

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**January 15, 2015**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Allan Roeder, City Manager  
Members

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

None.

**II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. ADVERTISING PLACEMENT IN THE NGUOI VIET 2015 TET EDITION**

Kim Huy provides a copy of the 2015 Nguoi Viet Lunar New Year (Tet) edition and the feature ads have been flagged for your convenience. (A hardcopy of this edition will be placed on your desk).

**B. FAIRLANE TRAILER VILLA/JETTY STREET PARKING ISSUES AND RELATED CONCERNS**

Chief Elgin informs you of parking issues and concerns in the area of Lampson Avenue and Jetty Street.

**C. RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY**

Maria Stipe provides copies of our responses to requests for information from the Orange County Grand Jury in regards to the Garden Grove Sanitary District, Public Finance Authority, Orange County Cities Airport Authority, and the Sanitary District Public Improvement Corporation.

**D. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG**

A copy of the Public Records requests ending January 14, 2015 is provided by the City Clerk for your information.

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

A. Letter from Dr. Allan Bernstein, Councilmember at the City of Tustin, regarding his announcement of candidacy for the City Seat on the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

**• OTHER ITEMS**

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



ALLAN L. ROEDER  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

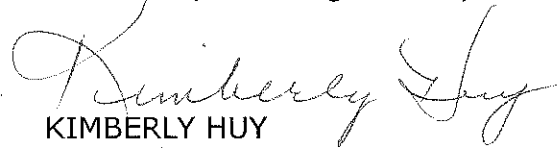
To: Allan Roeder  
Dept.: City Manager  
Subject: ADVERTISING PLACEMENT IN THE  
NGUOI VIET 2015 TET EDITION

From: Kimberly Huy  
Dept.: Community Services  
Date: January 15, 2015

Furthering the City's goal to enhance ethnic outreach to the Vietnamese community, the City of Garden Grove annually purchases a full-page ad in the Nguoi Viet Lunar New Year (Tet) edition. This year, 2015, is the Year of the Goat.

The ad on page 27 features New Year greetings from the City with a photo of the Mayor and City Council members. In addition, the magazine features ads from the Garden Grove Police Department on page 31 and the Vietnam War Museum of America Foundation on page 207.

The Nguoi Viet 2015 Tet edition is currently available throughout the Vietnamese community in Orange County and nationwide.

  
KIMBERLY HUY  
Community Services Director

  
By: Kristy Thai  
Bilingual Community Liaison

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Allan Roeder  
Dept.: City Manager  
Subject: FAIRLANE TRAILER VILLA/JETTY  
STREET PARKING ISSUES AND  
RELATED CONCERNS

From: Todd Elgin  
Dept.: Police  
Date: January 14, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Manager and City Council on parking issues and related concerns in the area of Lampson Avenue and Jetty Street, and the City's response to these issues.

BACKGROUND

City Staff received information some time ago that residents in the Fairlane Trailer Villas, located near the intersection of Lampson Avenue and Jetty Street were parking their vehicles on Jetty Street and the connected cul-de-sacs in the evening and overnight, causing quality of life issues for the residents of those streets.

In response, officers from both the Patrol and Traffic Divisions of the Police Department began marking vehicles for 72-hour violations and citing any other parking violations they witnessed. The parking concerns were also brought to the City's Traffic Engineer, who posted "resident parking only" signs. While this lessened the problem for a short time, those who were parking vehicles seemed to realize there was no legal enforcement possible and again began parking on these public residential streets.

DISCUSSION

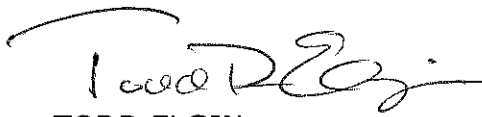
This continual parking issue has resulted in the Jetty, et al. residents circulating a petition that something needed to be done to address their concerns. This petition was recently received by the Police Department. The Department's Neighborhood Traffic Unit, as well as that area's beat officers have continued enforcement efforts in the area, but these have had little effect due to the fact that most all of the vehicles are legally parked on public streets.

In the letter attached to the petition, there were also concerns raised in reference to perceived blight and crime issues in the neighborhood. As a result, the Police Department is scheduling meetings with representatives of the Villas HOA and/or management company, as well as representatives from the Jetty area residents to

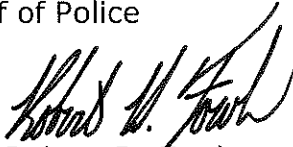
see if there are actions those groups can take to help alleviate the problem. Traffic Engineering is also looking into the issue again to see if there are alternative methods they can deploy to help address this issue. Other City resources, such as Neighborhood Improvement and/or Code Enforcement will be brought in to assist as needed.

SUMMARY

The Police Department and other City personnel will continue to attempt to address these "quality of life" issues in this area through a community policing partnership with all residents of this neighborhood.



TODD ELGIN  
Chief of Police



By: Robert D. Fowler  
Lieutenant

Attachment 1: Petition, et al.

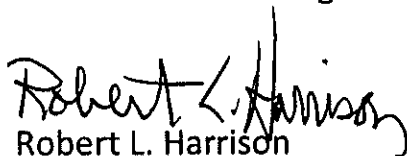
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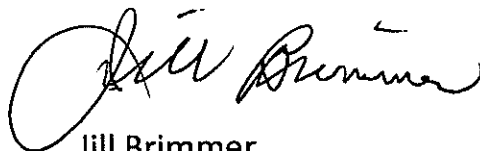
City of Garden Grove

Please find our neighborhood petition for permit parking with supporting documents substantiating the parking problems, blight factors destroying our property values and criminal activity that contributes to the lowering of our Standard of Living we have here in Garden Grove. A total of 28 pages are included in our submission.

Please inform us of the next steps; meetings with the City Council.

On behalf of our neighbors,

  
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(714) 750-3255

  
Jill Brimmer  
12592 Jetty Street  
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## AUGUST 5, 2014 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We hereby petition to take back our neighborhoods a positive step in eliminating crime, provide a safer environment for our families and properties and request permit parking for residents only. We would like to be able and park in front of our own homes, come home from work late at night and to be able and park in sight of our own homes, to eliminate the trash left behind from those nonresidents who park in our neighborhoods not actually respecting our city or the neighborhood, to prevent people from doing repairs to their cars on our streets that do not live here leaving the trash and residue of car fluids in the street an obvious code violation, to prevent nonresidents from parking near our trash cans after being placed out the night before trash pickup where drivers of trash trucks cannot be getting out to move them to be able to remove the trash. One neighbor that lives on a corner can have 6 to 7 plus cars from the mobile home park surrounding his property at a minimum, Furthermore, the City of Garden Grove enabling halfway houses to move into our neighborhoods where the number of residents in a single family home can rise to 12 plus residents a possible code violation where the property is only at 3 bedroom house and where modifications to the interior of the home may not have been done to code and exit doors not done to code, with the additional cars adding to the burden of parking where perhaps the neighborhood should be rezoned as a transient hotel and the city could start collecting hotel taxes in addition to the rental taxes they should be collecting from the real owner of that residence, and the renter of the residence that turned the property into a transient rental business. Are these taxes being collected? With nonresidents who have no respect of our property and communities having access to our neighborhood at all times day or night because of parking here, the crimes that are reported and those that are not of the home break-ins, of the car break-ins and thefts, assaults, lack of concern speeding, this is not what America and Garden Grove should be all about. Permit parking could prevent these situations.

Each taxpaying resident could be issued so many parking permits to accommodate those living at their property and a few extras in case there is an

event at their homes like an American birthday, graduation or wedding and the extra permits and perhaps some borrowed from neighbors could accommodate the event.

Also, the mobile home park that is a private owned property which has its share of crime being overcrowded, their own thefts and gun shots into the night, their own parking areas by their homes sometimes filled with their belongings preventing proper parking utilization of the property where they are able to post permit only parking signs forcing the outflow to our neighborhoods and the City of Garden Grove having no power to address this with this problem forcing us to bear the crime and burdens for which this petition for permit parking is being presented. Why should a private owned properties rules and regulations trump what is best for the Citizens of Garden Grove and the entire area surrounding that property? We are have been put in jeopardy.

Ask the neighborhood property owners where most will tell you our problems stem from the people living there, non-residents of our neighborhood, as we watch the processions of people we do not know park here in our neighborhood and proceed around the corner and into the mobile home park where they live. Some of these families could be decent non-threatening respectful persons, yet their parking here has almost lead to physical fighting with actual residents, ask them why they do not park in front of their own homes at the mobile home park and they will tell you it is not safe there. Go figure. Ask the property owners here that arise early in the morning to see youth walking in the middle of Jetty at 4 in the morning then run across their lawns and flower beds into the back yard of a neighbor and up and over the fence to the mobile home park. What were they doing at 4AM in the morning? Getting some exercise before hopefully going to school.

Permit parking in our neighborhoods covering all streets physically around the mobile home park and streets one block over will prevent crimes in our neighborhood; provide a safer environment for our families and property, and is what the elected officials and employees of Garden Grove should honor, respect and accomplish. It is the right thing to do. Not doing so the City leaves us in

jeopardy to ever the changing demographics, transient criminal activity from the non-residents who transverse our neighborhoods.

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# Information Request

**LOCATION:** District 164  
**DATES:** January 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Calls For Service

Table below indicate calls for service by year

DISPO	2013	2014	TOTAL
ASSAULT	4	2	6
ROBBERY	2		2
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	7	6	13
SEX OFFENSES	3	1	4
AUTO THEFT	12	10	22
BURG-COMM	3		3
BURG-RES	15	8	23
BURG-VEH	18	2	20
NARCOTICS	17	8	25
NON-CRIME	42	21	63
OTHER CRIMES	46	32	78
RECOVERED STOLEN	8		8
THEFT	26	8	34
TRESPASS-PROWL	4	1	5
VANDALISM	15	13	28
WARRANT	27	7	34
DRUNK	6	7	13
DRUNK DRIVING	8	2	10
TC-INJURY	3	3	6
TC-NON INJURY	18	6	24
911 MISUSE	50	40	90
ALARM-HANDLED	18	12	30
INVESTIGATION	56	38	94
BIKE STOP	7	4	11
PED CHECK	34	9	43
VEHICLE CHECK	71	19	90
CITATION ISSUED	33	21	54
CITIZEN ASSIST	2	1	3
FI CARD(S) COMPLETED	29	13	42
FIREWORKS		2	2
FOOT PATROL	2		2
72 HR CD/VEH MARKED	22	28	50
BUSINESS CHECK	4	1	5
VACATION CHECK	3		3
CANCELLED	49	55	104
GOA/UTL	126	89	215
HANDLED AT SCENE	389	216	605
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>1864</b>

We cordially invite you and your neighborhood to be part of our

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Team 2014

**TUESDAY – AUGUST 5, 2014**

WHERE: 13291 Laux Circle

WHAT: Light Refreshments

TIME: 6 to 8pm

WHO TO CONTACT: Robert Harrison @ 750-3255 or  
Kris Backouris @ 741-5761

The purpose of this gathering is:

**To Raise Awareness**

*regarding the Neighborhood Watch movement and its effectiveness in preventing crime and building safer and stronger communities.*

**To Motivate**

existing Watch groups and encourage new members of the general public to join an established Watch in their area or form a new one if one does not already exist.

**To Encourage**

the development of close working relationships between our Neighborhood Watch groups and the Garden Grove Police Department. This is YOUR opportunity to form a Partnership with our Department and combine efforts to make your neighborhood a safer and cleaner environment in which to reside. Come meet your Crime Prevention Officer, Beat Patrol Officer and other members of our staff and learn how YOU can become involved with our Community Policing program.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PERMIT PARKING PETITION

The song by Chicago included "Does anybody know what time it is, does anybody really care?" Does anybody know the number of living units inside the Fairlane Mobile Lodge Home Park (FMLHP and Mobile Home Park)? Has anybody ever counted the cars from the FMLHP that spill out from the park on to the streets of Garden Grove and into the adjacent neighborhoods? Down Lampson Ave from Haster past Lampson School at times both sides of the street you could possibly total 75 cars from FMLHP. Then count the cars both sides from Blue Spruce to Lampson another 75 plus. The city created a new parking lot for tenants of the FMLHP, the new parking lot corner of Lampson and Haster, Haster Basin, just drive by at night and count them. At times into our neighborhood down Jetty and the first couple Cul-de-sacs you may be able to count another 25 plus (see pictures of one afternoon enclosed); and perhaps the same for Blue Spruce. Some of the Cul-de-sacs around the Mobile Home Park residents have indicated people from the park, park and hop over the fence. Are all these cars from the mobile home park? Again every night we watch the progression as cars come into our neighborhoods (down Jetty from Lampson) and the occupants gather their belongings from their cars and start their journey around the corner of Lampson and Jetty up to and into the mobile home park. Talking with several residents from the park, they state they have one designated parking place and 4 cars to park. For any of the extra parking spots there is a waiting list. This is private property and they have permit parking signs. **Why does private property trump public property?** There could be 200 plus over flow cars from the Mobile Home Park. This is not right especially parking into our neighborhoods where we are in jeopardy.

Has anybody thought about or considered what the parking regulations are for our neighborhoods. Is it so many parking places per bedrooms, people living here; are there any code restrictions of any kind? When you have people that do not live in the neighborhoods park here, 25 cars in a small area, does this affect any of the normal neighborhood parking codes?

In addition, please find some information pertaining to parking restrictions from other Orange County communities; how permit and restricted parking eliminated crime and made the communities safer. Problem orientated policing. Would permit parking or parking limitations or a combination of both help to eliminate crime, help the police when they drive thru the neighborhoods late at night, identify potential criminal activity. Criminal activity report is presented later.

In lieu of permit parking, if the City of Garden Grove has any legal obstacles they may be afraid to face, like in Fullerton, they have parking in your Garage or driveway at night where there is no street parking. Hey this eliminates people coming into your neighborhoods at night that do not live there and may have criminal intent. In other communities noted, those selling and using drugs in the streets disappeared. This type of action by the City could promote safer communities, eliminate crime by enhance policing efforts.

Buena Clinton was cleaned up with parking restrictions and the City seems very proud of accomplishments there. Harbor Blvd Mobile parking where the old Fire Station hotel was also has been cleaned up. But it was presented by a Mayor and Councilmen, you clean up one location and the people there move out and create 2 or 3 new trouble spots. Are the people from the Harbor Blvd location now living in the Fairlane Mobile Lodge Home Park where they had no place else to go?

Another parking problem and elimination of the beauty our community once had is allowing profit making enterprises disrupt our neighborhoods. This should never be allowed to happen. See pictures of Code enforcements couple year attempt to eliminate the plight from the Half Way House that is bringing down our community standards affecting property values and adding to the parking woes. At times there are 13 plus residents living at the halfway house some with cars living in a residential neighborhood. The City should read Your Neighborhood Improvement Guide Notice to Landlords and enforce what is applicable there. What kind of revenues are the City of Garden Grove losing out on by not collecting fees for the cash rental income that is collected from this Half Way House? Tenants that live there indicate they have other houses in Garden that

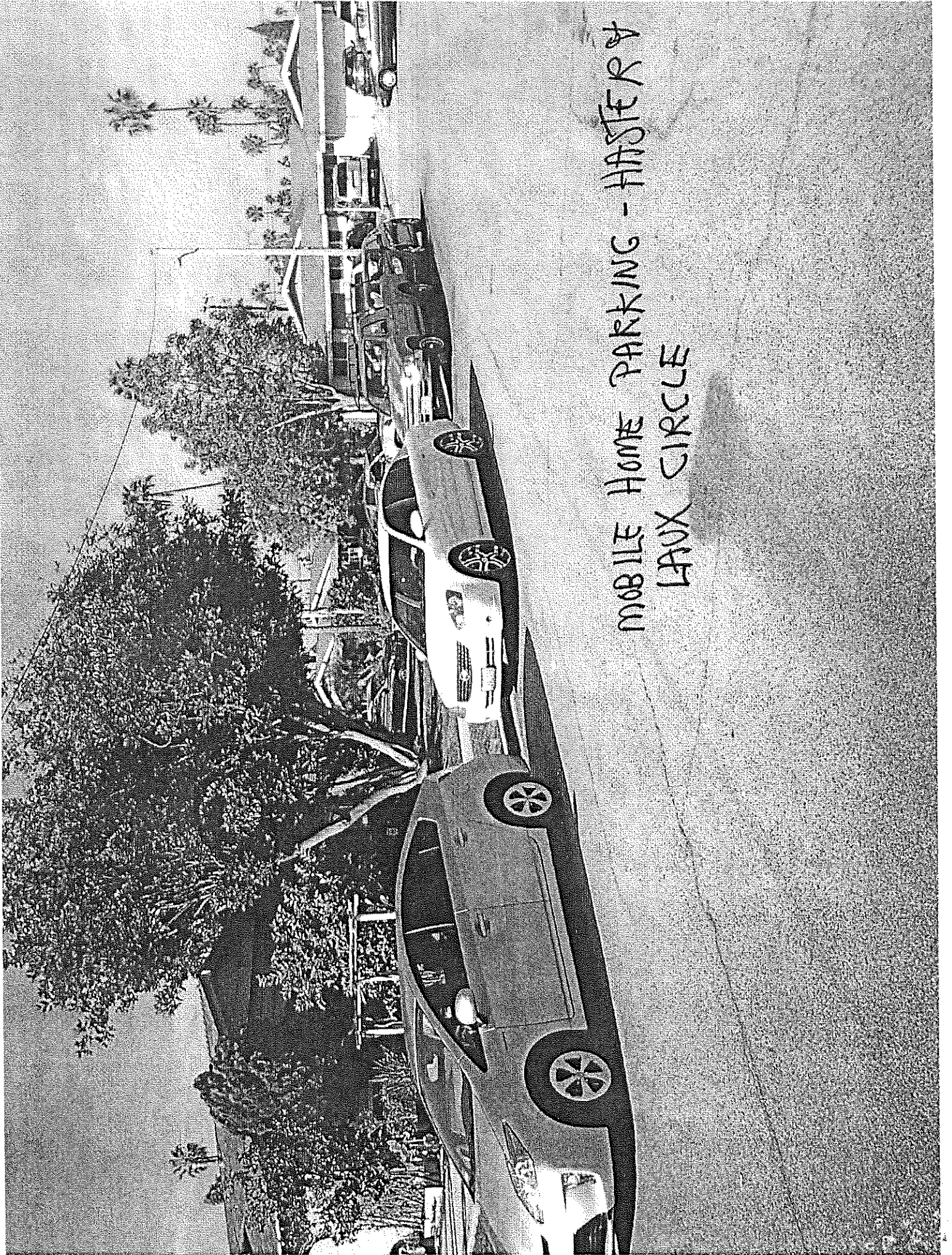
we are probably missing out on the license fees. Ever think of getting the IRS involved?

We have been trying to get for about two months a criminal activity report on our neighborhood areas to submit with our petition, where there seems to be some blockage on providing this information or legal liability fear by the City in presenting this type of information, which should be essential to our parking permit request where the neighbors would like to know how in jeopardy are we with all the crimes around us including burglary, assaults, drugs, car theft, DUI, robbery, weapons, rape sex misdemeanors/felonies, traffic problems. In passing out flyers for National Night Out and in obtaining signatures for our permit parking petition, the people signing are talking about all these types of crimes happening here.

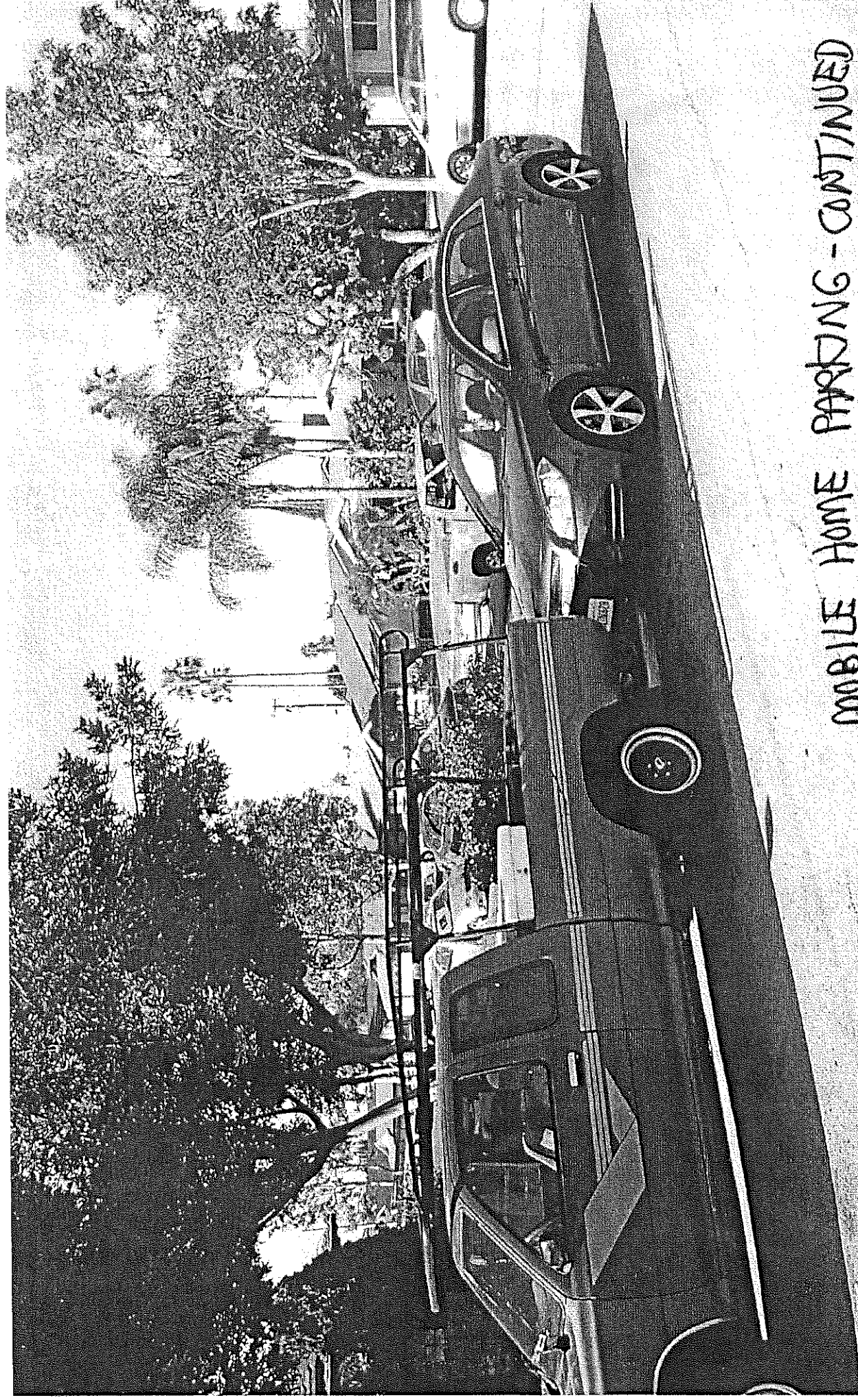
We asked for a plot map showing our streets with icons representing the various crimes occurring. If we had a plot map and used an icon for each offense our streets would be obliterated. You would not know any of the streets in our neighborhoods. 2013 we had 1179 such crimes which would be 3 plus a day. In 2014 thru August 31, 2014 we had 685 such crimes which would approach 3 a day. Is this acceptable? Are we in jeopardy as to safety of our property and lives in our own neighborhoods? There is a current election in process and just look at the political advertisements where keeping neighborhoods safe and maintaining the beauty and livability and property values of our neighborhoods.

Please look at what we are saying here, look at what other communities are doing, go to the internet and research parking restrictions, problem oriented policing and how this could help improve our neighborhoods and safety and quality of life living in Garden Grove.

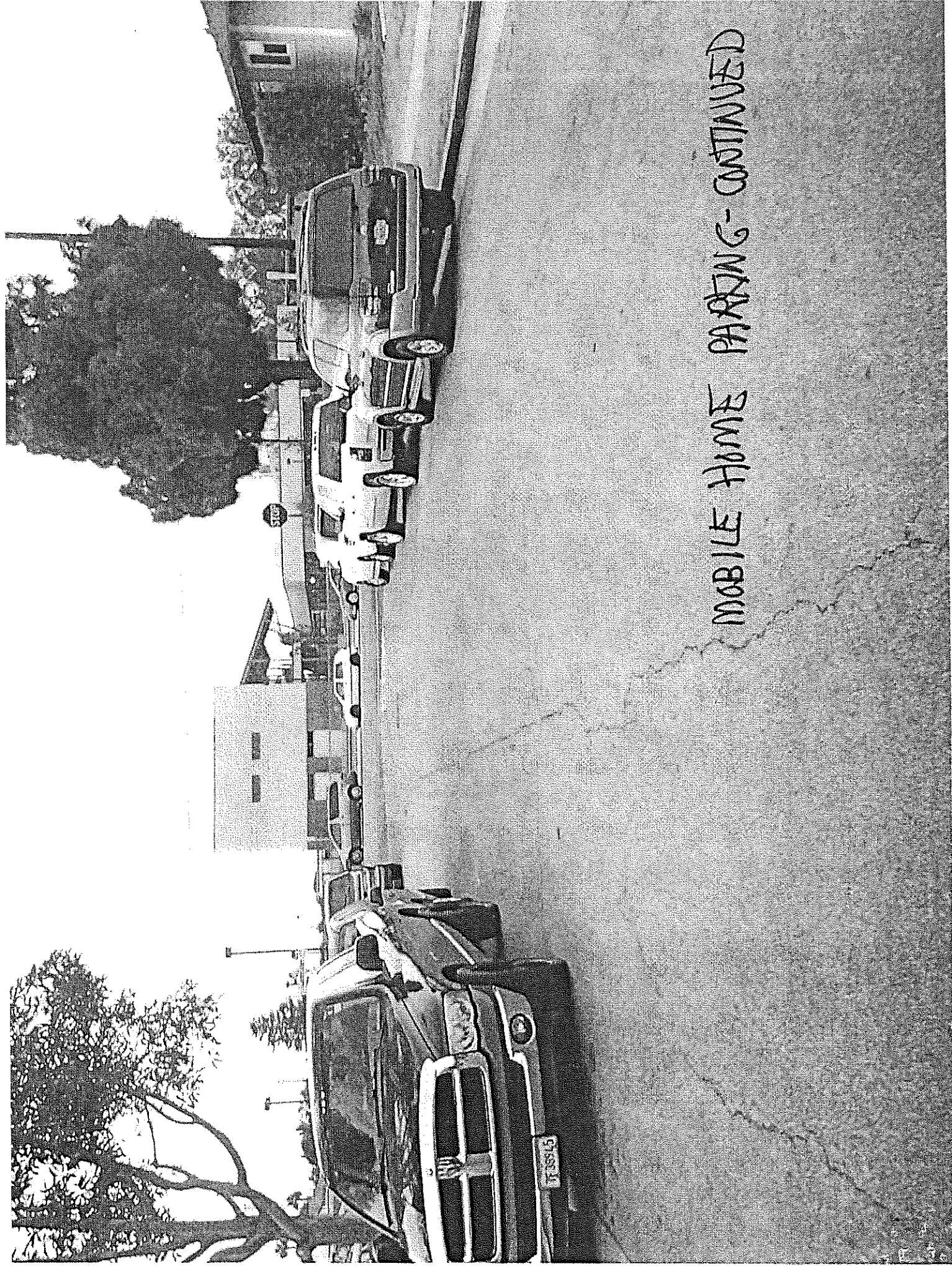
Please help us with permit/restricted parking to make our neighborhood a cleaner and safer environment in which to reside, improving policing in reducing the real crimes happening here.



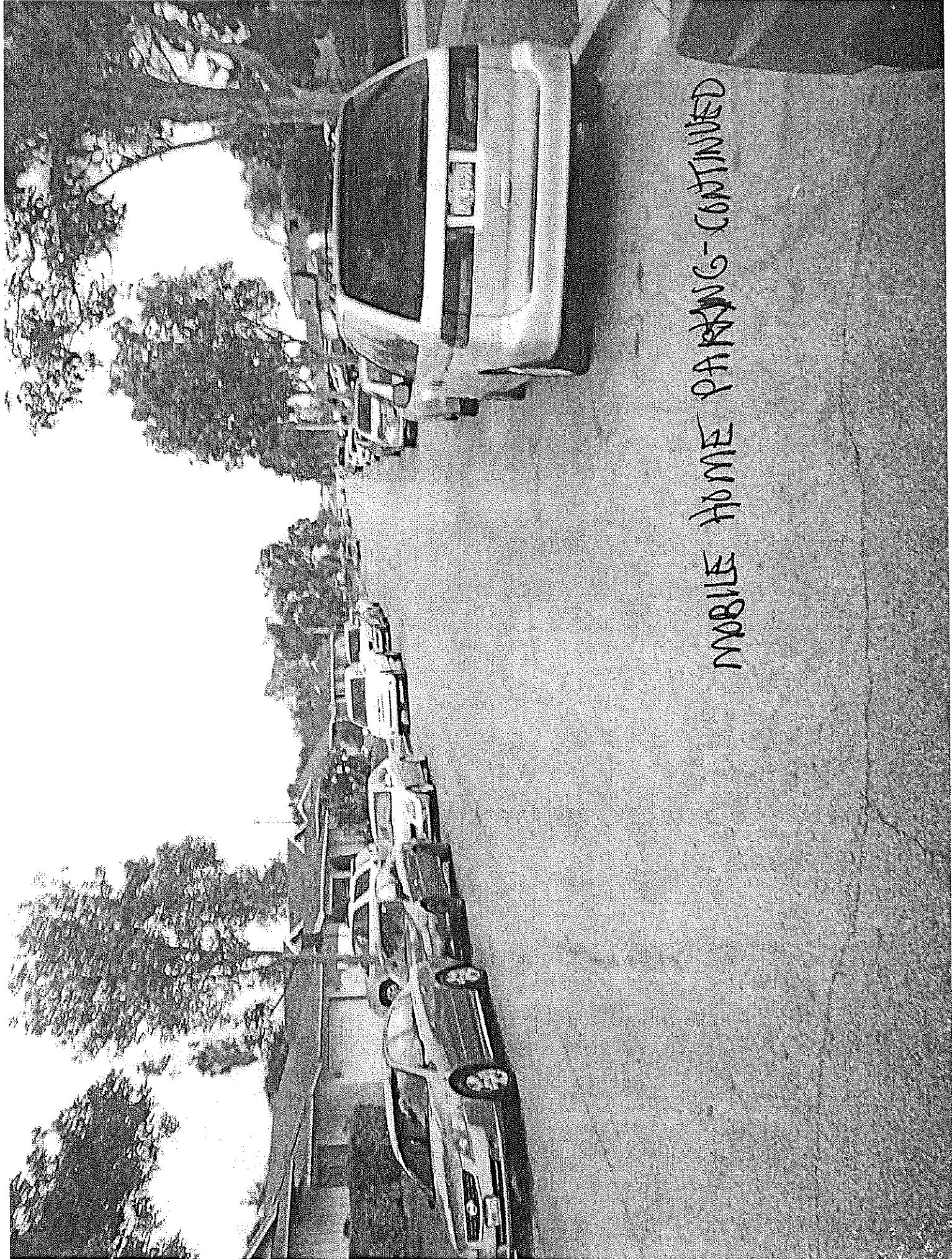
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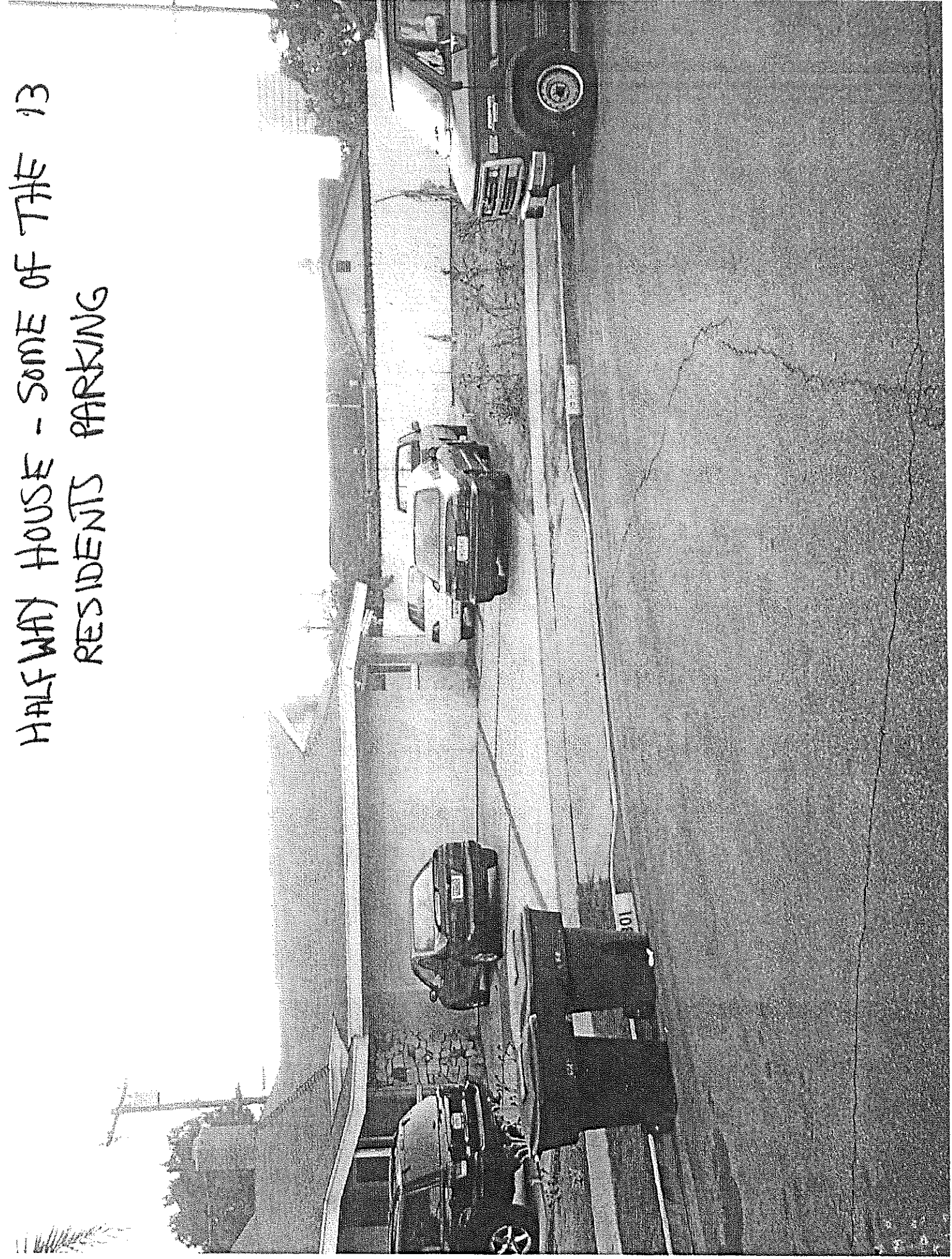
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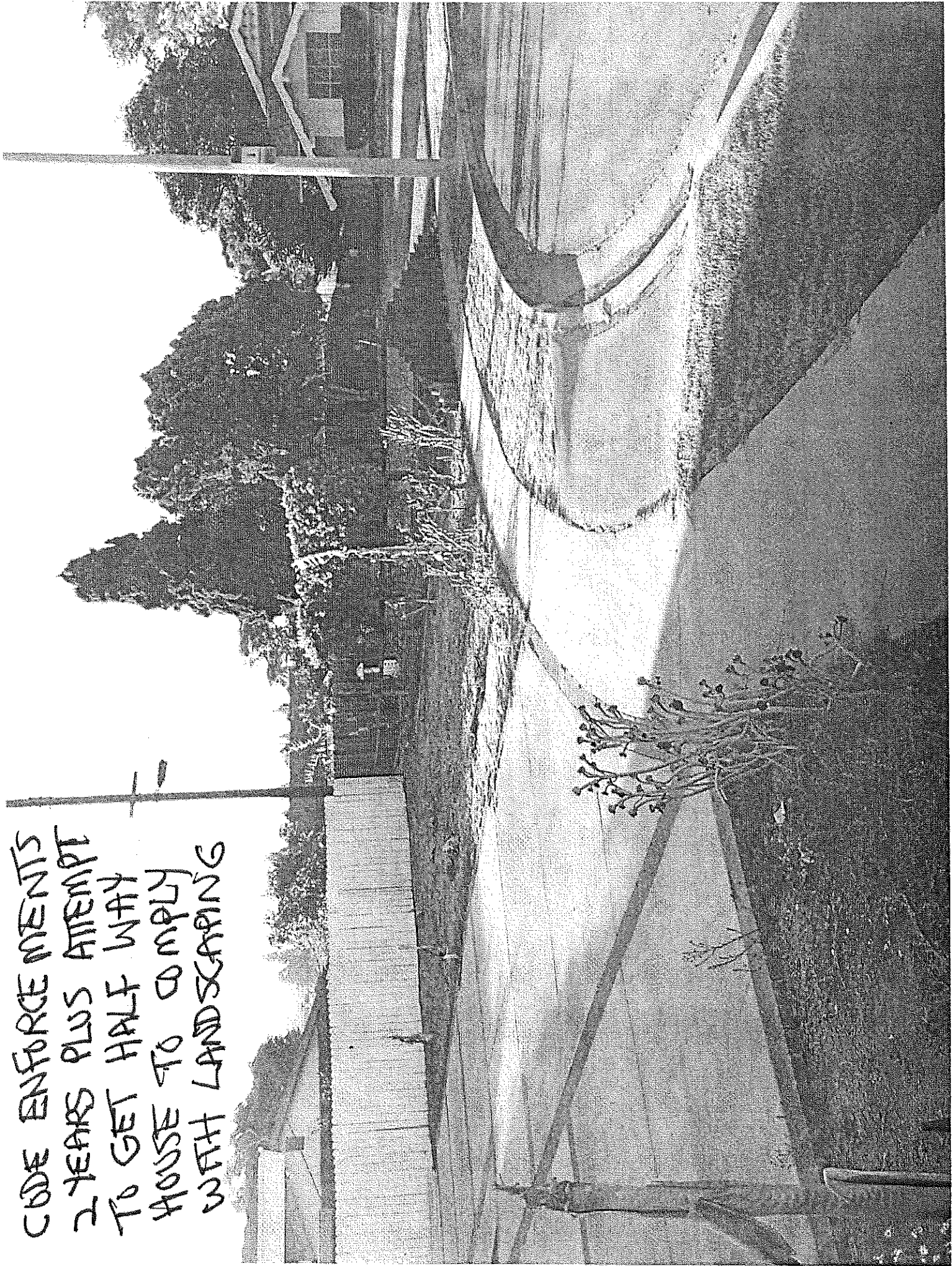
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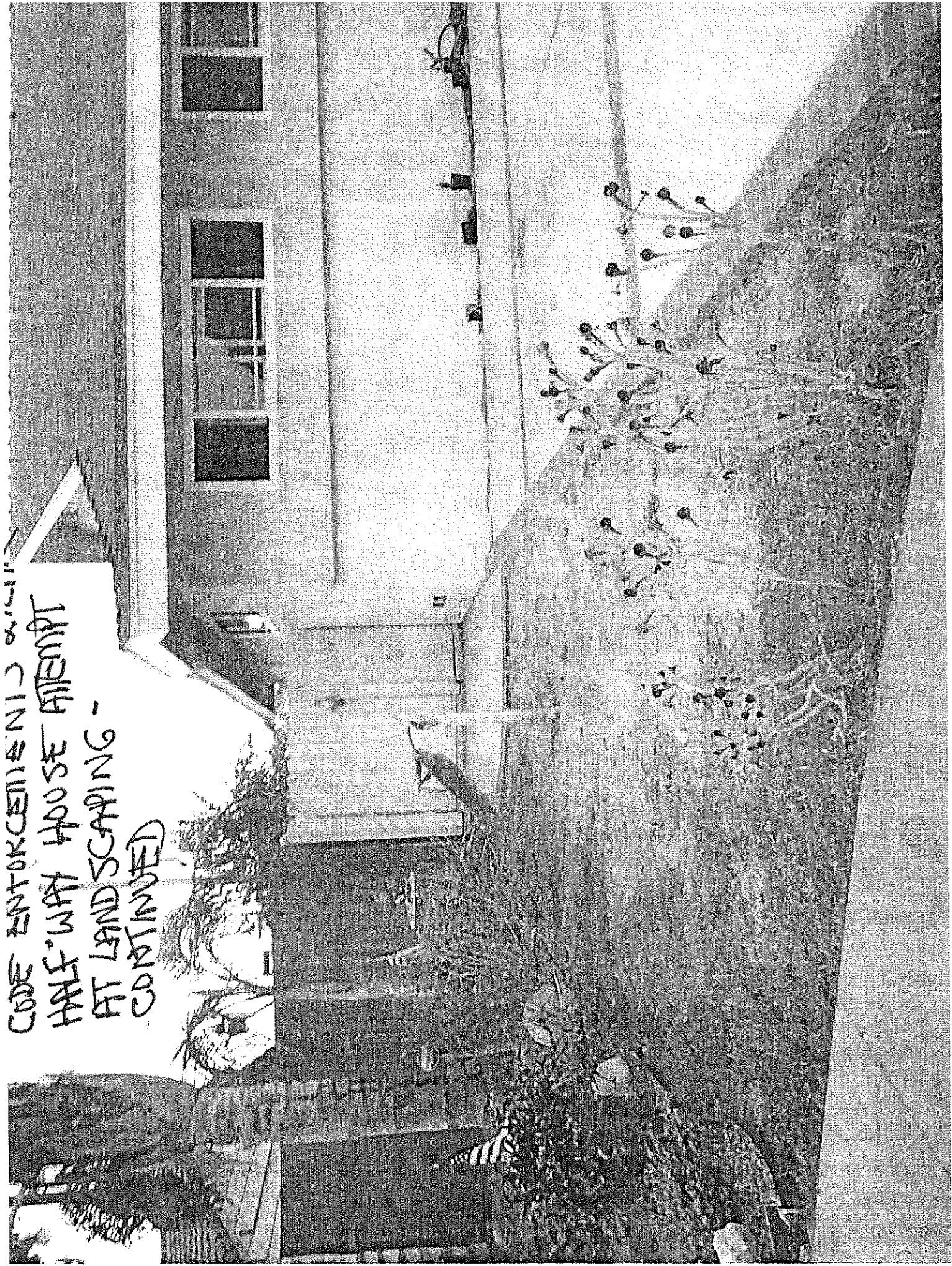
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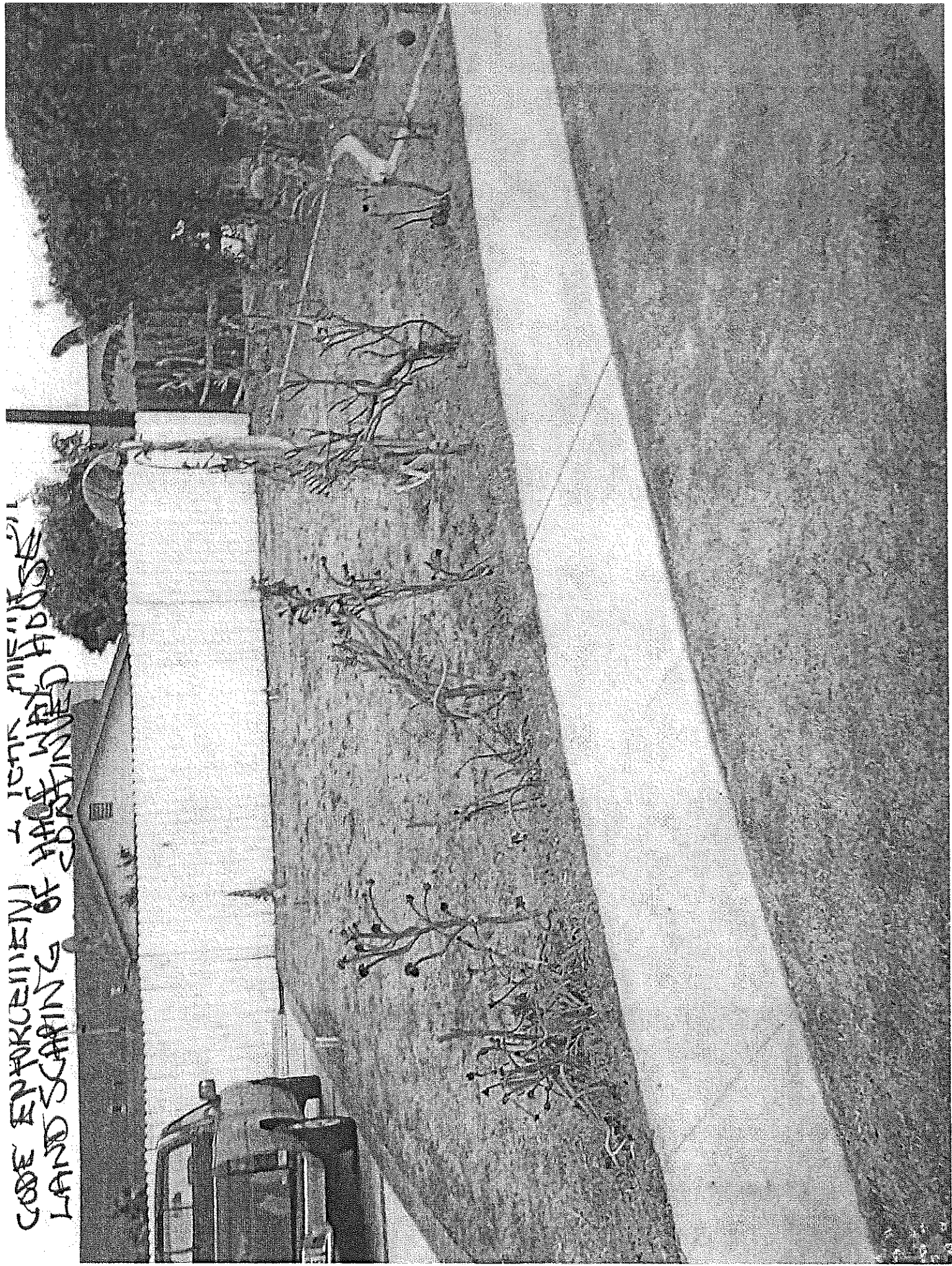
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AT LANDSCAPING -  
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CODE ENFORCEMENT TO TAKE ACTION  
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# City of Fullerton

A POLICING TOOL TO  
FIGHT CRIME

## Early Morning Parking (2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.)

No person shall park a vehicle, which is subject to provisions of Section 22500 of the California Vehicle Code, on any street or highway, or any City controlled parking facility in the City of Fullerton between the hours of two a.m. and five a.m. of any day, except as may be provided by lawfully posted notice (F.M.C.8.44.080 & F.M.C.8.44.085).

- ▶ Early Morning Parking Exemptions
- ▶ Remove Early Morning Parking Exemption
- ▶ Early Morning Parking Exemptions Map pdf - 24x36

## Exemptions

Certain areas may be exempted from the provisions of the 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. parking prohibition by resolution of the City Council by one of the following methods:

### Select Street Exemption

Property owners may apply for a "Select Street Exemption" for an entire block, either one side or both.

- ▶ **Petition:** Property owners must submit a petition signed by a majority of the property owners on both sides of the street.
  - The smallest area which may be exempted is one city block.
  - Petitions, along with the procedures, may be obtained at the front desk of the Public Works Department Engineering Division in City Hall or at the following link.
- ▶ **Non-Refundable Fee:** There is a non-refundable fee required to forward the petition to the Transportation and Circulation Commission for an exemption, see Engineering Fees.
- ▶ **Parking Deficiency Requirement:** Exemptions are only granted for those areas having an off-street parking deficiency under existing City ordinances.
  - The current standards specify that anything less than a two-car garage, for a typical single-family home, is considered parking deficient;
  - Other standards apply to multi-family units/developments.
- ▶ **Parking Sign:** A street that has been exempted from the ordinance, allowing overnight parking between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., will be posted at the entrance to the street and/or tract indicating that overnight parking is permitted.
  - The signs will clearly read, "Parking Permitted 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., this side here to corner".
- ▶ Early Morning parking exemptions on a street can be removed in the same manner as it was approved.

Contact the Public Works Department **Traffic Division** at 714-738-6899 for further information.

## Hardship Exemption

Property owners may be eligible for a "Hardship Exemption" permit for an interim parking deficiency due to changing family/residents needs.

- ▶ This permit is provided only to those residents who currently:
  - utilize all available off-street parking
  - and have an interim parking deficiency due to a hardship as defined by Council.
- ▶ Said permit shall be available in one-year increments from date of issuance.
- ▶ The applicability of the requested Hardship Exemption shall be determined and approved at the sole discretion of the Police Department.

Contact the **Police Department Traffic Division** at 738-5313 for further information.

## Temporary Exemption

Property owners may be eligible for a "Temporary Exemption" permit for short-term parking deficiencies such as, but not limited to:

- ▶ emergencies,
- ▶ out of town visitors,
- ▶ or short-term construction (driveways, home repair, etc.).

The applicability of the requested Hardship Exemption shall be determined and approved at the sole discretion of the Police Department. Contact the **Police Department Traffic Division** at 738-5313 for further information.

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## Remove Exemption

My street approved overnight parking, now there are cars lining the street all the time, I can't even park in front of my house. What can I do?

Overnight parking exemptions on a street can be removed in the same manner as it was approved, with a majority vote of the block's property owners.

On streets with approved early morning parking:

- ▶ Street parking is open to the public, including the portion in front of your house.
- ▶ **Restrictions on Approved Early Morning Parking**
  - Vehicles are prohibited from continuous parking, in excess of 72 hours, and can be cited and/or towed.
    - Contact the Police Department's Traffic Division at (714)738-5313.
  - Vehicles with expired registration are prohibited from parking on the street and are subject to citation and/or towing.
    - Contact the Police Department's Traffic Division at (714)738-5313.
  - Vehicles on the street may not be repaired or sold as part of a business in at a property designated as residential.
    - Contact Community Preservation at (714)738-5799.
  - Commercial vehicles are restricted to 3 hours of continuous parking on public

streets.

- Contact the Police Department's Traffic Division at (714)738-5313.

## No Parking Ordinance Key to Neighborhood Turnaround in Anaheim

### *California City's Community Policing Unites Apartment Owners, Residents in Anti-Crime Initiative*

April 3, 2001

GO FIGURE

In 1993, an Anaheim neighborhood of 5,000 residents in 700 apartment units was responsible for a disproportionately high, 2,100 calls for police service. The calls involved incidents ranging from assaults and drive-by shootings to nuisance crimes such as drinking in public and vandalism. Over the years, the neighborhood, known as Leatrice/Wakefield, had become notorious for its rampant narcotics sales and use and its gang activity, and had come to be recognized as the worst neighborhood in the City. The Anaheim Police Department estimated that policing Leatrice/Wakefield consumed one percent of its total budget. The situation deteriorated to the point that the local school district would not send buses into the neighborhood to pick up students, requiring them to meet the buses on the outskirts of the community.

The apartments in the Leatrice/Wakefield neighborhood were grouped in an assortment of 99 generally overcrowded and blighted buildings. No grass grew in the parkways. Vehicles lining the streets served as bases for drug dealing and late-night beer drinking and as gathering spots for gang members. They also shielded drug dealers and gang members from view when police officers drove by.

During the early 1990s, the Anaheim Police Department launched several aggressive enforcement initiatives in Leatrice/Wakefield. While these would generally produce immediate improvements in the neighborhood crime situation, none would make a lasting difference. By 1995, the failure of traditional police responses had prompted the Police Department to try something less traditional: the assignment of two police officers to work full time with the community on long term solutions to its problems.

One of the first problems confronted by the officers was that Leatrice/Wakefield's apartment buildings were privately owned by several individuals, most of whom lived outside the community, and had little responsible on-site management. The officers began by identifying and contacting the landlords, informing them of the community-wide effort to reverse Leatrice/Wakefield's downward spiral, and enlisting their help in removing problem tenants and reducing overcrowding in their units. A Neighborhood Advisory Committee consisting of owners and tenants was formed by the City's Office of Neighborhood Services, and leaders in both groups emerged.

The community officers quickly learned that peer pressure was key to solving the neighborhood's problems: Cooperative owners, recognizing that improvements in the neighborhood and the removal of problem residents would pay dividends to them, pressured reluctant owners to join the effort. Owners also felt pressure from the City's Code Inspection Department: An aggressive inspection program threatened prosecution if buildings were not brought up to standards.

### **No Parking Ordinance**

One of the most difficult elements of the Leatrice/Wakefield initiative to implement, and perhaps the most important to the community's eventual recovery, was a parking ban on all surface streets in the neighborhood. Sought because of the problems created by vehicles crowding the streets, the "No Street Parking" ordinance, when initially proposed, met with resistance in the community: Apartment owners feared that the inconvenience it posed would discourage and displace renters. Tenants were reluctant to clean out their single-car garages in order to park their vehicles (many of which were inoperable) and were concerned about parking for additional cars they owned as well as parking for their visitors. The ordinance also faced a legal challenge from street vendors working in the area and a few residents, but the City prevailed in court.

The ordinance was implemented in two phases: In phase one, parking was eliminated on one side of the seven neighborhood streets affected. During the first two weeks of phase one, police officers issued parking violation warnings only; following this, regular parking citations were issued. About two months



Implementation of the ordinance was preceded by a neighborhood clean-up day on which 15 junked cars were towed from garages and parking spaces by the City, and several other inoperable vehicles were either repaired or removed by their owners. Many of the apartment owners added parking spaces on their property to help offset the loss of the street spaces.

By the time the parking ban ordinance was approved by the City Council, an estimated 85 percent of the apartment owners favored it, even though they were concerned that the ban might increase the vacancy rate in the neighborhood. Within one month of its implementation, however, this concern was put to rest: There were a dozen fewer vacancies than before, and additional new tenants were expected.

One year after the parking ban went into effect, an evaluation by an interdepartmental committee overseeing the initiative found a dramatic decrease in criminal activity in the neighborhood and a reduction in calls for police service, a positive impact on vacancy rates (down 14 percent), and a significant improvement in the visual appearance of the neighborhood.

"This is an excellent example of the effectiveness of Anaheim's community policing," says Anaheim Mayor Tom Daly. "The Police Department organized a total community effort, successfully establishing unique partnerships within various segment of the neighborhood to address specific problems. Anaheim has proven that community policing works: Crime has been reduced and the quality of life has improved for all residents."

Additional information on Anaheim's approach to community policing, including the Leatrice/Wakefield initiative, is available from Sergeant Paul Dohmann at 714-765-1522.

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## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

January 13, 2015

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RE: Garden Grove Sanitary District Response to Orange County Grand Jury  
Information Request

Dear Foreman Borzcik:

I have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury information request regarding the Garden Grove Sanitary District dated, December 10, 2014. On behalf of the Garden Grove Sanitary District, I am providing responses to questions and requests for information as follows:

### **1) Organization Structure/Charter**

- a. What is your formal organization name and address?

*Garden Grove Sanitary District  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840*

- b. Who is your senior executive? (Name and Title)

*Allan L. Roeder, Interim General Manager*

- c. What is your formal organizational structure? (e.g., Special District, Joint Powers Agency, or Other (please specify))

*Special District*

- d. By what specific enabling legislature authorized your organization.

*The Garden Grove Sanitary District began its operations in 1924 as a special district pursuant to Section 6490 et. seq. of the California Health and Safety Code, (the Sanitary District Act of 1923).*

- e. Are you a dependent or independent organization?

*Dependent organization*

- f. If dependent, identify the organization to which you report? If independent, how is your board of directors selected or elected?

*The Garden Grove Sanitary District reports to the City of Garden Grove.*

- g. In which year were you formed or chartered?

*The Garden Grove Sanitary District began its operations in 1924 as a special district. The District became a Subsidiary District of the City of Garden Grove on May 30, 1997.*

- h. What was the stated purpose of setting up your organization as a separate legal entity?

*The Sanitary District was established to provide local sewage collection and solid waste collection and disposal services within its jurisdictional boundaries.*

- i. Identify the current primary rationale for your organization to be a separate legal entity?

*The Garden Grove Sanitary District operates pursuant to the Sanitary District Act of 1923. The Sanitary District is reported as two enterprise funds, the Sewage Collection enterprise fund and Solid Waste Disposal enterprise fund. The Sanitary District provides portions of the cities of Garden Grove, Westminster and County of Orange unincorporated areas with sewage collection services and solid waste collection and disposal services for residents and commercial establishments. The boundaries of the Garden Grove Sanitary District are not contiguous with the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Garden Grove thereby necessitating the continued existence of the District.*

- j. Please provide your organization's formation or charter documents?

*See Attachment 1*

- k. Please provide your organization's current organizational chart?

*See Attachment 2*

**2) Financials (for the most current completed fiscal year)**

*Note: Garden Grove Sanitary District financial information, (the "sewage collection" and "solid waste disposal") are reported as proprietary funds in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.*

- a. What is your fiscal year start and end dates?

*Starts July 1 and ends June 30, i.e. 6/30/14*

- b. What are your revenues? (\$M)

*\$12 million*

- c. What are your sources of revenue? (e.g. % taxes, % fees, % other)

*76% fees, 21% property tax assessment, 3% other*

- d. What are your expenditures? (\$M)

*\$7 million*

- e. What are your assets? (\$M)

*\$100 million*

- f. What are your reserves? (\$M)

*\$1.5 million*

- g. What are your reported total liabilities? (\$M)

*\$21 million*

- h. What is your debt amount? (\$M)

*\$20 million*

- i. What are your unfunded liabilities? (\$M)

*\$0*

- j. How many full time employees are in your organization?

*City of Garden Grove full-time employees – 633. City employees provide services for the District.*

- k. Please provide your organization's financial report for the most current completed FY

*Please see Attachment 3, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City.*

### **3) Reporting and Transparency**

- a. What is your on-line public disclosure site? (e.g. www.ocgov.com)

*<http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us>*

- b. Does this site provide complete organizational structure and financial information? If not, why not?

*Yes, it does. This site provides complete information for the City of Garden Grove including the Garden Grove Sanitary District, but does not separately provide stand-alone information for this Subsidiary District.*

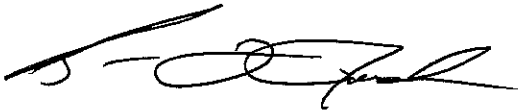
- c. Does your organization formally submit financial reports to the State of California? If so, to whom? (e.g. Controller's Office)

*Yes. State Controller's Office.*

d. Does your organization formally submit financial reports to the County of Orange? If so, to whom? (e.g. Auditor)

*No*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan L. Roeder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a looped end.

ALLAN L. ROEDER  
Interim City Manager/Interim General Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 7959-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH VARIOUS TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN CONNECTION WITH REORGANIZATION NO. 141.

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove initiated Orange County Reorganization No. 141, which, in part, proposed the establishment of the Garden Grove Sanitary District as a subsidiary district of the City of Garden Grove; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission approved Reorganization No. 141 on August 7, 1996; and,

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, as the conducting authority, approved proceeding with Reorganization No. 141 without an election; and,

WHEREAS, Reorganization No. 141 will go into effect on or about July 1, 1997;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove that:

(1) the City of Garden Grove accepts the Garden Grove Sanitary District as a subsidiary district of the City, with the City Council serving as the Board of Directors and the City Manager serving as the General Manager of the District;

(2) meetings of the Board shall be held on the 4th Mondays of January, April, July, and October at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, or at other times and places as designated by the Board;

(3) the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, acting as the future Board of Directors of the Garden Grove Sanitary District, affirms the responsibility of the District for providing rubbish collection and sanitary sewer services within the territory of the District;

(4) the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, acting as the future Board of Directors of the Garden Grove Sanitary District, affirms all existing contractual obligations and other responsibilities of the Garden Grove Sanitary District, and affirms the District's continuing membership in the County Sanitation Districts of Orange County (LAFCO Condition 6);

(5) the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, acting as the future Board of Directors of the Garden Grove Sanitary District, accepts all facilities transferred from the Midway City Sanitary District in an as-is condition, without any payment or repair obligation from the Midway City Sanitary District (LAFCO Condition 3);

(6) the City Council of the City of Garden Grove certifies that the reorganization will not adversely affect or impair the status of any existing Garden Grove Sanitary District or City employee (LAFCO Condition 10);

(7) the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, acting as the future Board of Directors of the Garden Grove Sanitary District, affirms all existing

ordinances, rates, fees and charges imposed by the Garen Grove Sanitary District (LAFCO Condition 13);

(8) the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, acting as the future Board of Directors of the Garden Grove Sanitary District, affirms the creation of Improvement District No. 1, and the continuation of existing Midway City Sanitary District sewer and trash collection rates in that Improvement District (LAFCO Condition 18); and.

(9) the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, acting as the future Board of Directors of the Garden Grove Sanitary District, affirms that no modifications are required to existing sewer flow agreements (LAFCO Condition 15).

ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 1997.

/s/ BRUCE A. BROADWATER

MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ CAROLYN MORRIS, CMC

CITY CLERK

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

I, CAROLYN MORRIS, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of April, 1997, by the following vote:

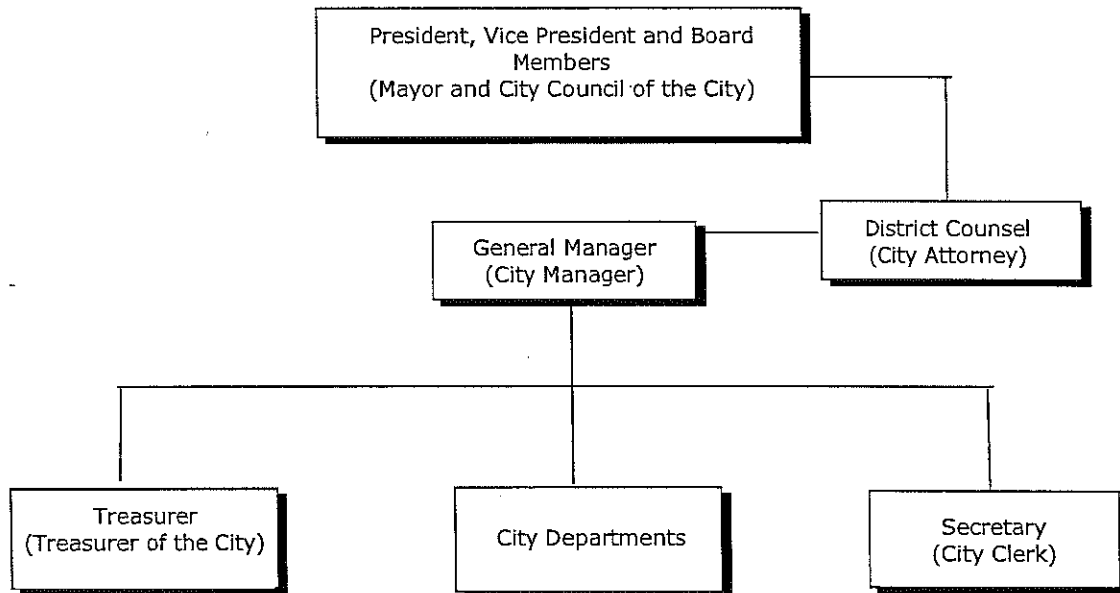
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NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: (0) NONE  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: (0) NONE

/s/ CAROLYN MORRIS, CMC

CITY CLERK



## GARDEN GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT





## ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

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December 10, 2014

Senior Executive  
Garden Grove Sanitary District (Orange)  
c/o City of Garden Grove  
Post Office Box 3070  
Garden Grove, CA 92842

Dear Senior Executive:

The 2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury is consolidating and analyzing information from all Special Districts, Joint Powers Agencies and other ancillary government organizations within Orange County. The Grand Jury has identified your organization as one of these entities. As required by the California Penal Code § 933.1, 933.5 and 933.6, the Grand Jury is authorized to examine the books, records and the performance of duties of these organizations. As a result, we are formally requesting an answer to the following questions along with supporting documentation. These questions are with regard to the organizational structure, the financials and the transparency disclosures of your organization.

The questions and requests for information are as follows:

1) Organization Structure/Charter

- a. What is your formal organization name and address?
- b. Who is your senior executive? (Name and title)
- c. What is your formal organizational structure? e.g. Special District, Joint Powers Agency, or Other (please specify)
- d. By what specific enabling legislature authorized your organization?
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- f. If dependent, identify the organization to which you report? If independent, how is your board of directors selected or elected?
- g. In which year were you formed or chartered?
- h. What was the stated purpose of setting up your organization as a separate legal entity?
- i. Identify the *current* primary rationale for your organization to be a separate legal entity?
- j. Please provide your organization's formation or charter documents.
- k. Please provide your organization's current organization chart.

2) Financials (for the most current completed fiscal year)

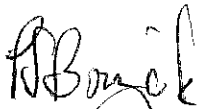
- a. What is your fiscal year start and end dates?
- b. What are your revenues? (\$M)
- c. What are your sources of revenue? (e.g. % taxes, % fees, % other)
- d. What are your expenditures? (\$M)
- e. What are your assets? (\$M)
- f. What are your reserves? (\$M)
- g. What are your reported total liabilities? (\$M)
- h. What is your debt amount? (\$M)
- i. What are your unfunded liabilities? (\$M)
- j. How many full time employees are in your organization?
- k. Please provide your organization's financial report for the most current completed FY.

3) Reporting and Transparency

- a. What is your on-line public disclosure site? (e.g. [www.ocgov.com](http://www.ocgov.com))
- b. Does this site provide complete organizational structure and financial information? If not, why not?
- c. Does your organization formally submit financial reports to the State of California? If so, to whom? (e.g. Controller's Office)
- d. Does your organization formally submit financial reports to the County of Orange? If so, to whom? (e.g. Auditor)

The Orange County Grand Jury would appreciate a timely response to these questions and requests for information. Since all of this data should already be available, we are requesting a response be sent to the address shown in the letterhead by December 29, 2014. If there are any questions with regard to this request, please contact Paul Borzcik at 714.834.3320. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



Paul S. Borzcik  
Foreman  
2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury



Robert Bretón  
Chair  
Grand Jury Special Issues Committee

PSB/RB:tk



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

January 14, 2015

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Council Member

RE: Garden Grove Public Finance Authority Response to Orange County Grand Jury  
Information Request - REVISED

Dear Foreman Borzcik:

I have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury information request regarding the Garden Grove Public Finance Authority dated December 17, 2014. On behalf of the Garden Grove Public Finance Authority, I am providing responses to questions and requests for information as follows:

## 1) Organization Structure/Charter

- a. What is your formal organization name and address?

*Garden Grove Public Financing Authority  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840*

- b. Who is your senior executive? (Name and Title)

*Allan L. Roeder, Interim General Manager*

- c. What is your formal organizational structure? (e.g., Special District, Joint Powers Agency, or Other (please specify))

*Joint Powers Authority*

- d. By what specific enabling legislature authorized your organization.

*Joint Exercise of Powers Law of the State of California*

- e. Are you a dependent or independent organization?

*Dependent*

- f. If dependent, identify the organization to which you report? If independent, how is your board of directors selected or elected?

*City of Garden Grove*

- g. In which year were you formed or chartered?

*1993*

- h. What was the stated purpose of setting up your organization as a separate legal entity?

*Please refer to Section 2.01 of the attached Joint Exercise of Power Agreement. "Purpose. This Agreement is made pursuant to the Act providing for the joint exercise of powers common to the City and the Agency and for other purposes as permitted under the Act and as agreed by one of more of the parties hereto. The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the financing of Public Capital Improvements for a Member through the purchase by the Authority of Obligations of a Member pursuant to Bond Purchase Agreements, and/or the loan of funds to a Member."*

- i. Identify the current primary rationale for your organization to be a separate legal entity?

*"The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the financing of Public Capital Improvements for a Member through the purchase by the Authority of Obligations of a Member pursuant to Bond Purchase Agreements, and/or the loan of funds to a Member."*

- j. Please provide your organization's formation or charter documents?

*See Attachment 1*

- k. Please provide your organization's current organizational chart?

*See Attachment 2*

## **2) Financials (for the most current completed fiscal year)**

*Note: Sections 2 and 3 below are not applicable as this is a conduit entity used to facilitate debt financing for the City of Garden Grove and related entities. The most current completed fiscal year end was 6/30/14. Since there were no transactions during fiscal year 2013-14*

*ending 6/30/14, we did not have any financials to report. See Attachment 3, City of Garden Grove Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for complete City financial information.*

- a. What is your fiscal year start and end dates?
- b. What are your revenues? (\$M)
- c. What are your sources of revenue? (e.g. % taxes, % fees, % other)
- d. What are your expenditures? (\$M)
- e. What are your assets? (\$M)
- f. What are your reserves? (\$M)
- g. What are your reported total liabilities? (\$M)
- h. What is your debt amount? (\$M)
- i. What are your unfunded liabilities? (\$M)
- j. How many full time employees are in your organization?
- k. Please provide your organization's financial report for the most current completed FY

**3) Reporting and Transparency**

- a. What is your on-line public disclosure site? (e.g. www.ocgov.com)
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Sincerely,



ALLAN L. ROEDER  
Interim City Manager/Interim General Manager

**JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT**  
**GARDEN GROVE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement") is dated June 22, 1993, by and between the City of Garden Grove (the "City") and the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (the "Agency"), each duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California;

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the City and the Agency from time to time undertake the financing of public capital improvements and other projects for revitalization of the City and the City and the Agency wish to form a joint powers authority under the Joint Exercise of Powers Law of the State of California (constituting Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code) (hereinafter defined as the "Act") for the purpose of establishing a vehicle which may reduce local borrowing costs and promote the greater use of existing and new financial instruments and mechanisms;

WHEREAS, the Marks-Roos Local Bond Pooling Act of 1985 (constituting Article 4 of the Act) (hereinafter defined as the "Bond Law") authorizes agencies formed under the Act to assist in the financing of public capital improvements to be owned by any of its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises and of the mutual promises herein contained, the City and the Agency do hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Definitions. Unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in this Article I shall, for the purpose hereof, have the meanings herein specified.

"Act" means Articles 1 through 4 (commencing with section 6500) of Chapter 5, Division 7, Title 1 of the California Government Code.

"Agreement" means this Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

"Authority" means the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority established pursuant to Section 2.02 of this Agreement.

of this Agreement. The members of the City Council of the City, as such members may change from time to time, shall constitute the Directors of the Authority. The Board shall be called the "Board of Directors of the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority". All voting power of the Authority shall reside in the Board.

**Section 2.04. Meetings of the Board.**

(a) Regular Meetings. The Board shall provide for its regular meetings; provided, however, that at least one regular meeting shall be held each year unless otherwise waived by a resolution of the Authority. The date, hour and place of the holding of regular meetings shall be fixed by resolution of the Board and a copy of such resolution shall be filed with each of the Members.

(b) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called in accordance with the provisions of section 54956 of the California Government Code.

(c) Call, Notice and Conduct of Meetings. All meetings of the Board, including without limitation, regular, adjourned regular and special meetings, shall be called, noticed, held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Section 54950, et seq. of the California Government Code).

**Section 2.04. Minutes.** The Secretary shall cause to be kept minutes of the meetings of the Board and shall, as soon as possible after each meeting, cause a copy of the minutes to be forwarded to each Director and to the Members.

**Section 2.05. Voting.** Each Director shall have one vote.

**Section 2.06. Quorum; Required Votes; Approvals.** Directors holding a majority of the votes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time. The affirmative votes of at least a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be required to take any action by the Board.

**Section 2.07. Bylaws.** The Board may adopt, from time to time, such bylaws, rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings as are necessary for the purposes hereof.

**ARTICLE III**

**OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

**Section 3.01. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Executive Director.** The Mayor of the City shall be Chairman of the Board. The Vice Mayor of the City shall be Vice Chairman of the Board. The City Clerk shall be Secretary of the Board. The City Manager shall be Executive Director of the Authority. The officers shall perform the duties normal to said offices. The Chairman shall sign all contracts on behalf of the Authority, unless a resolution of the Board shall provide otherwise, and shall perform such other duties as may be imposed by the



and may by resolution provide for the appointment of additional officers of the Authority who may or may not be directors, as the Board shall from time to time deem appropriate.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### POWERS

Section 4.01. **General Powers.** The Authority shall exercise, in the manner herein provided, the powers which are common to each of the Members, or as otherwise permitted under the Act, and necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes of this Agreement, subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 4.04.

As provided in the Act, the Authority shall be a public entity separate from the Members. The Authority shall have the power to acquire and to finance the acquisition of Public Capital Improvements necessary or convenient for the operation of a Member and to acquire Bonds of a Member.

Section 4.02. **Power to Issue Revenue Bonds.** The Authority shall have all of the powers provided in the Act, including but not limited to Article 1 of the Act (commencing with section 6584), and including the power to issue Bonds thereunder.

Section 4.03. **Specific Powers.** The Authority is hereby authorized, in its own name, to do all acts necessary for the exercise of the foregoing powers, including but not limited to, any or all of the following:

- (a) to make and enter into contracts;
- (b) to employ agents or employees;
- (c) to acquire, construct, manage, maintain or operate any Public Capital Improvement including the common powers of the Members to acquire any Public Capital Improvement by the power of eminent domain;
- (d) to sue and be sued in its own name;
- (e) to issue Bonds and otherwise to incur debts, liabilities or obligations, provided that no such Bond, debt, liability or obligation shall constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the Members;
- (f) to apply for, accept, receive and disburse grants, loans and other aids from any agency of the United States of America or of the State;
- (g) to invest any money in the treasury pursuant to section 6505.5 of the Act which is not required for the immediate necessities of the Authority, as the Authority determines is advisable, in the same manner and upon the same conditions as local agencies, pursuant to section 53601 of the California Government Code;

## ARTICLE VI

### CONTRIBUTION: ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS; FUNDS

Section 6.01. **Contributions.** The Members may in the appropriate circumstance, when required hereunder: (a) make contributions from their treasuries for the purposes set forth herein, (b) make payments of public funds to defray the cost of such purposes, (c) make advances of public funds for such purposes, such advances to be repaid as provided herein, or (d) use its personnel, equipment or property in lieu of other contributions or advances. The provisions of section 6513 of the Act are hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

Section 6.02. **Accounts and Reports.** To the extent not covered by the duties assigned to a trustee chosen by the Authority, the Treasurer shall establish and maintain such funds and accounts as may be required by good accounting practice or by any provision of any trust indenture or trust agreement entered into with respect to the proceeds of any Bonds issued by the Authority. The books and records of the Authority in the hands of a trustee or the Treasurer shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by representatives of the Members. The Treasurer, within 180 days after the close of each Fiscal Year, shall give a complete written report of all financial activities for such Fiscal Year to the Members to the extent such activities are not covered by the report of such trustee. The trustee appointed under any trust indenture or trust agreement shall establish suitable funds, furnish financial reports and provide suitable accounting procedures to carry out the provisions of said trust indenture or trust agreement. Said trustee may be given such duties in said trust indenture or trust agreement as may be desirable to carry out this Agreement.

Section 6.03. **Funds.** Subject to the applicable provisions of any instruments or agreement which the Authority may enter into, which may provide for a trustee to receive, have custody of and disburse Authority funds, the Treasurer of the Authority shall receive, have custody of and disburse Authority funds as nearly as possible in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, and shall make the disbursements required by this Agreement or to carry out any of the provisions or purposes of this Agreement.

Section 6.04. **Annual Budget and Administrative Expenses.** The Board shall adopt a budget for administrative expenses, which shall include all expenses not included in any financing issue of the Authority, annually prior to July 1st of each year. The estimated annual administrative expenses of the Authority shall be allocated by the Authority to the Members equally.

## ARTICLE VII

### TERM

Section 7.01. **Term.** This Agreement shall become effective, and the Authority shall come into existence, on the date hereof, and this Agreement and the Authority shall thereafter continue in full force and effect so long as either (a) any Bonds remain outstanding or (b) the Authority shall own or hold any interest in a Public Capital Improvement.


Section 8.07. Severability. Should any part, term or provision of this Agreement be decided by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State, or otherwise be rendered unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Section 8.08. Successors. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors of the Members, respectively. Neither Member may assign any right or obligation hereunder without the written consent of the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and attested by their proper officers thereunto duly authorized and their official seals to be hereto affixed, on the day and year set opposite the name of each of the parties.

Dated: 6-22-93

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

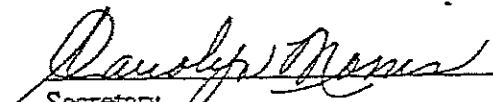
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GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

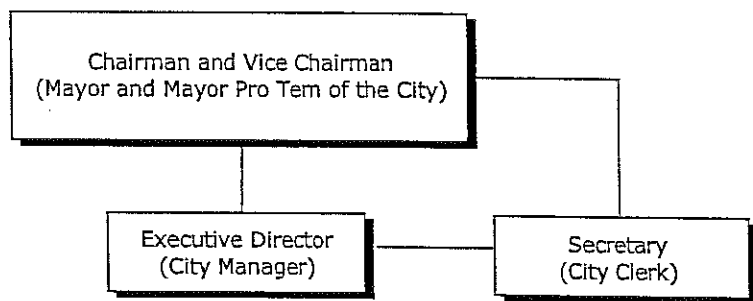
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Secretary

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# GARDEN GROVE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY





## ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST • SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701 • 714/834-3320

FAX 714/834-5555

December 17, 2014

Matthew J. Fertal  
City Manager  
City of Garden Grove  
Garden Grove Public Finance Authority  
11300 Stanford Center  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Mr. Fertal:

The 2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury is consolidating and analyzing information from all Special Districts, Joint Powers Agencies and other ancillary government organizations within Orange County. The Grand Jury has identified your organization as one of these entities. As required by the California Penal Code § 933.1, 933.5 and 933.6, the Grand Jury is authorized to examine the books, records and the performance of duties of these organizations. As a result, we are formally requesting an answer to the following questions along with supporting documentation. These questions are with regard to the organizational structure, the financials and the transparency disclosures of your organization.

The questions and requests for information are as follows:

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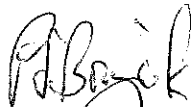
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The Orange County Grand Jury would appreciate a timely response to these questions and requests for information. Since all of this data should already be available, we are requesting a response be sent to the address shown in the letterhead by January 6, 2015. If there are any questions with regard to this request, please contact Paul Borzcik at 714.834.3320. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



Paul S. Borzcik  
Foreman  
2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury



Robert Bretón  
Chair  
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## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

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January 13, 2015

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Council Member

Dear Mr. Borzcik:

I have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury information request regarding the Orange County Cities Airport Authority. The Orange County Cities Airport Authority is a Joint Powers Agency of Orange County Cities that was formed for the purpose of pursuing an aviation reuse of the El Toro Marine Corp. Air Station.

This entity effectively ceased operations in 2004 following the passage of the Orange County Measure W in 2003 which prevents an aviation reuse of the El Toro Station.

The last activity in the accounts of OCCRA occurred in Fiscal Year 2004. The cash balance in the account as of today is \$3,836.11, and will be applied toward formal dissolution of the Orange County Cities Airport Authority. Any remaining balance will be distributed to the contributing cities.

Sincerely,

ALLAN L. ROEDER  
Interim City Manager  
Garden Grove as Member City



## ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST • SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701 • 714/834-3320

FAX 714/834-5555

December 10, 2014

Senior Executive

Orange County Cities Airport Authority

11222 Acacia Parkway

Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Senior Executive:

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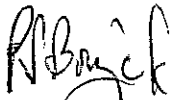
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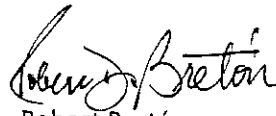
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Sincerely,



Paul S. Borzcik  
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2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury



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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

January 15, 2015

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RE: Garden Grove Sanitary District Public Improvement Corporation Response to  
Orange County Grand Jury Information Request

Dear Foreman Borzcik:

I have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury information request regarding the Garden Grove Sanitary District Public Improvement Corporation dated December 17, 2014. On behalf of the Garden Grove Sanitary District Public Improvement Corporation, I am providing responses to questions and requests for information as follows:

## 1) Organization Structure/Charter

- a. What is your formal organization name and address?

*Garden Grove Sanitary District Public Improvement Corporation  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840*

- b. Who is your senior executive? (Name and Title)

*Allan L. Roeder, Interim Chief Executive Officer*

- c. What is your formal organizational structure? (e.g., Special District, Joint Powers Agency, or Other (please specify))

*Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation*

- d. By what specific enabling legislature authorized your organization.

*Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public purposes*

- e. Are you a dependent or independent organization?

*Dependent*

- f. If dependent, identify the organization to which you report? If independent, how is your board of directors selected or elected?

*Garden Grove Sanitary District / City of Garden Grove*

- g. In which year were you formed or chartered?

*1990*

- h. What was the stated purpose of setting up your organization as a separate legal entity?

*Please refer to Section II of the attached Articles of Incorporation of the Garden Grove Sanitary District Public Improvement Corporation. The public purposes for which the corporation is organized include the following: to render assistance to the Garden Grove Sanitary District by acquiring and/or constructing various public facilities, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of equipment (including refuse disposal equipment), land and related facilities for the use, benefit and enjoyment of the public ("improvements").*

- i. Identify the current primary rationale for your organization to be a separate legal entity?

*The Garden Grove Sanitary District Public Improvement Corporation is a conduit entity used to facilitate debt financing for the Garden Grove Sanitary District, which is a subsidiary district of the City of Garden Grove.*

- j. Please provide your organization's formation or charter documents?

*See Attachment 1*

- k. Please provide your organization's current organizational chart?

*See Attachment 2*

## **2) Financials (for the most current completed fiscal year)**

*Note: Sections 2 and 3 below are not applicable as this is a conduit entity used to facilitate debt financing for the Garden Grove Sanitary District, which is a subsidiary district of the City of Garden Grove. The entity is currently dormant and as such, has no assets, liabilities, revenues or expenses.*

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Sincerely,



KINGSLEY OKEREKE  
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

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ENDORSED  
FILED  
In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

GARDEN GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT  
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

I.

The name of this corporation is: GARDEN GROVE SANITARY  
DISTRICT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION.

II.

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public purposes. The public purposes for which the corporation is organized include the following: To render assistance to the Garden Grove Sanitary District (the "District") by acquiring and/or constructing various public facilities, including, but not limited to the acquisition of equipment (including refuse disposal equipment), land and related facilities for the use, benefit and enjoyment of the public ("improvements").

III.

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for civic purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the

Internal Revenue Code, and under the direction of a group of public-spirited citizens for the sole purpose of acquiring and constructing or providing for the construction of said improvements as a civic venture for and on behalf of the District. This corporation shall never engage in any business or activity other than that necessary or convenient for or incidental to the carrying out of the purpose set forth in Article II hereof.

#### IV.

No part of the net earnings, if any, of this corporation, either during its existence or upon its dissolution, shall ever inure to the benefit of any private individual, or any director, officer or member thereof, or any person, firm or corporation excepting only the District. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall it participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The property, assets, profits and net revenues of this corporation are irrevocably dedicated to the District; provided, however, that until all indebtedness of this corporation shall have been paid, such net revenues may be used for the purpose of paying or calling for redemption any bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of such indebtedness. Upon the dissolution, liquidation or winding up of this

corporation, or upon abandonment, the assets of this corporation remaining after payment of all or provision for all debts or liabilities of this corporation and after compliance with Chapters 15, 16 and 17 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law shall be distributed to the District.

V.


The name and address in this state of the corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Ronald D. Cates  
General Manager  
Garden Grove Sanitary District  
11391 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92640

VI.

The number of directors of this corporation may be fixed by the Bylaws. The persons who are directors of this corporation, from time to time, shall be its only members, and upon ceasing to be a director of this corporation any such person shall cease to be a member thereof. The members and directors of this corporation shall have no liability for dues or assessments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purposes of forming the corporation under the laws of the State of California, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 2d day of March, 1990.


  
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E. Kurt Yeager, Incorporator

DECLARATION

I declare that I am the person who executed the above Articles of Incorporation, and that this instrument is my act and deed.

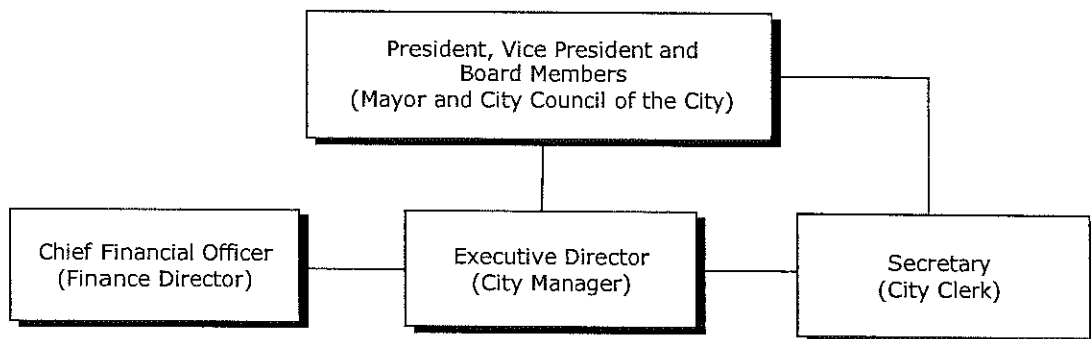
Executed on March 2, 1990 at Newport Beach, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
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E. Kurt Yeager, Incorporator



# GARDEN GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION



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## ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST • SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701 • 714/834-3320

FAX 714/834-5555

December 17, 2014

Kingsley Okereke  
Finance Director  
Garden Grove Sanitary District Public Improvement Corporation  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Mr. Okereke:

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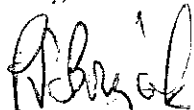
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- i. What are your unfunded liabilities? (\$M)
- j. How many full time employees are in your organization?
- k. Please provide your organization's financial report for the most current completed FY.

3) Reporting and Transparency

- a. What is your on-line public disclosure site? (e.g. [www.ocgov.com](http://www.ocgov.com))
- b. Does this site provide complete organizational structure and financial information? If not, why not?
- c. Does your organization formally submit financial reports to the State of California? If so, to whom? (e.g. Controller's Office)
- d. Does your organization formally submit financial reports to the County of Orange? If so, to whom? (e.g. Auditor)

The Orange County Grand Jury would appreciate a timely response to these questions and requests for information. Since all of this data should already be available, we are requesting a response be sent to the address shown in the letterhead by January 6, 2015. If there are any questions with regard to this request, please contact Paul Borzcik at 714.834.3320. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



Paul S. Borzcik  
Foreman

2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury



Robert Bretón  
Chair

Grand Jury Special Issues Committee

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Date	Name	Request	Department	Due Date	Completed
1/2/2015	Kathryn Farrar Zoning Info, Inc.	Any open building code violations, open zoning code violations, Certificates of Occupancy, road construction that would take right of way from the property, variances, zoning cases, conditional use permits, special use permits, or ordinances for the Kona Gardens Apartments located at 9731 Acacia Avenue and the Magnolia Apartments located at 13111 Magnolia Street in Garden Grove.	Building Planning Code Enforcement	1/12/2015	
1/8/2015	Steve Kenny, Construction Insider	Construction Building Report for December 2014.	Building	1/16/2015	

FINANCE

Date	Name	Request	Division	Due Date	Completed
1/2/2015	Ryan Bui ADP	New business lists for August through December 2014.	Business Tax	1/12/2015	
1/5/2015	Chris Davis Market Force Corp.	New business list for December 2014.	Business Tax	1/15/2015	
1/5/2015	Vinh Le	New business list for December 2014.	Business Tax	1/15/2015	
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1/5/2015	Vinh Le	New business list for December 2014.	Business Tax	1/15/2015	
1/6/2015	Scott Christensen	New business list for December 2014.	Business Tax	1/16/2015	
1/6/2015	Scott Christensen Accutrend Data Corp	New business list for December 2014.	Business Tax	1/16/2015	
1/6/2015	Jim Phan Viet Nam Private Investigation	Last five years of business applications for: J&K Nail Spa located at 10722 Katella #6, Sun and Flower located at 10722 Katella #5, Family Wellness Center located at 12460 Euclid #202, and Sunshine Tanning located at 10722 Katella #3.	Business Tax	1/16/2015	
1/7/2015	Mary Oldaker DataMart	New business list for December 2014.	Business Tax	1/16/2015	

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**FIRE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
12/19/2014	Jessica Harouni Oakwood Legal Group, LLC	Medical records pertaining to Bridgette Louis for an incident that occurred on 06/29/14 at 2:30 p.m. on Dale Ave. in GG.	Fire	Waiting for signed medical release. 1/12/2015	1/5/2015
1/2/2015	Chris McShane Office of the District Attorney	Any and all documents regarding the fire that occurred at Bolsa Grande HS located at 9401 Westminster Ave. GG on 12/07/14.	Fire		
1/2/2015	Amada Lagunas Fulcrum Resources Environmental	Hazardous materials disclosures for the properties located at 11101-11115 Brookhurst St. and 9912-9952 Katella Ave. in GG.	Fire	1/12/2015	1/6/2015
1/5/2015	Dominic Juego Partner Engineering and Science.	Information regarding fire violations for the Magnolia Apts located at 13111 Magnolia St and the Kona Garden Apts located at 9731	Fire	1/15/2015	1/6/2015
1/5/2015	Gwen Berthold, Sheraton	Incident report #G1411740.	Fire	1/15/2015	1/6/2015
1/5/2015	James Sin	Fire inspection report for Han Woo RI located at 12942 Galway St. in GG.	Fire	1/15/2015	
1/5/2015	Dominic Juego Partner Engineering and Science.	Information regarding fire violations for the Magnolia Apts located at 13111 Magnolia St and the Kona Garden Apts located at 9731	Fire	1/15/2015	1/6/2015
1/5/2015	Gwen Berthold, Sheraton	Incident report #G1411740.	Fire	1/15/2015	1/6/2015
1/5/2015	James Sin	Fire inspection report for Han Woo RI located at 12942 Galway St.	Fire	1/15/2015	
1/6/2015	Nicole Sannebeck Moran Law	Any and all records, documents, itemized billing records, and 911 call recordings pertaining to Soon Im Yun on 09/07/14.	Police	1/16/2015	
1/7/2015	Zohreh Ball	Incident report regarding James Ball for a car accident that occurred on 1/04/15 near the intersection of Westminster and Roxy at approx 1 am to 6 am.	Fire	1/16/2015	

**POLICE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1/6/2015	Nicole Sannebeck Moran Law	Any and all records, documents, itemized billing records, and 911 call recordings pertaining to Soon Im Yun on 09/07/14.	Fire Police	1/16/2015	

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

Date	Name	Request	Division	Due Date	Complete
1/2/2015	Kathryn Farrar Zoning Info, Inc.	any open building code violations, open zoning code violations, Certificates of Occupancy, road construction that would take right of way from the property, variances, zoning cases, conditional use permits, special use permits, or ordinances for the Kona Gardens Apartments located at 9731 Acacia Avenue and the Magnolia Apartments located at 13111 Magnolia Street in Garden Grove.	Building Planning Code Enforcement	1/12/2015	
1/2/2015	Kristen Shepherd Auto Club of So. Calif.	Information regarding the traffic signal located at the intersection of Brookhurst & Trask on 12/10/13.	Engineering	1/12/2015	

## Office of the City Council

January 7, 2015

The Honorable Bao Nguyen  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
2015 JAN 12 AM



Dear Mayor Nguyen:

I would like to announce my candidacy for the City Seat on the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). In July 2014, I was appointed to the Alternate Seat of LAFCO and selected onto the City Seat in November 2014. I have made every effort to familiarize myself with LAFCO's mission availing of members past and present as well as the excellent staff. I have proudly represented Orange County's interests, and I would like to continue in this capacity.

I have been a resident of Orange County since 1990 as a practicing Podiatric Physician and Surgeon and hold an M.B.A. from the Healthcare Executive Program at the University of California, Irvine. My education, training and experiences include service as an elected Councilmember for the fine City of Tustin. In addition to policy-making responsibilities, I have the honor of representing Tustin on the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County and on the Orange County Vector Control District as a Trustee. The aforementioned positions have enabled me to take an active role in the discussion and articulation of the Bay Delta Plan, the upcoming Water Bond item, and the serious health issues associated with vector-borne diseases.

One of Tustin's major visionary master-planned projects is the nearly 1600-acre former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) which played a critical role in Navy and Marine aviation for over 50 years. The MCAS Tustin Specific Plan includes detailed planning standards, policies, regulations, and implementation strategies to guide the reuse and the development of the site. To date, construction of the following has been completed at Tustin Legacy: over 1,680 homes, "The District" Regional Shopping Center (1 million square feet), various educational institutions, social services facilities, neighborhood parks, and major roadways and related infrastructure.

With the ultimate build-out of Tustin Legacy expected to be more than 20 years, future development has yet to be completed. Plans call for an additional 2,100 residential homes, 6-7 million square feet of non-residential space (office, retail, restaurant, entertainment, R&D), educational facilities, new roadways, infrastructure and significant parkland and open spaces. One of the most exciting components of the new development will be a vibrant "Urban Community Core." This mixed-use district is intended to be eclectic, diverse, and urban in nature.

Thus, it is my intention to use these experiences to fulfill the mission of LAFCO by fostering orderly development and governance, promoting the efficient delivery of services, and serve as a resource for local governments and citizens by actively participating in sharing information among stakeholders in the County of Orange.

I have attached my bio and resume for your perusal. Thank you for all considerations.

Respectfully,

Dr. Allan Bernstein, Councilmember, City of Tustin

attach

## Allan L. Bernstein, DPM, MBA

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Tustin Ranch, CA 92782  
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### Biography

A respected reconstructive foot and ankle surgeon in private practice in Tustin for 23 years, Dr. Bernstein embarked on a career as a Healthcare Consultant in 1998. He has consulted on numerous projects for Managed Care Organizations, providing expertise in Strategic Planning, Marketing and Branding, Operational and Process improvement, Medical Informatics, Internet Strategy, Peer Review, and Utilization Review. He has consulted for several Disease Management Companies, designing, developing, and implementing Population Health Management programs, particularly involving Diabetics. Dr. Bernstein serves as a QME/IME/AME in Medical-legal consultation.

He is an award winning author and lecturer. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, Dr. Bernstein holds a B.A. from Boston University, and an M.B.A. from the Healthcare Executive Program at the University of California at Irvine. He has served as a Residency Director for Reconstructive foot and ankle Surgeons. Dr. Bernstein served as President of the Orange County Podiatric Association and was the Scientific Chairman for the Western Foot and Ankle Conference. He participated in developing Cub Scout Pack 518 and served as Tiger Cub leader. His involvement in the non for profit world has been fueled by his passion for Israel defined by his participation in Hillel, The Israel on Campus Coalition, AIPAC, JNF as well as fulfilling teaching responsibilities for the Bureau of Jewish Education, and local Hebrew Schools. Dr. Bernstein resides in Tustin with his wife Randi and son Adam.



**ALLAN L. BERNSTEIN, D.P.M., M.B.A.**  
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery  
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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Current Medical Practice**

Practice specializing in Workers Compensation, Medical-Legal Consultation, Agreed, Qualified and Independent Medical Examinations, Utilization Review, Peer Review, Disability Evaluation

### **Expert Testimony Malpractice, Standard of Care Issues**

Has participated as designated Expert for both Defense and Plaintiff. Ten years experience with participation in over 50 cases. Extensive trial experience with trial testimony.

Areas of Special Expertise include: Diabetic Complications/ Infectious Disease/ Forefoot Complications/ Rearfoot Complications/ Ankle Complications/ Fracture-Osteotomy Repair/ Soft-Tissue Complications.

### **Consulting 1997 – present**

Founded Healthcare Consulting firm specializing in Evidence Based Medicine/Guideline Development, Strategic Planning, Process Improvement, Business Development, Disease Management, Risk Contracting, Internet Strategy, and HIPAA compliance. Provide Independent Physician Reviewer Services for over 15 Review Organizations including: MCMC/Broadspire/CompPartners/Concentra/MLS/PRN/Propeer/AMR/Dane Street.

## **EDUCATION**

**Boston University, AB 1975**

**New York College of Podiatric Medicine, New York City, New York, D.P.M. 1977-1981**

**Three-Year Surgical Residency Certificate,**

Cherry Hill Hospital, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, 1981 -1982

Lindell Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, 1982-1984

**University of California, Irvine – HealthCare Executive M.B.A. program 1998**

## **PODIATRIC EXPERIENCE**

**Cherry Hill Hospital, 7/81 – 6/82**

Extensive training in Surgery, Biomechanics, Podiatric Medicine

**Joslin Diabetic Clinic, New England Deaconess Hospital**

**Lindell Hospital, 7/82 – 6/84**

Chief/Senior Resident, 1983 -1984

Advanced training in Plastic, Rearfoot, and Ankle Surgery, Traumatology, Rheumatology, Diabetes

**Certificate of Completion, Curatech Diabetic Program, 1991**

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Private Practice:**

Raytown, Missouri 9/84 – 6/87

Sherman Oaks, California 8/87 – 90

Santa Ana, California 1989 –2012

Department Chairman Podiatric Services, Talbert/Med Partners 1997 – 1998

Specializing in Reconstructive; Arthroscopic; Traumatology of the Ankle and Foot.

Special Interest in Diabetes, Rheumatology, Pediatrics, Trauma, Fracture Care.

Worker's Compensation Injury, Personal Injury, Medical/Legal Consultation.

## **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS**

Bernstein, A.L., Jacobs, A. & Oloff, L. (1984). Cyst & Cyst-like Lesions of the Foot. Journal of Foot Surgery. 23(2)

Bernstein, A.L., Jacobs, A. & Oloff, L. (1985). The Use of Radionuclide Bone and Joint Imaging in Arthritic and Related Diseases. Journal of Foot Surgery. 24(1)

Bernstein, A.L., Stein, M.. (1994). Radiographic Evaluation of Bone and Joint Infections. Musculoskeletal Disorders of the Lower Extremity. Chapter 21.  
ALLAN L. BERNSTEIN, D.P.M., M.B.A.

### PRESENTATIONS

Radiographic Evaluation of Healing Osteotomies - Orange County Seminar 1998  
Lateral Ankle Stabilization - Pittsburgh Podiatry Hospital Seminar 1997  
Current Concepts in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Osteomyelitis - Pittsburgh Podiatry Hospital Seminar 1995  
Calcaneal Osteotomies for Flatfoot Correction - Pittsburgh Podiatry Hospital Seminar 1995  
Imaging the Infected Foot and Ankle, A Practical Algorithm - Western Congress CPMA 1995  
Neuroparthropathy (vs) Osteomyelitis Imaging Protocols - Western Congress CPMA 1995  
Medico-Legal Aspects of Evaluation and Treatment - Western Congress CPMA 1995  
Industrial Induced Trauma to the Lower Extremity - Western Medical Center Residency Series 1993  
Bone Tumors: Diagnosis and Treatment - Orange County Seminar 1991  
Trauma to the Ankle and Foot: Diagnosis and Treatment - Orange County Seminar 1991  
Diabetic Foot Complications - Orange County Seminar 1991  
Evidence Based Podiatric Therapeutics In Occupational Medicine- State Compensation Fund 2011

### AFFILIATIONS

American Diabetes Association, Orange County Board Member 1993 – 1995  
National Diabetic Advisory Committee A.P.M.A.: 1995 – 1998  
Medical Consultant, California State Board of Podiatric Examiners 1991 –2005  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
Fellow American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons  
Diplomate American Board of Podiatric Surgery  
Independent Medical Examiner for Division of Industrial Accidents – California 1991 –2005  
Qualified Medical Evaluator for Division of Industrial Accidents – California 1991 – present  
Exam Commissioner California Licensing Board 1991 – 2005  
Insurance Reviewer for State of California 1991 – 1995  
Consultant, Intracorp 1991 – 2004  
Specialty Advisor, UnitedHealth Group Specialty Services 1991 – present  
Peer Review/Utilization Management Consultant Aetna Life and Casualty: 1996 – 2005  
Peer Review/Utilization Management CompPartners 2005 - Present  
Premier/Western I.P.A. Utilization Management/Quality Assurance Committee: 1995 – 2000  
Scientific Chairman, OCPMA Annual Seminar 1991  
Scientific Chairman, Western Podiatric Medical Congress: 1993, 1994, 1995  
California Podiatric Medical Association, Chairman Occupational Medicine Committee: 1996  
Member, California Liaison Committee for Post-Graduate Education: 1994 – 2000  
Director Podiatric Medical Education, W.M.S.A. Podiatric Surgical Residency: 1993 – 1998  
Adjunct Clinical Professor Department of Surgery California College Of Podiatric Medicine 1993-1998

### HOSPITALS

Western Medical Center, Santa Ana, CA 1991-2000  
Chairman, Podiatric Surgical Section, W.M.S.A. 1991-1997  
Irvine Medical Center, Irvine, CA 1991-2003

### HONORS

Phi Delta Honor Society  
Magna Cum Laude Graduate, NYCPM 1981  
Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons  
Board Certified, American Board of Podiatric Surgery  
Journal of Foot Surgery, Award for Excellence in Medical Writing,  
JFS Vol. 23, No. 2 1984 / JFS Vol. 24, No. 1, 1985  
President, Orange County Podiatric Medical Association 1993 – 1995  
Oral Examiner Board Podiatric Surgery, 1993 – 1998  
QME State of Californian 1998-present

Weekly Memo 1/15/15

**NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLES**

# Keeping the memory of the Republic of Vietnam alive

Brainiac was a kid during the Vietnam War, old enough to understand what was going on, young enough that it – and the draft – ended before it could truly impact our life.

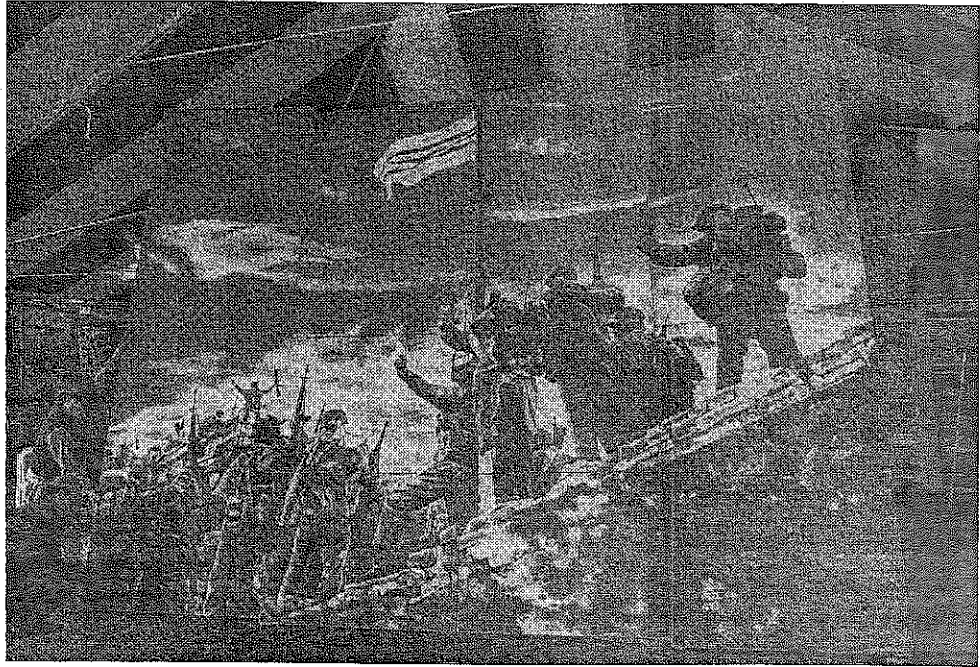
And while it's a formative period in history for us, as for many, it's just that – history, a piece of the past – to us today.

That's not the case for thousands of Vietnamese immigrants, though, who settled in Orange County cities such as Westminster and Garden Grove after being forced from their homeland. Immigrants from South Vietnam, we should say, or the Republic of Vietnam as it was formally known, for it was them who fled after their country fell to the Communist government and forces of North Vietnam when the war ended.

To many, the government of Vietnam today is to be hated, the vanished Republic of Vietnam to be revered. That point was scheduled to be made again on Wednesday when the Westminster City Council met to tackle an agenda that included a resolution to keep the memory of South Vietnam alive.

At the request of **Mayor Tri Ta**, city staff wrote up a recommendation to designate Oct. 26 of each year as Republic of Vietnam Day “to honor the just cause and commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of the Army, people, elected and governmental officials of the Republic of Vietnam as well as American soldiers, Vietnam War veterans, allied armies and their families.”

If the Westminster City



STAFF FILE PHOTO: BRUCE CHAMBERS

**At the Vietnamese Community Tet Festival, workers last January erect a huge paneled painting of the Battle of Hue during 1968.**

Council passes the resolution, which it almost certainly will, it will become the third Orange County city to designate Oct. 26 as a day to remember the country from which most Vietnamese Americans in the United States arrived.

In October 2013, the Gar-



FILE PHOTO: CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF  
**Leslie Le, former president of the Vietnamese Community of Southern California, urged Garden Grove to name Oct. 26 Republic of Vietnam Day.**

den Grove City Council voted to approve a similar resolution. In November, the city of Santa Ana did likewise. Both were unanimously approved, and both drew decent groups of backers to testify before the councils.

“Yes, the gunfire in the Vietnam War stopped about 40 years ago,” said **Leslie Le** of Garden Grove to that city's council in October. “But the war is not over yet. The people who escaped the Communist rule, and live in exile all over the world, still remember.”

Garden Grove businessman **Peter Nguyen**, whose soldier father died fighting alongside American soldiers, echoed those thoughts in his own address to council members.

“We all are free,” Nguyen said. “The Vietnam War was over almost 40 years ago, but somehow the Republic of Vietnam is still in our mind, our soul, in Vietnamese families, American families, and all families who have a member contribute, direct (or) indirect to the war.”

“Your vote and approval will be recognized to thousands and thousands of American, Vietnamese and allied soldier who nobly sacrificed their lives to defend freedom, and also say to their families that we shall never forget.”

As for why Oct. 26 was picked for the day to remember? A simple fact of history: Oct. 26, 1956, was the day the Republic of Vietnam approved its first constitution, making a democracy in that country for the first time in its 4,000-year history.

# THE → THINGS TO KNOW

BY STAFF WRITER CHRIS HAIRE



CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF

The Brick House on Main in Garden Grove opened last week. The restaurant serves New American cuisine and vegan Vietnamese items and has an oyster bar.

## TRY SOME NEW AMERICAN

Main Street is getting a taste of variety in the form of a new restaurant.

The Brick House on Main, which serves New American food, has opened at 12941 Main St. in Garden Grove.

Besides the general fare, such as burgers, filet mignon and garlic fries, the restaurant also has vegan Vietnamese op-

tions, an oyster bar and a full liquor bar.

The new restaurant is spacious, covering 6,000 square feet, with a dining area, a lounge and 14 televisions.

It will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, and it hopes to keep its bar open until 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

## Never too old for a pajama party

Get your onesie out of the closet and get ready for a pajama party.

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is hosting a PJ Party for those 55 years and older at 10 a.m. today in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

Organizers are inviting seniors to wear their favorite pajamas and enjoy food and various activities. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 714-741-5253.

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FILE PHOTO: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday will be observed Monday, though his birthday is actually Jan. 15.

## Kids get Monday off to honor King's legacy

Kids are getting a three-day weekend to celebrate civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

MLK Day is Monday, and schools in Garden Grove, Westminster and Stanton will be closed in observance of the national holiday.

President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983 to be observed on the third Monday of January so it is close to King's birthday. In more recent years, the day also has become a time of during service in the community.

King would have been 86 today if he were alive. He was assassinated by James Earl Ray, on March 29, 1968.

## Honoring Main Street mainstay

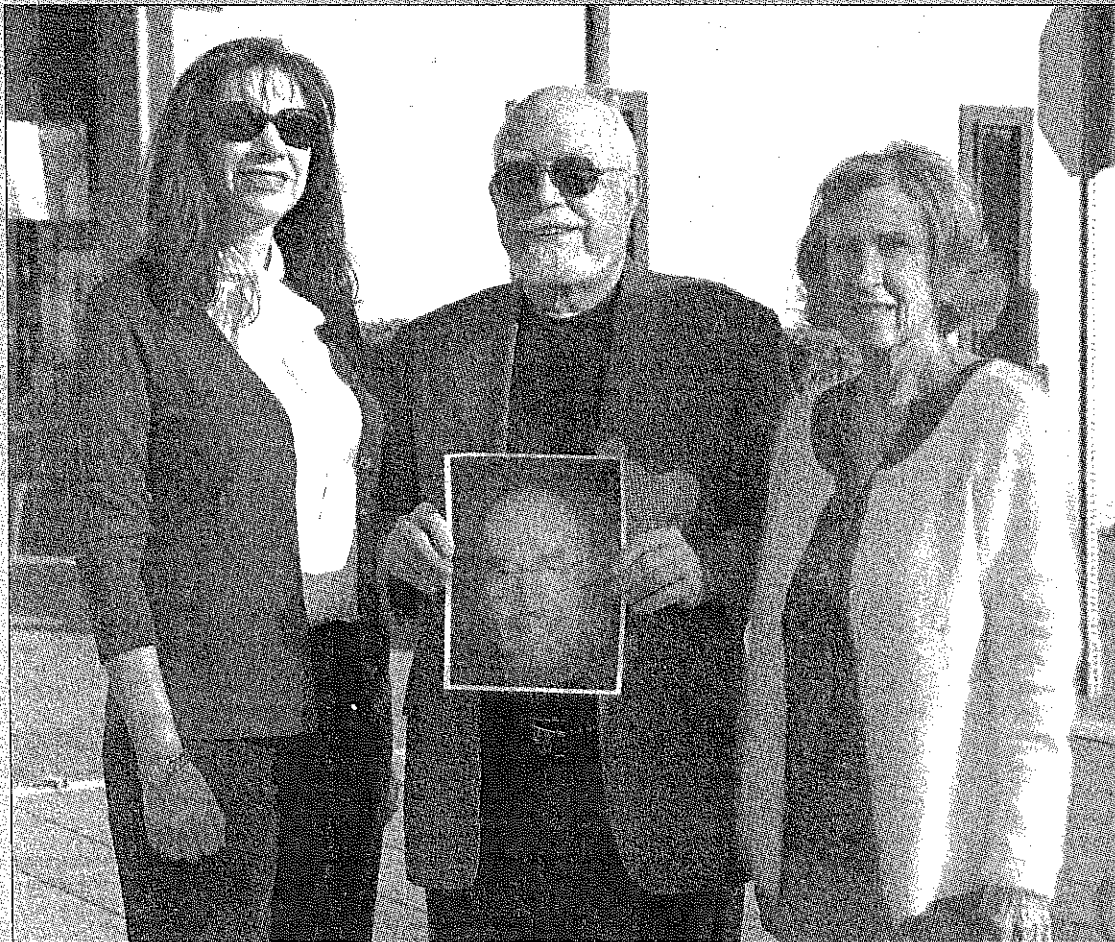


Photo by Loreen Berlin

Members of the Garden Grove Historic Main Street Commission voted last week to name the parking area next to Doug's Downtown Grill, 12900 Main St., as the "Malcolm Lloyd Pecor parking area." His wife, Audrey Pecor, who serves on the commission, said naming of the parking comes exactly six months to the day of Malcolm Pecor's passing. "The Main Street Commission has been around since Malcolm started the Main Street Parking District quite a few years back," she said. "Naming the parking area in Malcolm's honor is a lovely thing and I'm grateful for the commission doing this and I'm sure Malcolm would be happy as he spent many years here on Main Street with his furniture store and I still have a couple of business buildings on Historic Main Street also." Malcolm Pecor, 92 when he passed, was civic-minded and was not only one of the founding members of the Main Street Parking District, he was a charter member of the Downtown Business Association. He always supported causes for the betterment of Main Street and supported it ultimately becoming "Historic Main Street." Pictured, from left, holding Malcolm Pecor's picture are Commissioner Rebecca Weimer; Commission Chair Charles Mitchell and Commissioner Audrey Pecor.

# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out! Achievers Club 9331 is hosting communication and leadership meetings featuring professional speakers at the Crystal Cathedral Tower of Hope, 12141 Lewis St. Meetings will be held every Thursday except during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday weeks. For more information, call Barbara Barrientas at 714-971-4123, e-mail bbarrientas@crystalcathedral.org or visit [www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331](http://www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331).

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

## Grief support

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

## Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and

families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Crystal Cathedral Arboretum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

## Dance Center hosts social

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

## Eco-friendly storyline

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

## Allen disappointed in state budget

Local Assemblyman Travis Allen, who represents Garden Grove and several other cities, put out the following statement last week about the proposed state budget.

"Looking over the governor's proposed 2014-15 Budget, there are positive aspects such as maintaining a rainy day fund and beginning to address our state's massive \$73 billion unfunded healthcare liability for state workers.

"I am disappointed however, though not surprised, that the Governor proposes to increase overall state spending by another 5 percent this year. This proposed budget increase means that spending under the current Administration has gone up over 30 percent in the last five years. To pay for these continually increasing state budgets, California taxpayers are paying the highest tax rates in the country, and by extension California is consistently ranked among the worst states for new business creation and job growth.

"While Governor Brown continues to deliver feel good sound bites about California's fiscal situation, companies and individuals are leaving our state in record numbers for states like Texas, Nevada, Arizona and Colorado that have lower tax structures and prioritize business friendly policies which raise the standard of living for their residents.

"Unfortunately, there seems to be no effort to address the core issues of reining in government expansion, improving the business climate, and lowering taxes. Instead of taking substantive steps to open California for business, Governor Brown is taking \$1 billion out of the AB 32 cap-and-trade funds and spending it on his political agenda, which includes the highly unpopular and unnecessary high speed rail project.

"I look forward to finding constructive ways to work with the Governor and my colleagues in the Legislature to revitalize California's economy. As budget negotiations progress, I will continue to fight for lower taxes and less government spending that will positively impact job creation and raise the standard of living for all Californians."

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# Activities for Garden Grove and Stanton seniors

The Community/Civic Center is at 7800 Katella Ave. For information, call 714-890-4276.

- Delicious meals are served four days a week from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. at the Community/Civic Center, 7800 Katella Ave. Three-day advance reservations are required. Along with meals, the program's dining room is always full of fun, special parties, holiday celebrations and many warm friendly people. A suggested donation of \$2.50 for seniors and \$3.50 for 59 or younger is accepted. For reservations call 714-890-4276.
- The center's popular special luncheons feature a delicious meal, socializing and entertainment. This summer season will feature seasonal luncheons at the Stanton Community/Civic Center. Treat yourself to a splendid meal, talk with your friends and meet new ones. Enjoy the entertainment planned especially for you. Reservations must be made in advance for reservations or for more information call 890-4276.
- Every Monday a local volunteer hosts karaoke and it is available from 10 to 11:30 a.m. All seniors are welcome to come and meet new people, sing and enjoy the fun.
- Every Tuesday a local volunteer plays the piano from 10 to 11 a.m. All seniors are welcome to come and meet new people, sing along and enjoy the fun.
- Every Wednesday bingo is played from 10 to 11 a.m. All seniors are welcome to come and meet new people and enjoy the fun.
- The city of Stanton is now offering an in-house transportation program. If you live in the Stanton and are looking for a ride to the Stanton Senior Center for a low cost nutritious lunch, the city can help! Call 890-4276 to schedule your ride today.
- Transportation provided within Orange County for medical appointments, shopping or social visits (\$2.25 each way per zone). For information and to register for this ride program call the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) at 714-636-7433. Applications can also be obtained from the Stanton Parks & Recreation Services.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter, in the Council Chamber at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties an opportunity to provide input for the Garden Grove Housing Authority Five Year/Annual Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019.

The Annual Plan for the Garden Grove Housing Authority will be available for public view by Friday, February 27, 2015 at:

Garden Grove Housing Authority  
11277 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite 101-C  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

The Garden Grove Housing Authority's business hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and open Fridays, February 27, and March 13, 2015, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the Housing Authority Public Hearing to express opinions on the Annual Plan, or to submit written testimony to the City Clerk's Office, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California, 92842. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public Hearing will be given to the Housing Authority Commissioners prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the Housing Authority Commissioners at the time of the meeting.

Please direct any and all questions to Mr. Danny Huynh, Housing Division Manager, at (714) 741 5154.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
Secretary

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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

January 16, 2015

City of Garden Grove  
Neighborhood Improvement Division  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
(714) 741-5139

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Garden Grove.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about February 2, 2015, the City of Garden Grove will submit a request to the HUD for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds under Title II/ Section 201 (42 U.S.C. Section 12701, et seq) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a multiyear project known as United Methodist Church (UMC) Housing Project. The purpose of the project is to construct an affordable housing development on a 2.5-acre portion of an 5.2-acre site that will be designed as an integrated mixed-use project with the existing UMC that requires the following actions: the City and the Jamboree Housing Corporation (JHC) will enter into an agreement in which JHC is to acquire via a 55-year ground lease with the UMC and to construct an affordable intergenerational multifamily project comprised of 47 restricted housing units; recreational space for the residential units; a new commercial tenant space; demolition and re-construction of the Head State pre-school building; and new surface and enclosed parking to serve the residential units for properties located at 10882 Stanford Avenue and 12741 Main Street. Additionally, changes to the UMC facilities include a new outdoor play area and facade improvements to the existing church-operated preschool, and church parking lot improvements that include additional parking spaces and new landscape planters. Discretionary land use actions to implement the UMC Project include approval of a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, a Site Plan, a parking Variance, a Conditional Use Permit, and a Lot Line Adjustment. In addition, HOME funds will offset Project delivery costs that include architectural and engineering expenses, a project-specific environmental review, project document preparation and underwriting costs.

The total development cost for the UMC Project is estimated at \$11.84 million inclusive of HUD HOME funds of \$2.01 million.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Garden Grove has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Garden Grove Neighborhood Improvement Division, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. and alternate Fridays 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Garden Grove's Neighborhood Improvement Division. All comments received by February 1, 2015 will be considered by the City of Garden Grove prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Garden Grove certifies to HUD that Allan Roeder in his capacity as Interim City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Garden Grove to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Garden Grove's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Garden Grove; (b) the City of Garden Grove has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD administration office at the HUD Los Angeles Field Office, 611 West 6th Street, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Allan Roeder  
Interim City Manager  
City of Garden Grove

/s/ Kathleen Bailor  
City Clerk

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# SANCHEZ WEIGHING SENATE ODDS

BY MARTIN WISCKOL  
STAFF WRITER

With her chances of winning higher office dependent on who else enters the race, Rep. Loretta Sanchez on Tuesday reiterated her interest in running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Barbara Boxer, but stopped short of declaring her candidacy.

The statement, first posted on her Facebook page, came three hours after Attorney General Kamala Harris made her bid for the seat official with a Facebook posting.

"From immigration reform to affordable health care to funding quality education, I have advocated for policies that give all families the same access to the American Dream," wrote Sanchez, a Santa Ana Democrat. "Californians deserve a strong voice in Washington and I have nev-



Sanchez

er been afraid to speak up, which is why I am seriously considering running for the United States Senate in 2016."

Harris is the only declared candidate for the job, after Boxer announced last week that she'd be stepping down. Harris officially announced her candidacy Tuesday morning.

Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College, said Sanchez, an 18-year House veteran, is likely keeping a close eye on the Democratic field - particularly on whether billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer or former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa enter the fray.

"For Sanchez to have a chance, it would require

Steyer get in the race," Pitney said. "Harris and Steyer would split the vote of the more liberal wing of the party. Sanchez is no conservative, but her votes have been more moderate."

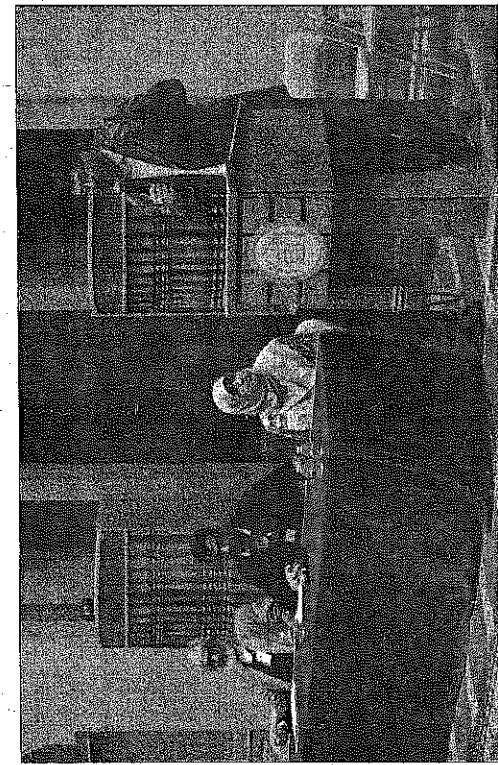
With the top-two open primary - where the top two vote getters advance to the general election regardless of party affiliation - Pitney's scenario would probably require Sanchez and a Republican to get the most primary votes if Sanchez is to win in November.

"Second, she'd have to mobilize the Latino vote. She's done that locally, but we don't know if she can do that on a broader basis."

For Sanchez to capitalize on the Latino vote, Villaraigosa would have to remain on the sidelines, according to Pitney.

"If Villaraigosa gets in, it's hard to imagine she gets more than a sliver of the Hispanic vote," he said.

# 'Islamic State is neither Islamic nor a state'



DREW A. KELLEY, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER  
**Hussam Ayloush of the Council on American-Islamic Relations was among speakers wanting more open talk about the Islamic State.**

Instead, it's a cult, says the religious director of the Islamic Society of Orange County.

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
 STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • The religious director of the Islamic Society of Orange County, addressing more than 100 people at a community forum, described the Islamic State as a cult and an evil perversion of teachings of the Koran.

Imam Muzammil Siddiqi and several Southern California Muslim scholars attending the forum at the mosque on Friday night urged local parents to educate their children, to combat the extremist views they may see on the Internet.

The imam and others condemned the radicalism that motivated the killing of four hostages at a kosher supermarket and 12 people at the offices of a satirical newspaper this week in Paris.

Siddiqi also denounced the ongoing brutality and ideology of the Islamic State group, which is trying to create a caliphate across Iraq and Syria, and said the 170,000 Orange County Muslims and those across the world must be more active in making sure people — both Muslims and non-Muslims — “understand what Islam is, and distinguishing between Islam and extremist ideology.”

“The Islamic State is neither Islamic nor a state,” he told the audience of about 150 people. “We must not associate Islam with this group. This group is kind of a cult.”

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The speakers urged American Muslims to understand and talk more openly about the Islamic State and radical fundamentalism, an often taboo subject in the community.

The lack of discussion within the Muslim community, said Salam Al-Marayati, the president of the Muslim Public Affairs Council, allows groups like the Islamic State to propagandize without reproach.

“Our children our confused,” Al-Marayati said. “They go on the Internet and see videos (of the Islamic State) and talk about it at school. If we don’t talk about it, they will be confused.”

The Islamic State group is a well-funded military organization that is adept at using social media to spread its message of creating an Islamic state governed by a supreme religious authority.

“When we talk about ISIS or Paris,” said Shaykha Muslema Purmul, the co-founder of the Safa Center for Research and Education, who is a chaplain to Muslim students at UCLA, “we have to ask, why are there people who support this?”

Her answer: Despair, religious ignorance, personally worship and isolationism, among other reasons, create a space for the propaganda of terrorist groups to seep in.

Much of the despair and isolationism, activists say, comes from facing discrimination on a daily basis.

But even in a state as diverse as California, discrimination runs high — particularly in Orange County and Los Angeles. In 2013, the Los Angeles office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, located in Anaheim, received 444 complaints of anti-Muslim discrimination, by far the most of any of its California offices.

**CONTACT THE WRITER:**  
 714-704-3707 or  
 chaire@ocregister.com

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Jan. 10, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE**

**Special meeting:** The board of trustees for the Garden Grove Unified School District will have a special study session at 7 p.m. Tuesday at its main office, 10331 Stanford Ave., to discuss the 21 people who applied to be appointed to the the seat left vacant when Bao Nguyen was elected Garden Grove mayor. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

Register  
Jan. 9, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE**

**ISIS forum:** The Islamic Society of Orange County, in partnership with the Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations and the Muslim Public Affairs Council, is hosting a forum, open to the public, to discuss the Islamic State group and its negative affects on American Muslims from 7:30 to 9:30 tonight at 9752 W. 13th St. Information: 714-776-1847  
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

Register  
Jan. 12, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE**

**Pajama party:** The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is hosting a PJ Party for those 55 years and older at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. The event is free and open to the public. Information: 714-741-5253. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

Register  
Jan. 14, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE**

**Lineup announced:** The Gem Theater, 12852 Main St., has announced its shows for the 2015 season. One More Productions, the theater company that runs the Gem, will put on "City of Angels," "Anything Goes," "Next to Normal," an unannounced mystery show, "Little Shop of Horrors" and "The Holiday Gem." Information: 714-741-9550, ext. 221.  
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

Register  
Jan. 13, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE**

**Affordable housing:** The City Council will hold a public hearing today on a zone change that would allow a 47-unit affordable housing complex to be built at 10882 Stanford Ave., adjacent to the United Methodist Church. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 11300 Stanford Ave.  
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

Register  
Jan. 15, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE**

**Harbor construction:** Harbor Boulevard will be under construction between Garden Grove Boulevard and Chapman Avenue starting Monday. The work will include landscape and irrigation improvements in the medians and parkways and lighting and concrete improvements, among other renovations. It is expected to be completed in September. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Sergeant James Fischer (714) 741-5898  
Garden Grove Police Department

Thursday, January 15, 2015

### **STAR WARS HALF MARATHON TO CAUSE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN GARDEN GROVE**

On Sunday, January 18, 2015 between the hours of 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., various streets in the Grove District – Anaheim Resort area, along Harbor Boulevard, and in the Garden Grove Civic Center, will be closed for Disney's inaugural Star Wars Half Marathon. The 13.1 mile race will begin at the *Disneyland*® Resort and affect various streets in Garden Grove, including Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove Boulevard, Main Street, Euclid Street, and Chapman Avenue, limiting entrance and exit access.

Heading southbound on Harbor Boulevard there will be road closures in both directions from Katella Avenue to Chapman Avenue. Harbor Boulevard is projected to open by 8:15 a.m.

Chapman Avenue, heading westbound to Euclid Street, will allow one-way traffic. Chapman Avenue will be cleared by approximately 9:45 a.m.

Euclid Street will allow one-way traffic heading southbound to Lampson Avenue. At the intersection of Lampson Avenue and Euclid Street there will be restricted access, which will allow cars to cross the street when the roads are clear from runners. Euclid Street is estimated to open by 9:00 a.m.

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STAR WARS HALF MARATHON TO CAUSE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES  
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Garden Grove Boulevard will allow one-way traffic going eastbound from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Harbor Boulevard. Garden Grove Boulevard will be open by approximately 9:00 a.m.

Historic Main Street will be decorated with a light saber balloon arch, provided by Disney, to welcome runners through Garden Grove's downtown area. About 100 Star Wars characters will be cheering runners on for the duration of the run at two Garden Grove locations: near Alonzo Cook's statue in the Garden Grove Civic Center and in Village Green Park, at Euclid and Stanford. The majority of runners are expected to arrive at these areas between 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

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

The Star Wars Half Marathon runs in conjunction with *Disneyland*® Resort's inaugural Star Wars Half Marathon Weekend, which is the latest addition to the list of *runDisney* events in Anaheim. The half marathon will start at 5:30 a.m. on Disneyland Drive, go through *Disney California Adventure*® Park and *Disneyland*® Park; and then southbound on Harbor Boulevard through the Disney and Grove Resort Districts. It continues through Chapman Avenue to Euclid Street, and through the Garden Grove Civic Center, back to Harbor Boulevard until finishing at the *Disneyland*® Hotel at 10:00 a.m.

For more information on the Star Wars Half Marathon Weekend, please visit [www.rundisney.com/star-wars-half-marathon](http://www.rundisney.com/star-wars-half-marathon) or contact Spectrum Sports Management, Inc. at (909) 399-3553. For Garden Grove street closures, please contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5898.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT:  
Digna de los Reyes (714) 741-5179  
Public Works Department

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

## **HARBOR BOULEVARD TO UNDERGO LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS**

Harbor Boulevard, from Garden Grove Boulevard to Chapman Avenue, is set to undergo construction beginning Monday, January 19, 2015 and continuing through September 2015. The work will consist of new landscape and irrigation improvements in the median islands and parkways, parkway lighting, and decorative sidewalk and concrete improvements, and installation of a new traffic signal. Storm drain and sewer improvements will take place on Twintree Lane, Choisser Road, Greentree Avenue, and Bangor Street.

Motorists are advised that construction may cause traffic to be reduced to one lane during the working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Through-traffic is encouraged to use alternate routes.

Parking near the construction area will be restricted, but access to businesses and residences along the construction area will be maintained at all times.

The nearly \$5.2 million project is included in the City's Capital Improvement Budget and funded through the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund approved by the California State Department of Finance, the U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Measure M2 Local Funds.

For more information, please contact Digna de los Reyes in the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5179.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Kim Huy, Director  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

## **MAYOR NGUYEN PROMOTES NEW DIRECTIONS FOR 2015**

January brings a fresh start and a new vision for Garden Grove as Mayor Bao Nguyen delivers his official address at the State of the City luncheon on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. The event, hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, takes place from noon to 1:15 p.m., at the Embassy Suites Hotel, at 11767 Harbor Boulevard. Tickets are \$40 per person through Tuesday, January 20. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Mayor Nguyen will present his goals relating to the role of local government, community engagement, business partnerships, and education, among others. The Mayor will inform attendees of upcoming events, major developments, and other areas of progress in the city. Garden Grove Unified School District President George West will also make a brief presentation.

The Presenting Sponsor for this year's event is Great Wolf Lodge Southern California. A complete transcript of the Mayor's speech will be available on the City of Garden Grove website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us) following the event.

For tickets and information, contact the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at (714) 638-7950, or visit [www.gardengrovechamber.com](http://www.gardengrovechamber.com).

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CONTACT: Juan Medina (714) 741-5253  
Community Services Coordinator

Monday, January 12, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE'S SENIOR CENTER  
HOSTS "PJ PARTY"**

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a "PJ Party" on Thursday, January 15, 2015 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Seniors are invited to wear their favorite pajamas for a day at the annual party packed with fun, food, and activities. The event is free to the public.

For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253.

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Community Services Coordinator

Monday, January 12, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE'S SENIOR CENTER  
HOSTS "SUPERBOWL PARTY"**

Ready for some football? Seniors are invited to wear their favorite team attire for a day filled with activities, games, contests, and appetizers at the "Superbowl Party," hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. This free event is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253.

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Thursday, January 15, 2015

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Tâm Nguyễn/Người Việt

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)** - Ông Todd D. Elgin vừa tuyên thệ nhậm chức cảnh sát trưởng Garden Grove qua một buổi lễ được tổ chức tại Trung Tâm Sinh Hoạt Công Đồng vào chiều Thứ Ba, 13 Tháng Giêng.



Ông Todd D. Elgin (giữa) tuyên thệ nhậm chức cảnh sát trưởng Garden Grove. (Hình: Tâm Nguyễn/Người Việt)

Buổi tuyên thệ nhậm chức diễn ra dưới sự bảo vệ chặt chẽ của lực lượng an ninh cùng với sự tham dự của nhiều nhân viên cảnh sát Garden Grove và một số vị dân cử các thành phố lân cận.

"Garden Grove đang có nhiều sự thay đổi và Cảnh Sát Trưởng Elgin có cơ hội để mang đến nhiều điều tốt đẹp hơn cho thành phố," ông Báo Nguyễn, thị trưởng Garden Grove, phát biểu.

Cảnh Sát Trưởng Elgin làm việc cho Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove 27 năm và là cảnh sát trưởng thứ 12 của thành phố. Ông Elgin cho biết ông đã muốn trở thành một cảnh sát trưởng từ khi tốt nghiệp trường cảnh sát năm 23 tuổi.

"Mục tiêu của tôi là mang đến cuộc sống ngày càng tốt hơn, an toàn hơn cho cư dân trong thành phố," ông Elgin nói. "Chúng tôi có mối quan hệ tốt trong một thời gian dài. Chúng tôi bắt đầu thực hiện cách thức quan hệ giữa cộng đồng và cảnh sát từ năm 1993. Tôi rất may mắn đảm nhiệm chức vụ cảnh sát trưởng để có mối quan hệ đối tác tốt với cộng đồng là những người đã ủng hộ chúng tôi và thành phố Garden Grove."

"Tôi gửi lời cảm ơn đến cộng đồng. Tiến lên phía trước là một quan hệ đối tác và chúng tôi không thể làm điều đó nếu không có quý vị. Tôi thật sự mong chờ những bước tiến đó," vị tân cảnh sát trưởng phát biểu trong buổi tuyên thệ.

Ông Patrick Thrasher, cựu đại úy cảnh sát, người làm việc với ông Elgin trong 25 năm qua, cho biết: "Ông Elgin là một cảnh sát tuyệt vời. Ông ấy quan tâm đến cộng đồng và làm tất cả để bảo vệ an ninh cho thành phố."

Theo trang web thành phố Garden Grove, ông Todd D. Elgin được Hội Đồng Thành Phố bổ nhiệm chức vụ mới hồi đầu Tháng Mười, và sẽ thay thế vị cảnh sát trưởng đương nhiệm, ông Kevin Raney, chính thức thôi chỉ huy cơ quan công lực này vào ngày 1 Tháng Giêng, 2015.

Ông Elgin ước mơ làm cảnh sát từ khi còn là học sinh trường trung học Montclair.

Sau khi tốt nghiệp, ông làm việc cho tiệm Mervyn ở Garden Grove, phụ trách chống ăn cắp và thường xuyên liên lạc với cảnh sát, và được khuyến khích nộp đơn làm nhân viên công lực năm

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**January 15, 2015**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the January 22, 2015 Zoning Administrator Meeting.
3. CA Cities Advocates dated January 9 and 15, 2015.



**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 15, 2015 – February 14, 2015

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Thursday	January 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Saturday	January 17	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Thursday	January 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
Friday	January 23		City Hall Closed
		2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Brookdale Valley View, 5900 Chapman Avenue
Tuesday	January 27	5:30 p.m.	Magnolia Park Basketball Court Dedication 11402 Magnolia Street
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	January 28	Noon- 1:30 p.m.	Garden Grove State of the City Luncheon 2015 Embassy Suites Hotel, 11767 Harbor Blvd.
		2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Monday	February 2	6:00 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	February 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	February 6		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	February 10	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	February 11	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	February 12	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
Saturday	February 14	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center



**GARDEN GROVE**

AGENDA

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall  
11222 Acacia Parkway

January 22, 2015  
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

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 fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 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 City Hall Third Floor Training Room 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-027-2014

APPLICANT: Nghia Pham  
LOCATION: 12127 Brookhurst Street

REQUEST: To operate a new restaurant, Bluesky Restaurant, within an existing eating establishment tenant space, located at 12127 Brookhurst Street, with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) "Type 41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

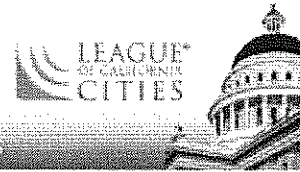
b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-028-2015

APPLICANT: Claws Restaurant, Inc.  
LOCATION: 12125 Brookhurst Street

REQUEST: To upgrade an existing Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License to a new Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Public Eating Place) License for an existing 5,520 square foot restaurant, Claws Restaurant. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC
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## **Governor Brown Releases FY 2015-16 Budget Proposal**

*Contains Proposals Affecting RDA Dissolution Process, Outlines Local Mandate Repayment Projections, Allocates \$1 Billion in Cap and Trade Funds, and Flags Transportation Infrastructure as Major Issue*

Gov. Jerry Brown held a press conference this morning to announce the details of his proposed FY 2015-16 budget. California's economic picture remains brighter than 2010 when the state had a \$26.6 billion deficit. During the 40-minute presentation and discussion with the press, the Governor maintained his call for fiscal restraint and cautioned that while the budget is balanced, "it's not a time for exuberant overkill in our budget spending." For more, see Page 2.



## **City Officials Can Attend the Sold-Out New Mayors and Council Members' Academy Via Webcast**

Next Week's New Mayors and Council Members' Academy is completely sold out but the League will also offer the event via webcast. Each session during the Jan. 14-15 event will be individually broadcast so members participating online can chose the topics of most interest to their city. For more, see Page 9.



## **California City Solutions: Teen CERT Program in Long Beach Builds Career Paths**

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. Long Beach's Teen CERT program was submitted in 2014 for the Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government award category. For more, see Page 10.*



In brief, the Governor's FY 2015-16 budget totals \$164.7 billion, of which \$113.3 billion is in General Fund spending, with \$2.8 billion reserved for the "rainy day" reserve fund in accordance with recently approved Proposition 2. The budget continues many of the policies enacted with the FY 2014-15 budget including allocations of Cap-and-Trade auction funds.

Fiscal restraint is an overriding theme. The Governor stressed that although California's finances are healthy, the next recession is inevitable, and he reminded the audience there have been 10 recessions since World War II. *"This carefully balanced budget builds for the future by saving money, paying down debt and investing in our state's core needs,"* said Governor Brown. *"Our long-term fiscal health depends on the wise and prudent actions we take today."*

The Governor's summary highlights that spending cuts enacted in previous budgets along with the temporary tax increases through Prop. 30 are responsible for the balanced budget he put forward today. The temporary taxes will begin to decline following the upcoming budget year with the entire policy set to expire in 2018. In response to a question from the press, Gov. Brown said he does not support an extension of these temporary taxes.

Another concern highlighted by the Governor was growing retiree health care costs. These include both state employee retirees as well as University of California retirees with a liability totaling \$72 billion that is projected to grow to over \$90 billion in five years. The Governor wants these costs shared by both employers and employees. California has an estimated \$227 billion in long-term costs, debts and liabilities.

The Governor also highlighted that his budget will allocate \$532.5 million from the Prop. 1 Water Bond as part of the state's five year Water Action Plan.

Few specifics were offered on the Governor's transportation funding plans. When asked about what he might propose, the Governor simply stated that he has a team working on infrastructure and that he will be engaging with various stakeholders as they work to identify funding. *"It's difficult because we are spending a lot of money ... it's always hard to find more. I'm not going to preempt the discussions by predetermining the outcome. We do have a need and we have to take care of it."*

### **Mandate Repayments**

**Pre-2004 mandates:** The Governor's budget revealed that as a result of trigger language included with the passage of the FY 2014-15 budget, local agencies are projected to receive an additional payment of \$533 million in mandate repayments owed to local governments from prior to 2004. This allocation builds upon the \$100 million repayment received by cities, counties and special districts as part of the FY 2014-15 budget. Department of Finance Director Michael Cohen indicated that this number may increase, but that the state needs to wait until the April tax receipts. At this time, there is no additional amount of mandate repayment for this item proposed for FY 2015-16.

**Some History:** These debts are required to be repaid due to the passage Prop. 1A, sponsored by the League and other local agency groups, which voters passed in 2004 by almost 84 percent. Prior to then, the Legislature had a tendency to impose mandates and then "defer" payment for years, building up debts to local agencies of approximately \$1 billion. Prop 1A put a stop to that practice and required state to suspend any state-mandated programs the state is unable to fully fund. As part of Prop. 1A, the state agreed to repay this debt within 15 years. During Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Administration, several payments were also made on this debt, but this would be the largest. The March 2014 issue of Western City contains an article outlining mandate issues.

**Public Records Act Mandates (Pre-Prop. 42):** A one-time payment of \$9.3 million is proposed to pay back local agencies for costs accrued between 2001 and 2013 for activities under the Public Records Act.

## Redevelopment Dissolution

The Governor's budget outlines a proposal to "simplify" the dissolution process and add "finality"... "to reduce the burden on all parties involved." While specific details remain scarce, from a local government standpoint, the proposals outlined appear to fit into two categories:

Possibly Workable (depending on details):

- Transitioning to an annual ROPS process commencing in July 2016.
- Authorizing a "Last and Final" ROPS option, beginning in September 2015, where and agency that has a Finding of Completion and has reached agreement with DOF on enforceable obligations and met unspecified other obligation could put repayment on autopilot with payments made by the county auditor-controller and not have to submit further ROPS or deal with oversight boards and DOF.
- Clarifying that tax increment caps and RDA plan expirations do not apply for purposes of repaying all enforceable obligations.
- Specifying that all statutory pass-through payments end upon termination of all successor agency enforceable obligations.

Areas of Significant Concern (most affecting pending disputes and litigation):

- An objective to "minimize the potential erosion of property tax residuals." Such language appears to suggest an effort to change laws which affect pending cases where local agencies may have the chance of prevailing, thus reducing some state financial benefit.
- Prohibit reentered agreements that are not for the purpose of providing administrative support activities. The objective here seems to be to undo several cases in which local agencies have prevailed at the trial court.
- Declaring that DOF is exempt from the regulatory process. This proposal also affects pending litigation in which local have questioned DOF decisions as not complying with the Administrative Procedures Act.
- Reversing the existing law holding that litigation expenses are enforceable obligations, and requiring that such costs come from the administrative costs of the successor agency. This change would undercut the ability of local agencies to protect their legal rights.

Additional language states that the Administration is "committed to working with stakeholders to achieve common ground where possible." The League has arranged for DOF to make a presentation of these proposals in greater detail in a webinar for city officials hosted Monday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m.

## Transportation

The Governor continues his emphasis on infrastructure investment in his proposed FY 2015-16 budget. Unfortunately the emphasis in the write up seems to be on the needs of the state highways system rather than the transportation system as a whole. The budget summary alleges that 70 percent of available transportation funding goes to local streets and roads, transit, capacity expansions, and debt service. The summary also discusses that additions to the state highways system, funded by local transportation initiatives, also increase the pressure associated with unfunded state maintenance costs.

On a positive note, the proposal addresses the needs to explore new and expanded financing strategies for all parts of the system, including new local-option revenues. Specifically, the Governor discusses the Road Usage Charge Pilot Program and the idea that high-occupancy vehicle lanes should be converted to high-occupancy toll lanes.

Beyond those two proposals, the Governor avoids specifying solutions but stresses the need for additional strategies. These additional strategies will likely be discussed though the Governor's California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities Working Group established as a result of the FY 2013-14 budget, as well as in the Legislature.

In conjunction with the release of the proposed FY 2015-16 budget, the Governor also released the state's 2015 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan. Cities should note that the Infrastructure Plan

focuses solely on the needs of State-owned and operated facilities, and does not include the needs of local facilities.

In addition, the budget proposal includes:

- A proposal to streamline highway relinquishments from the state to local agencies.
- \$3.4 million and 25 positions for the completion of Project Initiation Documents to support an addition \$800 million in various state and local transportation work.

### **Cap and Trade Allocations:**

The budget proposes to allocate \$1 billion from Cap-and-Trade revenues, continuing with the structure established in the FY 2014-15 budget:

- \$200 million for transportation, the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant program;
- \$200 million for low-carbon transportation programs;
- \$150 million transit;
- \$250 million for High-Speed Rail;
- \$202 million for energy efficiency and clean energy, natural resources, and waste diversion as detailed below:
  - \$75 million for energy efficiency upgrades/weatherization and renewable energy projects in low-income dwellings within disadvantaged communities;
  - \$20 million for the Energy Commission for energy efficiency upgrades and weatherization in public buildings;
  - \$15 million for the Department of Food and Agricultural for agricultural energy and operational efficiency;
  - \$25 million for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for wetlands and watershed restoration;
  - \$42 million for fire prevention and urban forestry projects; and,
  - \$25 million for the Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery for waste diversion.

### **Environmental Quality**

#### 2014 Water Bond (Prop. 1)

The budget proposal allocates \$532.5 million to begin the first year of a multiyear Proposition 1 expenditure plan. The \$532.5 million is allocated as follows:

- \$66.3 million for the State Water Resources Control Board for wastewater treatment projects;
- \$69.2 million for the State Water Resources Control Board for safe drinking water in small disadvantaged communities;
- \$83.5 million for State Conservancies for watershed projects;
- \$38.9 million for the Wildlife Conservation Board for enhanced stream flow projects;
- \$19.1 million for the Santa Monica and San Gabriel Conservancies for urban rivers and creeks;
- \$36.5 million for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for watershed restoration projects (non-Delta and in-Delta);
- \$32.8 million for the Department of Water Resources for the integrated regional water management program;
- \$23.2 million for the Department of Water Resources for water conservation;
- \$600,000 for the State Water Resources Control Board for stormwater management;
- \$3.3 million for the Department of Water Resources for statewide water system operational improvements;
- \$5.5 million for the Department of Water Resources for water recycling and desalination;
- \$131.7 million for the State Water Resources Control Board for water recycling and treatment technology projects;
- \$21.3 million the Department of Water Resources for groundwater management planning; and
- \$600,000 for the State Water Resources Control Board for groundwater contamination.

### Flood Protection

The budget proposes to allocate \$1.1 billion for the Department of Water Resources to support flood protection activities. This allocation appropriates all remaining Prop. 1E, of 2006, funds. These funds support flood protection efforts in the Central Valley, the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, and other flood prone areas of the state.

### Groundwater Management

In addition to the \$21.3 million of Prop. 1 funds for grants for local groundwater plans, the budget proposal allocates \$6 million for the Department of Water Resources to provide technical assistance to local agencies on the development of the groundwater sustainability plans, as well as to implement specific requirements of the groundwater legislation such as the adoption of basin boundaries and regulations on best groundwater management practices.

### Other Water Action Plan Programs

The budget proposal allocates \$6.7 million General Fund and \$2.6 million other funds for the Delta Stewardship Council to implement the Delta Science Plan, incorporate the Bay Delta Conservation Plan into the Delta Plan, and coordinate federal approval of the Delta Plan.

The budget proposal allocates \$1.4 million for the Department of Water Resources to identify water management operation improvements during drought conditions and streamline water transfers.

### Emergency Drought Response

The budget proposal allocates \$115 million on a one-time basis to continue critical drought response efforts if the drought continues next year.

The \$115 million is allocated as follows:

- \$61.8 million for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for wildlife suppression;
- \$14.6 million for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for responding to problems of human/wildlife conflict, among other activities;
- \$11.6 million for the Department of Water Resources to continue to assess current surface and groundwater conditions, expedite water transfers, provide technical guidance to local water agencies, and provide additional public outreach through the Save Our Water campaign.
- \$7 million for the Department of Social Services to provide food assistance for communities most impacted by the drought.
- \$22.6 million for the State Water Resources Control Board to continue enforcement of drought-related water rights and water curtailment actions and provide grants for emergency drinking water projects; and
- \$4.4 million for the Office of Emergency Services for the State Operations Center to continue to provide local communities with technical guidance and disaster recovery support related to the drought.

### State Parks

The budget proposal allocates \$41.8 million to State Parks for a number of programs. Those of note include:

- \$16.8 million one-time increase for existing service levels throughout the state park system;
- \$1.2 million to open the Los Angeles State Historic Park;
- \$3 million a year for the next two years for a team of experts from both outside and inside the department to help improve the function of the department; and
- \$20 million for deferred maintenance.

### Department of Toxic Substances Control

The budget proposal allocates an additional \$2.44 million to the Department of Toxic Substances Control for the following:

- \$1.6 million to improve the effectiveness and timeliness of the permitting process and reduce the backlog of permit applications; and,

- \$840,000 to support pilot projects that address hazardous wastes generated in significant quantities, posing the most significant public risks, and that disproportionately affect disadvantaged communities.

#### Prop. 39

Prop. 39, which voters approved in 2012, increased state corporate tax revenues. For FY 2013-14 through FY 2017-18, half of the increased revenues, up to \$550 million per year, are required to be allocated to energy efficiency projects in public schools, universities and colleges, and other public buildings. The Governor proposes to allocate all \$368 million of available Prop. 39 revenue for energy efficiency projects to K-12 and community colleges.

The \$368 million is allocated as follows:

- \$320.1 million and \$39.6 million to K-12 school and community college districts, for energy efficiency project grants;
- \$5.3 million to the California Conservation Corps for continued technical assistance to K-12 school districts; and
- \$3 million to the Workforce Investment Board for continued implementation of the job-training program.

### **Public Safety**

#### Continuation of \$40 million allocation for Front-Line Public Safety

- Administered via Board of State and Community Corrections to individual cities acting as the fiduciary agent within each county.
- Ultimately distributed to individual Police Departments.

#### Rail Shipments of Oil

\$10 million for Regional Railroad Accident Preparedness and Immediate Response Fund: This will allow the State Office of Emergency Services (OES) to coordinate with local agencies to enhance overall preparation for and responses to emergencies involving hazardous materials transported by railroad tank cars. Funded by a fee on transport of hazardous materials by rail. OES will use the funding to purchase specialized equipment such as foam trucks, and for training exercises.

#### Realignment-related expenditures

- Recidivism Reduction Fund:
  - Re-appropriation of \$12.6 million for Community Re-entry Facility contracts: facilities to provide mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment
  - \$15.6 million for expansion of substance abuse disorder treatment at non-reentry hub institutions.
- Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grant:
  - \$125 million to county probation departments in response to reductions in the number of adult probationers returned to prison (SB 678 funding)
- Post Community Release Supervision (PRCS) funding:
  - \$16 million increase to county probation departments to supervise temporary increase in average daily population of offenders under PRCS due to prison population reduction measures.

#### Proposition 47

- No allocations for Corrections or local law enforcement, but references 132 inmates having been re-sentenced and released from prison as of Dec. 4, 2014.
- Budget estimates that average daily prison population in FY 2015-16 will be reduced by 1,900 inmates due to combination of re-sentencing and avoidance of new admissions due to Prop. 47
- See Judicial Branch summary below for additional information

#### Debt Amnesty Program and Peace Officers' Training Fund

- The Peace Officers' Training Fund, along with the Corrections Training Fund, both receive significant revenue from the State Penalty Fund, and both are projected to

become insolvent during FY 2015-16, due to declining revenues going into the State Penalty Fund, dating back to 2009.

- To address the projected insolvency, the Budget establishes an 18-month amnesty program for outstanding delinquent debt:
  - The program authorizes individuals with delinquent court-ordered debt due before Jan. 1, 2013, and resulting from traffic infractions and certain misdemeanors to pay it off at a 50 percent reduction if they meet the eligibility criteria.
  - The reduction would include interest and late penalties.
  - This is expected to result in a \$12 million increase in penalty assessment revenues.
  - Amounts distributed to the State Penalty Fund via the Amnesty Program would go directly to the Peace Officers' Training Fund and Corrections Training Fund, to cure the immediate insolvency in both.
  - To be administered by courts and counties
- Long term solution to structural deficit in the Peace Officers' Training Fund to begin with \$5.3 million reduction in funding for its state administrative costs

#### Judicial Branch

Overall increase of trial court funding of \$180 million, or 3.5 percent above FY 2007-08 funding levels:

- Increase of \$90.1 million to support trial court operations (allocated to courts based on formula reflecting respective caseloads);
- Allocation of \$19.8 million to cover reductions in fines and penalty revenues;
- Proposal to permanently extend fine and penalty reductions enacted in the 2012 Budget Act;
- Delinquent Debt Amnesty Program (see Public Safety section above); and
- Proposition 47: Allocation of \$26.9 million for anticipated trial court workload increase due to re-sentencing petitions related to drug and theft crimes.

In addition, \$42.7 million is proposed for trial court employee benefit costs. Of that amount, \$10.8 million is for trial courts that have made progress towards meeting PEPRA standards.

#### **State Retiree Health and Pension Costs**

The Governor is looking to address the \$72 billion unfunded liability in state retiree health. His proposal includes revamping the "pay-as-you-go" system and turns to a prefunded model, similar to that of pensions. He wants employees to share equally in prefunding retiree health benefits and will look to phase this in as labor contracts are renegotiated.

CalPERS Retiree Obligations: \$5 billion is proposed for state contributions to CalPERS for state pension costs and reflects the 2014 demographic presumptions.

CalSTRS Retiree Obligations: The budget proposal includes \$1.4 billion to implement into the second year of the teacher pension funding plan. This is part of the 2014 funding plan to close the expected shortfall over the next 30 years.

#### **Department of Industrial Relations**

There is a \$22 million increase for the Department of Industrial Relations over the 2014 budget. Significant increases were made for Occupational Safety and Health Inspections in order to have 44 new positions. Costs for routine elevator inspections are proposed for a "fee holiday" due to a surplus in associated funds.

#### **Community Care Licensing**

Following up on last year's efforts to create new positions to enhance the quality of the Community Care Licensing Program, the budget includes \$3 million from the General Fund and 28.5 staff positions to address a backlog of complaint cases and expand training and technical assistance. As of January 2017, the Department of Social Services will increase inspection

frequency to every three years for all facilities, every two years by 2018 for all facilities except child care and annually by 2019 for adult day care and residential care facilities for the elderly.

## **Community Services**

### Child Care

The budget proposal makes the following adjustments to subsidized child care programs as follows:

- \$33.5 million increase to reflect a full-year update to the regional market rate;
- \$21.5 million increase to reflect a statutory cost-of-living adjustment for capped child care programs;
- \$11.6 million decrease to reflect a reduction in the number of CalWORKS Stage 2 cases and an increase in the cost per case;
- \$38.6 million increase to reflect an increased number of CalWORKS Stage 3 cases and an increase in the cost per case; and
- \$14.9 net decrease of federal child care and development funds.

### Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

The budget proposal allocates \$2.2 million for recertification efforts and implements on-site monitoring of provider operations to further fraud prevention efforts at mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities.

## **Workforce Development**

The proposal provides \$500 million in Prop. 98 funds for the Adult Education Block Grant as part of the state's workforce development strategy. The block grant will fund elementary and secondary basic skills, classes and courses in citizenship and English as a second language for immigrants and short-term career technical education. It proposes \$250 million in one-time funding for each of the next three years to support a transitional career technical education Incentive Grant Program.

## **Governor's Economic Development Initiative/Enterprise Zones**

Revenue growth from sales tax from FY 2013-14 to FY 2014-2015 is muted by the \$86 million reduction in revenues as a result of the start of the manufacturing equipment sales tax exemption on July 1, 2014. This exemption was one of the pieces of a tax package adopted in 2013 that replaces enterprise zones with the Governor's Economic Development Initiative. The sales tax exemption applies to purchases of manufacturing or biotech research and development equipment, valued up to \$200 million per business. Receipts from the sales tax, the state's second largest revenue source, are expected to contribute 22.2 percent of all General Fund revenues and transfers in FY 2015-2016.

While not mentioned in the Governor's Budget Summary, a joint call with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) and Labor and Workforce Development noted that GO-Biz is accepting applications for the California Competes Tax Credit from now until Feb. 2, 2015 with \$75 million in funding available. The California Competes Tax Credit is an income tax credit available to businesses that want to come to California or stay and grow in California and is part of the Governor's program to replace Enterprise Zones.

## **Next Steps**

The Department of Finance will begin releasing draft trailer bill language in the next month that will include details of the proposal. The Assembly and Senate Budget Committees will also begin hearings to review program-specific details. In May the Governor will release his revised budget proposal for the coming fiscal year that must be passed by June 15 to take effect July 1.

## Registration

The cost is \$200 to register for the webcast. Participants will receive a code for each session.

[Register online.](#)

Please contact [Megan Dunn](#) with any registration questions.

## Session Details

### Wednesday

- 9:30–10:15 a.m.           Effective Advocacy & Key City Issues
  - The most knowledgeable League staff will lead you in establishing practical skills to develop persuasive arguments and testimony that will serve your city's interest.
- 10:30–11:45 a.m.       Basics Boot Camp
  - After a few council meetings you discover that sitting on the “target” side of the dais means, among other things, you must be prepared for anything. Equip yourself with the necessary tools by reviewing some basic rules for new mayors and council members.
- 2–3:45 p.m.            Your Legal Powers and Obligations
  - You were elected to make things happen in your city. Learn the breadth, as well as the limitations, of your powers as a city official. Acquire a basic understanding of the legal authorities and restrictions under which cities and city officials operate with a focus on the Brown Act.
- 4–5 p.m.                Policy Role in Land Use Planning
  - Land use planning is one of the most important aspects of a city official's responsibilities. It involves the establishment and implementation of the policies articulated in the city's general plan and its zoning code. Learn about devices and processes in land use planning such as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This knowledge will help you foster a solid working relationship with your city's planning commission and planning staff.

### Thursday

- 8:30–10 a.m.           Relationship Between City Council and City Manager Staff
  - As an elected official, there are various competing values that drive you and your colleagues. Your success on the council requires an effective relationship with your city manager, city attorney, and staff, in which everyone's values are respected and represented. Learn how to work together while cultivating each of your diverse roles.
- 10:15–11:45 a.m.      Communications and the New Media
  - With public perceptions of today's government at all-time lows, the question must be asked — how do people learn so much, so fast about government? With such a variety of almost immediate informational sources (internet, podcasting, social media, the blogosphere, etc.), elected officials need to be quick on their feet and develop the necessary skills to address issues. Discover what cities should be doing to communicate with their constituents in the 21st Century and the new forms of media that must be embraced.
- 2:15– 4:45 p.m.        Financial Responsibilities, City Revenues Workshop
  - Cover your responsibilities as elected officials in exercising fiduciary accountability and transparency in open government. Discuss the local government financial cycle, elected official financial oversight duties, state and



local funding relationships, and identify the four stages of fiscal meltdown. This session stresses the importance of structurally balanced budget tips for setting city council goals and the need for financial policies. Learn to avoid micromanagement and complacency management.

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The city of Long Beach's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) serves as an important volunteer source as well as an indispensable resource when disaster strikes. However, the number of active CERT team members had been declining by early this decade and Long Beach wanted to revitalize the program. When the Long Beach Fire Department proposed creating a new Teen CERT program to the school district it seemed like a win-win. Students could build community relationships while explore possible career opportunities.

Long Beach's population of 462,000 makes it California's seventh largest city. Located on the southern coast of Los Angeles County, the city is a center for aerospace, petroleum, shipping and tourism, along with a wide variety of office and retail opportunities. The downtown alone is home to more than 4.2 million square feet of commercial office space. The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's busiest container cargo ports, handling approximately 6.1 million twenty-foot-long containers carrying approximately 75 million metric tons of cargo each year.

Due to its location, physical attributes, and its commercial assets, Long Beach is at risk for natural, man-made, and technological types of disasters. The city sits on the Newport-Inglewood Fault, which is capable of a 6.0 to 7.4 magnitude earthquake. With the Port of Long Beach, Long Beach Airport, and miles of natural gas and oil pipelines, acts of terrorism and/or large catastrophic accidents present additional challenges. Long Beach maintains a strong volunteer corps to enhance the city's capacity and capabilities to prepare, respond, recover, and mitigate disasters. One important source of volunteers is the Long Beach CERT. After being established in 1997, city's CERT program has trained more than 3,000 residents with the active team members numbering approximately 1,000.

The city saw potential for new volunteers among the community's young adults, however knew that they needed to find a way to engage them in community involvement. This would increase the number of available trained volunteers and greatly enhance the community's resilience as the young adults continued to forward their training and commitment to the community into adulthood.

In March 2013, the Long Beach Fire Department and key CERT volunteers suggested creating a Teen CERT program to the Long Beach Unified School District. The superintendent showed interest and requested a meeting with the administrators of Long Beach Polytechnic (Poly) High School in May 2013. Plans were made to develop a program that would begin in the 2013-14 school year.

The Fire Department researched CERT programs geared specifically to young adults and found that a number of local governments across the nation, including the city of Los Angeles, had already designed and implemented youth programs. After learning about the challenges Los Angeles had in maintaining their program, Long Beach decided that a Teen CERT program should do more than just train disaster workers. The program's focus should be on encouraging and enabling the young participants to develop lifelong relationships with their community, and be exposed to possible career paths, not just in public safety, but also in other aspects of community service.

To build the type of program they had envisioned, the fire department partnered with the Long Beach Unified School District and Poly High School, Long Beach Transit, the police department, CERT Volunteers, and parents of students. The class would be supported financially by the Long Beach Fire Department, Friends of Long Beach Firefighters, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and Poly High School.

Shortly after the start of the 2013-14 school year a working group comprised of representatives from the partnering groups developed the Teen CERT program. The program follows the basic

curriculum of the regular CERT program, which provides students with valuable tools to support their community during disasters and other events.

The training modules included:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety and Utility Controls
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Light Search and Rescue
- CERT Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT
- Final Exam and Disaster Simulation

While the modules were similar to the adult modules in content, they were adapted to match the skills, physical capabilities, confidence levels, and attention spans of young adults. Additionally, the program was designed to accommodate the students' time schedules and transportation needs, requiring eight sessions during a three-month period, totaling approximately 30 hours. Participation in the program would fulfill a student's community service requirement for graduation.

Once the program was designed and scheduled, Long Beach firefighters set up a recruitment booth for the upcoming Teen CERT class at Poly High School's Club Day in late September. With the assistance of school staff, the recruitment drive attracted a great deal of interest. Ultimately Poly High School staff handpicked 42 to participate in the pilot program. A Teen CERT orientation was held for interested parents on Back to School Night two weeks later.

The first training session took place at Poly High School on Oct. 9, 2013. All of the sessions occurred after regular school hours on the Poly High School campus or the Long Beach Fire Regional Training Center. Long Beach Transit provided transportation to the training center, which is located approximately four miles from the school.

Teen CERT participants were required to attend all seven sessions and the disaster simulation exercise in order to graduate from the program, which mirrored the expectations placed on adult CERT program participants. A few challenges were anticipated based on the age of the participants and that it was the first year of implementation, however, the students exceeded expectations and performed in a manner comparable to adult participants. Realizing the value of teamwork to accomplish a mission and the importance of maintaining personal safety at all times, the students built confidence, decision-making capabilities, and tested their ability to overcome obstacles and find creative solutions in a challenging environment.

On Jan. 18, 2014, the Long Beach Fire Department graduated the first ever Teen CERT class in Long Beach. Participants took part in the graduation ceremonies that showcased their newly learned skills in a disaster scenario with representatives from federal, state, and local government in attendance.

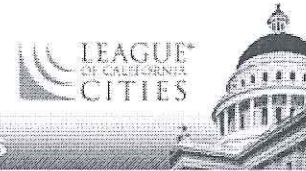
The Long Beach Teen CERT program has created a springboard for the youth in the community and gives them opportunities for future involvement. The program exposes students to possible career paths and also may inspire them to pursue a college education.

Through Teen CERT, Long Beach has developed a model program that may be implemented in other cities. Several cities have already contacted the fire department and expressed an interest in replicating the program. The program actively engages the community and looks for unique opportunities to develop partnerships with other civic groups and non-governmental organizations to enhance individual preparedness and community readiness and resiliency. Future Teen CERT classes will team up with the Red Cross and conduct a sheltering and mass care exercise allowing students to stay overnight in a shelter and learn the fundamentals of shelter management.

Long Beach plans to expand the Teen CERT program throughout all area high schools in the city, create Teen CERT clubs and provide additional support with monthly training to maintain the skills participants learned during their initial training. To further develop this program, the Long

Beach Teen CERT Olympics will take place annually to empower students to achieve success through friendly competition.

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## **Strategic Growth Council Set to Adopt Revised Guidelines to the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program at Jan. 20 Meeting**

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) recently released proposed revisions to the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Guidelines. The revised guidelines are expected to be adopted at SGC's next meeting scheduled on Jan. 20 at the California Department of Public Health East End Complex Auditorium in Sacramento. A copy of the proposed final guidelines and the Jan. 20 meeting agenda are available online. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Three Long-Time League Staff Recognized with the 2014 NLC Stutz Award** *Award Honors Municipal League Staff with 25 or More Years of Service*

Today during the League's New Mayor's and Council Members' Academy, three staff members, Norman Coppinger, Craig Matsumoto and Helen Marshall were honored with the National League of Cities (NLC) 2014 Stutz Award. The Stutz Award annually recognizes individuals who have served 25 years or more with a state municipal league. The League applauds Norman, Craig and Helen for their contributions and dedication to the League and all California cities. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **LAO Launches State Budget 101 Video Series**

Today the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) premiered its new State Budget 101 Video Series. The series, available on the LAO website, features a set of short videos with basic information on key California state budget topics. The initial videos in the series feature Legislative Analyst Mac Taylor and other LAO staff members discussing California's economy, state revenues and spending, infrastructure, state employees, and other topics. LAO is offering this information to help legislators, legislative staff and the public understand the state's complex public budgets.

There are some significant changes from the original draft released in September 2014.

**Scoring Criteria Added:** The SGC has added the scoring criteria and made it consistent with the primary objective of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction as well as reflect other priorities such as project readiness and other policy considerations. GHG emissions reduction is worth 55 percent of the total score, project readiness and feasibility 15 percent of the overall score and policy considerations such as housing related issues, co-benefits and transportation connectivity is with 30 percent.

**Greenhouse Gas Quantification Methodology Chosen:** California Air Resources Board (ARB) chose an interim methodology for the AHSC Program using components of the California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod), a land use emissions calculator tool designed to quantify GHG emissions and criteria air pollutants associated with land use development projects.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization Role Established:** The statute requires the SGC to coordinate with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to identify projects and recommend projects within their respective jurisdictions that best reflect the goals and objectives of the program. The AHSC Program application review process proposes that concept application for the respective region will be provided to each MPO. The MPO may review concept applications and inform the SGC of their view of the project's support of the applicable Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Each MPO will also be provided copies of the full applications and may provide recommendations to the SGC for consideration for their perspective region. The MPO recommendations are advisory only.

**Technical Assistance for Prospective Applicants:** Recognizing the tight timeline and newness of this program, there will be a series of Notice of Funding Availability workshops and technical assistance workshops to assist applicants in navigating the process. Dates and locations of workshops will be released at the Jan. 20 SGC meeting. ARB staff will also be available to answer applicant questions and provide technical assistance in using the quantification methodology.

**Other Refinements:**

- Minimum project size eliminated, but reflected in GHG calculation score.
- Minimum density requirement reduced to reflect state default densities.
- Elimination of the public agency requirement on all applications, except where a public agency has an interest or stake in the proposed project.
- Award limits on localities and developers waived by state if needed to meet statutory affordable housing or disadvantaged community set-aside.
- Increased maximum costs allowed for impact fees from \$200,000 to \$300,000, not exceeding 15 percent of the total request.
- Removal of the 50 percent match requirement for transportation/transit-related infrastructure.
- No net loss of affordable housing units applies to all capital projects.
- An anti-displacement criterion applies to all projects.
- Increased maximum funds allowed for program uses from 10 percent to 30 percent of total award, up to \$500,000.

The AHSC Program will provide grants and loans for affordable housing, infill and compact transit-oriented development, and infrastructure connecting these projects to transit. Projects funded by the program will support reduction of GHG emissions through reduced vehicle miles travelled and increased accessibility of affordable housing, employment center, and key destinations through fewer or short vehicular trips or mode shift to other transportation options such as transit, bicycling or walking. Funds will be allocated based upon the merits of the applications submitted and the proposed use of funds within an identified project area. The program requirements focus on the reduction of GHG emissions, project readiness and other policy considerations and required by statute.

The following are the timeframes for the 2014-15 AHSC Program:

- January Final Draft Guidelines to Council for Approval
- Late January Funding Solicitation and Application Released
- Mid-February Concept Applications Released
- Mid-April Full Applications Due
- June Recommended Awards Announced for Council Approval

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League Executive Director Chris McKenzie and League President Stephany Aguilar gave the three staff their awards. "It is an honor to present Norman Coppinger, Helen Marshall and Craig Matsumoto with the NLC Stutz Award. Working with these individuals and the rest of our dedicated staff is one of the highlights of my job. This staff lives and breathes city government and is dedicated to helping you serve your cities."

### **Norman Coppinger**

Norman joined the League on June 27, 1988 as a staff assistant. Norman served city officials by staffing the League's legislative hot-line the old fashion way, by telephone. In 1993, building upon his work with the League's Employee Relations Policy Committee and Personnel Department, Norman became the League's first personnel manager and currently holds the certification of Senior Professional in Human Resources.

During his 26 years with the League, he has been engaged in legislative and policy development, membership services and administrative responsibilities. In his current position as the director of administrative services, Norman oversees the League's internal functions, including finance, human resources, internet technology and facilities. Prior to joining the League, Norman developed an interest in local government while attending the University of California, Davis where he obtained degrees in both political science and economics.

### **Helen Marshall**

Helen joined the League on Oct. 2, 1989 and has served in various roles during her career with the League. She began in the legal department where she earned her paralegal assistant's designation. In 2001, Helen transitioned to the League's education and conferences department and has worn many hats. For many years she grew and managed an extremely successful and popular bookstore during the League's Annual Conference and Expo, known as CityBooks. In 2012, Helen earned the prestigious Certified Meeting Planner designation. Helen is currently the lead meetings manager and works with hotels and convention centers to present flawless conferences for members.

Helen brings integrity, knowledge and dedication to her work in service to the League members. League staff also benefits from her considerable experience, expertise and helpful nature.

### **Craig Matsumoto**

Craig joined the League on Jan. 25, 1988 as a membership services representative, assigned to the League's mail room. Craig's friendly and outgoing personality along with his superior work ethic have made Craig into the "go to" guy for a wide variety of staff support functions within the League. In addition to running the League's mail room, Craig manages a full service print shop and serves as building maintenance manager for the League's 36,000 square foot building. His dedication and commitment to the League's overall mission was instrumental during the 2009 building renovation and LEED Gold award achievement for environmental sustainability.

## **Session Preview: 2015 Planning Commissioners Academy**

Attendees at this year's conference may find it difficult to choose between all of the innovative and current sessions. There are a number of relevant sessions for attendees this year so take the time to start planning which sessions will be a priority. Take a look at this preview of sessions and keep your eye out for more leading up to the conference.

This year's Planning Commissioners Academy will be held from Wednesday, March 4 to Friday, March 6 at the Fairmont Newport Beach. Register [online](#) and select Planning Commissioners Academy. Registration must be received by Tuesday, Feb. 3. After this date all registration must be completed on site.

**NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONERS TRACK:**

- **How Do I Get Affordable Housing Built in My City?**  
In early 2015, most cities have completed their updates to the housing element. This tip-laden session provides real world application to help planning commissioners defend and approve affordable housing in the face of neighborhood opposition.

**ADVANCED PLANNING STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS TRACK:**

- **Can Your Findings Withstand a Legal Challenge and Can Your Conditions of Approval Be Implemented?**  
Your project is approved. The opponents are considering a legal challenge and your findings may not have the supporting facts to stand up in court. Your conditions of approval are difficult to understand, let alone implement. How can you avoid this situation? Review examples and discuss ways to document your project approval with substantial evidence and develop conditions of approval that can be implemented.

**JOINT – NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONERS/ADVANCED PLANNING STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS:**

- **Do Planners & Commissioners Have a Role in Wildfire Planning?**  
Whether you're a Planning Commissioner or Planning staff, this session describes the impacts of wildfire planning on the planning framework (departments, code, technical, design). Discuss how solutions are found in good planning that involve local and state fire agencies working proactively together with Planners.

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**Innovation Sessions Offered at 2015 Public Works Officers Institute**

This year's Public Works Officers Institute will be held from Wednesday, March 25 to Friday, March 27 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. In addition to fundamental educational sessions and a jam packed mini expo, there will be a variety of breaking issue sessions.

A couple of the questions include:

- **Moraga's Successful Grassroots Campaign for Pavement Funding** — Learn about the Town of Moraga's successful grassroots campaign to pass a 20-year One-Cent General Sales Tax with a whopping 70.5 percent approval rate to fix local streets and roads. See how Moraga leveraged the sales tax revenue to secure funding for a three-year expedited road repair program and how the grassroots efforts continued through construction in an effort to raise civic pride and ownership for possible additional future funding initiatives. Results from the first year of the paving program have already yielded an increase in the Moraga's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) from 49 to 58.
- **Leading Us Into the Future: Lessons from Two Public Works Visionaries** — Join two visionary public works leaders who have proven track records identifying and developing strong public works professionals for the future. This presentation will take you through real life lessons from individuals with decades of experience in fostering leadership. You'll learn that leadership is an art, takes time, and is linked to a person's reputation, credibility and trust. You'll understand how management is different than leadership, and how having a positive attitude is a powerful tool in leading others into the uncertain, but certainly rewarding, future of public works.

Register [online](#) and select Public Works Officers Institute. Registration must be received by Friday, Feb. 27. After this date all registration must be completed on site.

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