments and local voters that would reduce local revenues by billions every year, decimating vital services like fire and emergency response, infrastructure, libraries, parks, sanitation, economic development, and virtually all local services.

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Local water efficiency ordinance reports due Jan. 31, 2022

Dec 8, 2021

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California cities, counties, and water suppliers with designated authority are required to report on the review and approval of landscape projects to the California Department of Water Resources by Jan. 31, 2022. Such projects are governed by the **Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance** (<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/Urban-Water-Use-Efficiency/Model-Water-Efficient-Landscape-Ordinance>), a statewide regulation designed to prevent water from being wasted on irrigated landscapes. Municipalities must submit a report every year, even if their ordinance remains unchanged.

Under state law, cities must ensure compliance on development projects with landscaped areas of 500 square feet or more. This applies to residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional projects that require a permit, plan check, or design review. All local agencies must adopt, implement, and enforce the state's ordinance or a local one that is at least as effective.

The ordinance report asks cities about their enforcement process, the number and type of landscape projects, and local ordinance practices (if relevant). Officials can submit a report via the California Department of Water Resources' reporting portal, (https://wuedata.water.ca.gov/secure/login_auth.asp?

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Additionally, cities that have yet not submitted their 2020 report are encouraged to do so before Jan. 31, 2022. For more information, contact Senior Environmental Scientist Julie Saare-Edmonds at (916) 902-7262 or welo@water.ca.gov (<mailto:welo@water.ca.gov>) .

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