

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**January 29, 2015**

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

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

None.

**II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. RECRUITMENT STATUS UPDATE**

A memo providing an update on the status of recruitments for the positions of Fire Chief and City Manager is attached for your review.

**B. WATER ENERGY GRANT APPLICATION**

Bill Murray informs you of the application for a grant for solar panel installations and median landscape retrofits from

**C. CALLS FOR SERVICE - HARE SCHOOL**

Todd Elgin provides information for Mayor Nguyen's request for the number of calls for service at Marie L. Hare Continuation School.

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

None.

**• 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



Committee and management reviewed & discussed the other three proposals, in detail. The timeframes submitted and costs associated with the recruitment were very similar for all the proposals – approximately \$25,000 for the recruitment and 16 weeks to conduct the full process.

Consensus was arrived at selecting the firm of CPS HR Consulting which has extensive experience in successful recruiting for executive municipal executives. Mr. Frank Rojas, Executive Recruiter, will be heading up the effort and has already invested time in Garden Grove, attending the State of the City Address and meeting with the Sub-Committee and management. CPS HR has also agreed to include in its recruitment effort certain tools the Sub-Committee and management requested to insure opportunity for public input into the process. We are presently reviewing the job specifications and Mr. Rojas will be following up with all members of the City Council for your input in developing a profile for the ideal candidate.

We will continue to keep the full City Council and the public posted on our progress. I do ask that everyone bear in mind that every recruitment process is confidential, by its very nature, to respect the privacy of candidates. While we shall do our best to keep everyone posted on the process, we will not divulge names or do anything that would invalidate, jeopardize or otherwise taint a process which must be wholly objective.

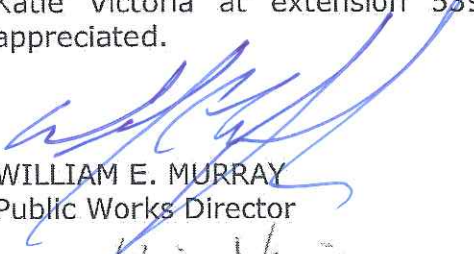
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INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

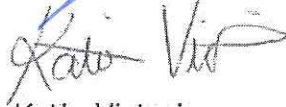
To: Allan L. Roeder  
Dept.: City Manager  
Subject: SIGNED AB 1420 SELF-CERTIFICATION  
FORM FOR THE 2014 WATER-ENERGY  
GRANT APPLICATION

From: William E. Murray  
Dept.: Public Works  
Date: January 29, 2015

Public Works is applying for \$1,072,210 in grant funding for solar panel installations and median landscape retrofits. The attached form is necessary to apply for subject grant as it certifies compliance with the California Urban Water Conservation Council Memorandum of Understanding. If you have any questions, feel free to call Katie Victoria at extension 5398. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.



WILLIAM E. MURRAY  
Public Works Director



By: Katie Victoria  
Administrative Analyst





BMPs required for Wholesaler Supplier	BMPs required for Retail Supplier	BMPs	BMP Implemented by Retailers and/or Wholesalers / BMP		Compliance Options/Alternative Conservation Approaches (1)			BMP Is Exempt (2)			BMP Implementation Requirements Met						
			Wholesaler Yes/No	Regional Yes/No	BMP Checklist	Flex Track	Gallons Per Capita Per Day GPCD	Not Cost Effective	Lack of Funding	Lack of Legal Authority	CUWCC MOU Requirement Met: Retailer Yes/No	CUWCC MOU Requirement Met: Wholesaler Yes/No	Date of BMP Report Submitted to CUWCC for (2007-2008) (MOU Signatories)	Date BMP Implementation Data Submitted to DWR in CUWCC Format (Non MOU Signatories) (3)	All Supporting Documents have been Submitted Yes/No		
	✓	BMP 5 Large Landscape Conservation Programs and Incentives	Y	Y			✓										Y
	✓	BMP 6 High-Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate Programs	Y	Y			✓										Y
✓		BMP 7 Public Information	Y	Y			✓										Y
✓		BMP 8 School Education	Y	Y			✓										Y
	✓	BMP 9 Conservation programs for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Accounts	Y	Y			✓										Y
✓		BMP 10 Wholesale Agency Assistance Programs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA									NA
	✓	BMP 11 Conservation Pricing	Y	Y			✓										Y
	✓	BMP 12 Conservation Coordinator	Y	Y			✓										Y
	✓	BMP 13 Water Waste Prohibitions	Y	Y			✓										Y
	✓	BMP 14 Residential ULFT Replacement Programs	Y	Y			✓										Y

\*C6: Wholesaler may also be a retailer (supplying water to end water users)

\*\*C8, \*\*C9, \*\*, and C10: Agencies choosing an alternative conservation approach are responsible for achieving water savings equal or greater than that which they would have achieved using only BMP list.

(1) For details, please see: <http://www.cuwcc.org/mou/exhibit-1-bmp-definitions-schedules-requirements.aspx>.

(2) BMP is exempt based on cost-effectiveness, lack of funding, and lack of legal authority criteria as detailed in the CUWCC MOU

(3) Non MOU signatories must submit to DWR reports and supporting documents in the same format as CUWCC.

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan Roeder

From: Todd Elgin

Dept: City Manager

Dept: Police

Subject: Calls for Service / Hare School

Date: January 29, 2015

The topic of relocating Marie L. Hare Continuation High School to the Chapman Hettinga Education Center on Knott Avenue was discussed during Oral Communications at the Garden Grove City Council Meeting on January 27, 2015. There appeared to be some concerns with residents as to issues associated with students who attend continuation schools as opposed to regular high schools.

I was discussing police calls for service with Mayor Boa Nguyen as a result of this meeting. He requested that I send him the "calls for service" statistics in and around Hare Continuation School. Attached are three years worth of "calls for service" statistics as requested by Mayor Nguyen.

If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 5865.



Todd D. Elgin  
Chief of Police

Attachments: 2012-2015 Hare School Statistics

Hare School  
(January 2012 - December 2014)

**Master Thumbnail**

	<b>2014</b>
Arrests	16
Reports	7
No Crime	15

	<b>2013</b>
Arrests	12
Reports	10
No Crime	9

	<b>2012</b>
Arrests	10
Reports	11
No Crime	10

	<b>Total</b>
Arrests	38
Reports	28
No Crime	34

Hare School  
(January 2012 - December 2014)

**2014 Arrests and Reports**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2014-12-09	14080491	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14015285
2014-11-14	14074848	DISTURB PEACE	ARR/TRESPASSING	14014222
2014-11-05	14072765	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14013856
2014-10-09	14066616	INVESTIGATION	ARR/WEAPON	14012637
2014-10-09	14066585	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14012638
2014-09-29	14064201	POSS MARIJUANA	ARR/NARCOTICS	14012174
2014-06-12	14038248	POSS MARIJUANA	ARR/NARCOTICS	14007328
2014-06-11	14037985	POSS MARIJUANA	ARR/NARCOTICS	14007292
2014-05-12	14030941	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14005891
2014-04-23	14026551	POSS MARIJUANA	ARR/NARCOTICS	14004998
2014-04-04	14021745	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14004131
2014-03-25	14019336	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14003684
2014-03-13	14016625	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14003162
2014-02-27	14013230	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14002481
2014-02-13	14009859	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14001832
2014-02-07	14008430	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	14001556

**2014 Total Arrests 16**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2014-12-18	14082493	MISSING JUVENILE	RPT/MISSING PERSON	14015668
2014-12-17	14082332	POSS MARIJUANA	RPT/NARCOTICS	14015640
2014-10-31	14071677	PETTY THEFT-REPORT	RPT/THEFT	14013617
2014-09-22	14062590	Missing Juvenile - Locate	RPT/MISSING PERSON LOCATE	14011823
2014-09-18	14061720	MALIC MSCHF-REPORT	RPT/MALIC MISCH-VAND	14011664
2014-06-05	14036483	MALIC MSCHF-REPORT	RPT/MALIC MISCH-VAND	14006966
2014-06-02	14035861	SUICIDE(ATT)	RPT/OFFICER'S REPORT	14006833

**2014 Total Reports 7**

**2014 Non Crimes**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2014-05-22	14033356	DISTURB PEACE-JUVIES	FI CARD(S) COMPLETED	-

**2014 Total Field Interview Cards 1**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2014-12-11	14081082	FOUND PROPERTY	NO CRIME	-
2014-12-11	14080936	POSS MARIJUANA	NO CRIME	-
2014-10-13	14067523	SUICIDE(ATT)	NO CRIME	-
2014-09-06	14059023	FOOT PATROL	NO CRIME	-
2014-05-07	14029777	MEDICAL AID	NO CRIME	-
2014-03-24	14019245	BURGLARY-AUDIBLE	NO CRIME	-
2014-03-11	14016276	BURGLARY-AUDIBLE	NO CRIME	-
2014-03-03	14014193	Terrorist Threats - Report	NO CRIME	-
2014-02-18	14010995	INVESTIGATION	NO CRIME	-

**2014 No Crime 11**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2014-09-02	14058006	9-1-1 HANG UP	MS/ALARM-911 MISUSE	-
2014-05-30	14035049	BURGLARY-AUDIBLE	MS/ALARM-911 MISUSE	-
2014-05-11	14030844	BURGLARY-AUDIBLE	MS/ALARM-911 MISUSE	-

**2014 Total Alarm/911 Hang Up Calls 3**

Hare School  
(January 2012 - December 2014)

**2013 Arrests and Reports**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2013-11-18	13076399	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	13014856
2013-10-18	13069334	POSS MARIJUANA	ARR/NARCOTICS	13013467
2013-10-03	13065817	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	13012820
2013-09-23	13063476	POSS MARIJUANA	ARR/NARCOTICS	13012340
2013-05-30	13035230	INVESTIGATION	ARR/WARR	
2013-05-09	13030007	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	13005987
2013-04-26	13026949	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	13005408
2013-03-31	13020873	PED CHECK	ARR/OTHER CRIMES	13004205
2013-03-05	13014455	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	13002950
2013-02-20	13011458	Subject Initiated	ARR/NARCOTICS	13002339
2013-01-30	13006506	FOLLOW-UP	ARR/MALIC MISCH-VAND	13001314
2013-01-11	13002212	BATTERY-REPORT	ARR/OTHER CRIMES	13000496

**2013 Total Arrests 12**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2013-12-13	13081913	FOUND PROPERTY	RPT/NON-CRIME	13015913
2013-12-03	13079618	INVESTIGATION	RPT/NARCOTICS	13015507
2013-06-18	13039978	GRAND THEFT-REPORT	RPT/THEFT	13007873
2013-06-06	13036861	MALIC MSCHF-REPORT	RPT/MALIC MISCH-VAND	13007313
2013-05-14	13031323	SUICIDE(ATT)	RPT/NON-CRIME	13006247
2013-05-07	13029566	INVESTIGATION	RPT/NON-CRIME	13005891
2013-04-29	13027617	SCHOOL CHECK	RPT/SEX OFFENSES	13005532
2013-04-04	13021673	MALIC MSCHF-REPORT	RPT/MALIC MISCH-VAND	13004377
2013-04-03	13021469	MALIC MSCHF-REPORT	RPT/MALIC MISCH-VAND	13004341
2013-01-15	13003126	BATTERY-REPORT	RPT/NON-CRIME	13000672

**2013 Total Reports 10**

**2013 Non Crimes**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2013-12-24	13084578	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	NO CRIME	
2013-12-12	13081576	SUSP PERSON-CAR	NO CRIME	
2013-11-18	13076394	CHECK THE WELFARE	NO CRIME	
2013-09-17	13062006	SUICIDE(ATT)	NO CRIME	
2013-04-17	13024726	SUICIDE(ATT)	NO CRIME	

**2013 Total No Crime 5**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2013-12-24	13084570	DISTURB PEACE-JUVIES	GOA/UTL	
2013-10-07	13066748	NDECENT EXP-JUST OC	GOA/UTL	
2013-06-22	13041032	MALIC MSCHF-REPORT	GOA/UTL	
2013-05-28	13034769	DISTURB PEACE-FIGHT	GOA/UTL	

**2013 Unable to Locate 4**

Hare School  
(January 2012 - December 2014)

**2012 Arrests and Reports**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
12/21/2012	12090967	DISTURB PEACE-JUVIES	ARR/OTHER CRIMES	12017764
2012-12-14	12089199	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	12017395
2012-10-05	12072222	POSS MARIJUANA	ARR/NARCOTICS	12014012
2012-06-12	12041478	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	12008187
2012-06-12	12041440	MALIC MSCHF-REPORT	ARR/OTHER CRIMES	12008180
2012-06-07	12040266	POSS MARIJUANA	ARR/NARCOTICS	12007953
2012-05-01	12030650	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	12005979
2012-03-08	12017095	DISTURB PEACE-FIGHT	ARR/NARCOTICS	12003263
2012-02-15	12011467	SUSP PERSON-CAR	ARR/WARR	12002124
2012-02-15	12011466	INVESTIGATION	ARR/NARCOTICS	12002123

**2012 Total Arrests 10**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2012-10-08	12072980	PETTY THEFT-REPORT	RPT/THEFT	12014159
2012-05-31	12038451	PETTY THEFT-REPORT	RPT/THEFT	12007576
2012-05-22	12036105	Missing Juvenile - Locate	RPT/NON-CRIME	12007095
2012-05-15	12034376	INVESTIGATION	RPT/THEFT	12006727
2012-05-04	12031377	Missing Juvenile - Locate	RPT/NON-CRIME	12006123
2012-03-22	12020738	DISTURB PEACE	RPT/OTHER CRIMES	12003994
2012-02-27	12014568	MALIC MSCHF-REPORT	RPT/MALIC MISCH-VAND	12002737
2012-02-21	12012918	FOLLOW-UP	RPT/OTHER CRIMES	12002432
2012-02-15	12011520	INVESTIGATION	RPT/MALIC MISCH-VAND	12002129
2012-02-15	12011456	VEHICLE CHECK	RPT/OTHER CRIMES	12002126
2012-01-17	12004221	MISSING JUVENILE	RPT/NON-CRIME	12000747

**2012 Total Reports 11**

**2012 Non Crimes**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2012-11-01	12078878	CHECK THE WELFARE	NO CRIME	
2012-07-28	12053897	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	NO CRIME	
2012-06-05	12039797	SUICIDE(ATT)	NO CRIME	
2012-05-22	12036083	MISSING JUVENILE	NO CRIME	
2012-04-26	12029424	INVESTIGATION	NO CRIME	
2012-02-27	12014561	PATROL CHECK	NO CRIME	
2012-02-01	12007853	Subject Initiated	NO CRIME	
2012-01-16	12003860	FOLLOW-UP	NO CRIME	

**2012 Total No Crime 8**

Date	ID #	Description	Disposition	Case #
2012-05-25	12036844	DISTURB PEACE-FIGHT	GOA/UTL	
2012-01-20	12004970	DISTURB PEACE-JUVIES	GOA/UTL	

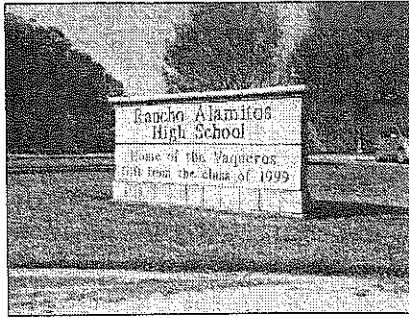
**2012 Unable to Locate 2**

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**NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLES**







CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF

**The resource fair for students in special education programs will be at Rancho Alamitos High School.**

## Fair will focus on life after high school

High school is not the end of the road for students in special education programs – there are plenty of options out there, and the Garden Grove Unified School District wants to show the way.

The district's Life After High School resource fair will be held 6-8 p.m. Feb. 5 at Rancho Alamitos High School, 11351 Dale St.

Students and parents will receive information about post-secondary options and transitional services that assist adults with disabilities.

Several local agencies, including the North Orange County Community College District's School of Continuing Education and the Orange County Adult Achievement Center, will be on hand to answer questions.

Interpretation is available in Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean, and child care is available for those ages 2 to 10.



GLENN KOENIG Los Angeles Times

**DUNG NGUYEN** was among more than 600 protesters, many bused in from Little Saigon, who persuaded Irvine officials to abort a plan to form a friendship-city relationship with a Vietnamese city in April.

# Riverside sister city pact gets Little Saigon riled up

Buses of Vietnamese Americans will travel to Inland Empire to protest a relationship with a Vietnam city.

By ANH DO

Months after signing an agreement to forge a relationship with a city in Vietnam, elected leaders in Riverside are bracing for hundreds of Vietnamese American protesters who have vowed to gather outside City Hall and demand officials rescind their pact with the communist country.

Organizers from Little Saigon, an immigrant community in Orange County where deep animosity remains toward the communist government that controls their homeland, have rented a fleet of buses and

said that hundreds of protesters will begin assembling outside the Riverside civic center Thursday.

The group successfully persuaded Irvine to abort a plan to form a similar relationship with a small coastal city in Vietnam last year.

The Riverside City Council approved a sister-city relationship with Can Tho in March, yet activists were unaware of it until officials from the picturesque city in the Mekong Delta flew to California to formalize the partnership this month. Photos of the celebration appeared in local newspapers.

"It doesn't matter that the contract has been signed," said Dr. Huu Dinh Vo, board president of the Federation of Vietnamese Communities of the USA. "If we don't speak up, they will keep celebrating. We care about a country whose people are still suffering — and we want them to reconsider

their agreement."

Vo said the protest is aimed at getting Riverside and other municipalities to think twice about "linking hands with the communists."

Last spring, more than 600 protesters — many bused in from Little Saigon — gathered at Irvine City Hall when that city was poised to form a friendship-city relationship with Nha Trang. The City Council scrapped the idea along with a proposal to form a similar partnership with a city in China — a move that then drew angry protests from Irvine's sizable Chinese American community.

Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey said Can Tho is Riverside's ninth sister city.

"We have common bonds, common visions," he said.

Bailey said he understands the concerns of the protesters and said several Vietnam War veterans had

protested when the issue was debated last spring.

Sister-city pacts are generally designed to encourage cultural understanding between two diverse areas. "Those goals are the goals we have as a city in all our relationships," he said.

But activists said the partnership with Can Tho, a city known for its colorful canals and floating marketplace, sidesteps the hard reality of human rights abuses in Vietnam.

"If we don't fight back, this will continue," Vo said. "They have to know what it's like living under that kind of regime. Children, adults, no one is safe — no one has real freedom."

Bailey said he welcomes the protesters.

"It's their right," he said. "But they must be respectful."

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# Supervisor race becomes nail-biter

A few hundred  
votes separate  
candidates  
in 1st District.

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF  
STAFF WRITER

A two-vote lead by Andrew Do over Lou Correa in the Orange County Board of Supervisors 1st District race grew to 239 on Wednesday, but election officials have more ballots to count before results are final.

"It's going to be interesting to see who's going to be on offense and who's going to be on defense," Do said. For most of Wednesday, he held only a two-vote margin ahead of Correa - and he trailed Correa by several hundred votes through Tuesday's election night.

Correa said Wednesday he isn't ready to consider a recount because he's waiting for the remaining ballots to be counted.

"That's still a lot of votes," Correa said. "This is all about every vote counts, and that's the way it should be."

Orange County Registrar Neal Kelley expects to certify the election by Friday evening once an estimated 1,264 provisional ballots are counted. The approximately 4,700 absentee ballots that had been returned to polling stations

Tuesday were counted Wednesday, and ballots in all 101 precincts were counted.

More ballots are expected to arrive by mail through Friday. They'll be counted as long as they were post-marked by Tuesday. Kelley said he expects several hundred more ballots. Given the slim vote margin, he also anticipates a recount.

"We'll probably have one just because of the close contest and because of the amount of interest," Kelley said. "We're prepared either way."

Candidates can request a recount once the results are certified, but they must pay for the process, which Kelley estimates will cost at least \$2,400 for each day spent counting.

Both candidates have the financial means to pay. Do raised about \$67,000 and donated \$40,000; Correa raised \$80,000 for this campaign and has nearly \$200,000 left from his state Senate bids.

Orange County's 1st District, which includes Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley and part of Santa Ana, has been without representation since Janet Nguyen was sworn in as a state senator in December.

The election to replace her included a seven-week campaign window and attracted 21.7 percent of the district's 215,503 voters; 86 percent of them voted through the mail, according to the registrar's office.

Do, a 51-year-old Republican and lawyer with the firm FitzGerald, Yap & Kreditor, is Nguyen's former chief of staff. Correa, a Democrat, held the Senate seat Nguyen has now before term limits prohibited him from seeking reelection.

Correa, 57, is one of the county's longest-serving politicians. Elected to the

state Assembly in 1998, he served six years there before being elected to the 1st District Board of Supervisors seat in 2004. He resigned in 2006 to seek the state Senate seat for the 34th District.

He enjoys wide support from labor unions and was endorsed by the Democratic Party of Orange County. Do was endorsed by the Republican Party of Orange County.

While Do's experience as an elected official is just a three-year stint on the Garden Grove City Council, from which he resigned in 2011, he has experience with close elections and recounts. He oversaw the recount in 2007 that earned Nguyen the supervisor's seat.

Then, Nguyen's challenger, Trung Nguyen, had been declared the winner of the special election, which was held to replace Correa after he went to the Senate, by seven votes. But Janet Nguyen requested a recount, which put her up by three votes.

Kelley cites one big change since 2007: Voters are no longer prohibited from putting their name and phone numbers on ballots, so candidates can't challenge ballots because of outside writing or other marks. In 2007, they could, and it made a difference.

## LATEST RESULTS

Here are Wednesday evening's main tallies in the 1st District Board of Supervisors race:

**Andrew Do:** 18,230 votes, 39.3 percent

**Lou Correa:** 17,991 votes, 38.8 percent

**Absentee ballots cast:** 40,316

**Total ballots cast:** 46,683

**Total registered voters:** 215,503

Source: Orange County Registrar of Voters, [ocvote.com](http://ocvote.com)

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Register  
Jan. 29, 2015

# Little Saigon to Riverside: Say no to Vietnam

Westminster will urge Inland Empire city to break its bond with Can Tho. Garden Grove may soon follow suit.

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITER

Westminster and Garden Grove, the two cities that make up the largest portion of Little Saigon, have a stern message for Riverside: Your new sister-city

relationship with Can Tho, Vietnam, is inappropriate and should be dissolved.

The Westminster City Council unanimously directed staff Wednesday to write a letter to Riverside, urging it to rescind its relationship with Can Tho, which the two cities formalized in a ceremony last week.

The Garden Grove City Council, meanwhile, decided to discuss writing a similar letter at its next meeting, scheduled for Feb. 10.

Orange County residents also plan to protest at Riverside City Hall today, according to an event organizer.

"The communist govern-



Tri Ta

ment in Vietnam still violates human rights,"

said Mayor Tri Ta, who will sign the

Westminster letter with his four council colleagues. "There is no freedom in Vietnam, so that relationship is not appropriate at

**MORE ON LOCAL 8**  
Sister-city relationship viewed by many through lens of war.

this time."

The Riverside City Council agreed in March, on a 4-3 vote, to enter into a sister-city relationship with Can Tho to cultivate cultural, economic and educational exchanges between them.

Can Tho, which means

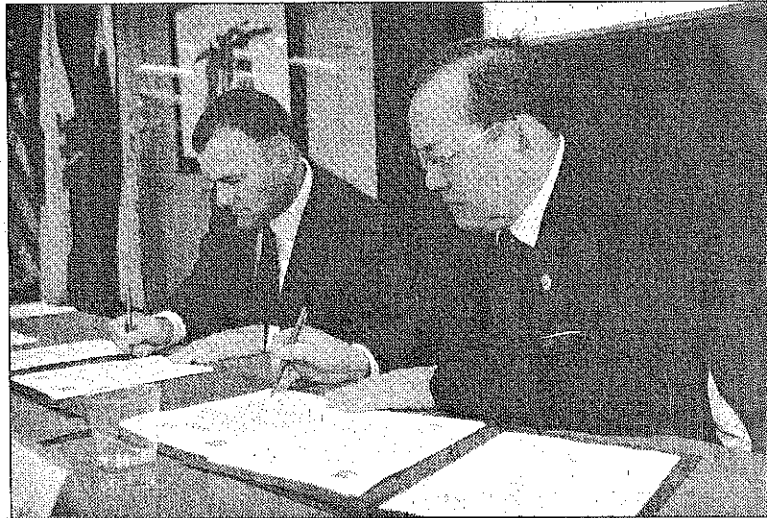
"River of Poems," is Vietnam's fourth-largest city and is located about 100 miles southwest of Ho Chi Minh City, the largest city in Vietnam, which was once known as Saigon.

Vietnam, though, does not have a good human rights record - Human Rights Watch says the communist government "sup-

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Riverside Mayor William "Rusty" Bailey and Le Hun Dung, chairman of the People's Committee of Can Tho City, sign the sister-city agreements at Riverside City Hall on Jan. 20.



KURT MILLER, FILE PHOTO

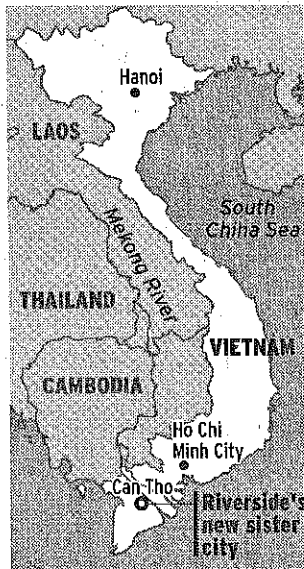
## VIETNAM

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presses virtually all forms of political dissent, using a broad array of repressive measures."

As a result, many in the Little Saigon area, the largest concentration of Vietnamese outside of Southeast Asia, steadfastly refuse to acknowledge the legitimacy of Vietnam's government and protest anyone or any organization that tries to foster a relationship with Vietnam.

"When a city does something with Vietnam, they should ask the opinion of the Vietnamese community," said Neil Nguyen, president of the Vietnamese-



STAFF GRAPHIC

American Federation of Southern California. "We need the regime in Vietnam to know they must listen to the people.

"Until they establish freedoms, (Riverside) should not do business with Can Tho."

But the Westminster letter to Riverside, as well as the potential letter from Garden Grove, may be more symbolic than effectual because the Riverside council is unlikely to let other cities dictate its policy decisions.

"I understand that (Westminster) has a different constituency from us," Riverside Mayor William "Rusty" Bailey said. "But we made this decision 10 months ago. Our international goals are to develop people-to-people and city-to-city relationships."

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# Police to honor Good Samaritans

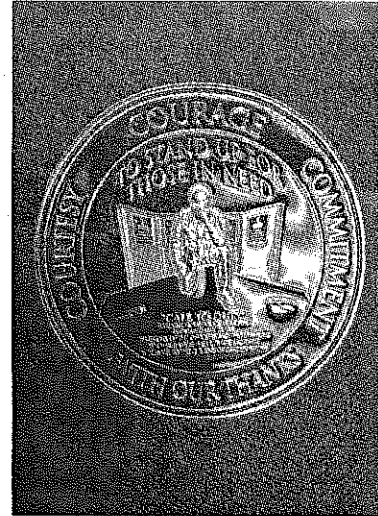
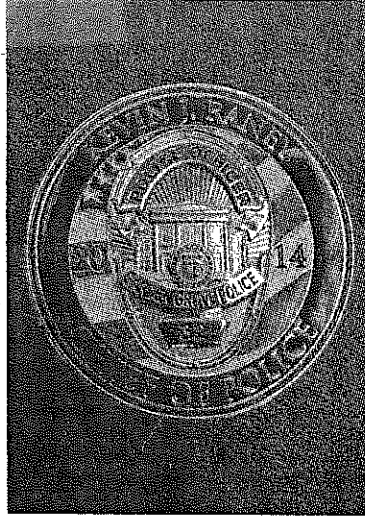
One of the honorees found a wallet with \$1,200 in it and turned it in

Since 2011, the Garden Grove Police Department has been awarding Good Samaritans in the community with a special "Chief's Coin for Merit."

On Feb. 4, retired Police Chief Kevin Raney and newly-appointed Police Chief Todd Elgin will host a recognition dinner honoring all 106 coin recipients for 2014. The dinner will take place at 6 p.m. in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Ave.

"This is the Garden Grove Police Department's way of saying 'thank you' to our community heroes who put their own safety and concerns aside to help make our community a safer and better place to live. It's a program Chief Raney began in 2011, and a tradition that I intend to continue," said Chief Elgin.

Each year, the 200-plus members of the Garden Grove Police Department are issued one coin, with instructions to award



Courtesy photos

Good Samaritans will receive the Chief's Coin for Merit at a Feb. 4 event. Pictured are the coins.

## POLICE:

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the coin to an individual demonstrating an exceptional act of kindness or heroism.

To date, the department has issued over 400 coins for a range of unselfish and courageous acts that include chasing after armed robbers, aiding accident victims, and assisting officers in undercover operations.

Honorees for 2014 will include four recipients who helped identify a suspect of a brutal stabbing

victim; a passer-by who located \$1,200 cash in a wallet and returned it; and a citizen who jumped out of her car to stop an 18-month-old child who had wandered away from her sleeping mother, from walking into traffic on a busy intersection.

"It's a unique honor that, we, as a department, have the ability to recognize our community members for what they do to assist us in our daily work. Each of them should be very proud—I know I am," said Chief Elgin.

For more information, call Lt. Bob Bogue at 714-741-5786.

# School district names new board member

**Theresa Rocco will fill the vacancy left by Bao Nguyen, who is now the GG mayor**

The Garden Grove Unified Board of Education has approved Theresa (Teri) Rocco to fill the vacancy left when Bao Nguyen was elected Mayor of Garden Grove in December.

Rocco worked for the district for 42 years before retiring in 2014.

George West, president of the board, said, "Throughout Ms. Rocco's tenure she was always committed to putting students first and helped empower parents to be advocates for their child's education. We are very happy that she is joining our board."

Rocco worked for 12 years as

an instructional aide and school community liaison; was a first grade bilingual teacher, district bilingual mentor teacher and a parent educator for 19 years; and retired after nearly 10 years as the supervisor of Parent and Community Outreach.

During her time in the Parent and Community Outreach Department, Rocco built strong relation-

## Theresa Rocco

ships with the district's diverse community of parents and more than 40 educational partners. She was also a key part in creating the district's new vision and mission statements and its first ever districtwide strategic plan.

Her intimate knowledge of the Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan gives her a unique insight that will benefit the community and the district.

After being sworn in by Garden Grove Police Department

Sgt. John Reynolds and district Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, Rocco addressed the board and the audience, "I assure you that I do not take this responsibility lightly. Thank you all so much for the opportunity to continue to live my passion!"

Pursuant to Education Code 5091, unless a petition calling for a special election is filed in the office of the county superintendent within 30 days of the appointment, this appointment shall be effective until the 2016 election.

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Courtesy photo



## College grads have shot at Senate jobs

State Sen. Janet Nguyen announced last week the availability of applications for the 2015-2016 California Senate Fellows program.

The program provides college graduates an opportunity to become full-time Senate staff members at the state Capitol in Sacramento for 11 months beginning in October 2015. Fellows are assigned to the personal or committee staff of a senator and also participate in academic seminars with senators, senior staff, journalists, lobbyists, and state government officials. The fellowship program is jointly operated by the California Senate and the Center for California Studies at Sacramento State University.

Fellows are paid a stipend of \$2,550 per month plus health, vision, and dental benefits. They also earn 6 units of graduate credit from Sacramento State University for the academic portion of the program.

"Being a Fellow provides an excellent opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the legislative process," said Nguyen. "Whether your career goals are in the public or private sector, the Senate Fellows program provides valuable training."

Former Senate Fellows include current members of Congress and the California Legislature, constitutional officers, judges, and numerous other elected officials and community leaders.

Senator Nguyen said Fellows experience the broad range of activities conducted in busy Senate offices. Responsibilities include researching public policy issues, helping develop legislative proposals, analyzing and staffing legislation, assisting with constituent inquiries and casework, participating in meetings as the Senator's representative, writing press releases and speeches, and performing other delegated

tasks. A five-week orientation at the beginning of the program provides background on state government, the legislative process, and major policy issues.

Anyone who will be at least 20 years of age and a graduate of a four-year college or university by Sept. 1, 2015, is eligible to apply. There is no preferred major, but applicants should have a demonstrated interest in state government and public policy. Individuals with advanced degrees and those in mid-career are encouraged to apply.

Applications and brochures are also available on the Senate's website (<http://sfela.senate.ca.gov/>) and the program Web site ([www.csus.edu/calst/senate](http://www.csus.edu/calst/senate)).

The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 9, 2015. Eighteen Fellows will be selected in May after an initial screening of applications and a subsequent panel interview of finalists.

## GG School District to hold resource fair

On Feb. 5, the Garden Grove Unified School District is hosting Life After High School, a resource fair for special education students, their parents and the community.

During the event, students and their parents will be provided information about post-secondary options and transitional services for adults with disabilities. Attendees are invited to come to drop in any time between 6 and 8 p.m. at Rancho Alamitos High School

(11351 Dale St. in Garden Grove.

Throughout the evening, representatives from several local agencies will present information, distribute brochures and answer questions. The following agencies will be in attendance with more to be added: North Orange County Community College District's School of Continuing Education, Goodwill, UCLA Extension, Orange County Adult Achievement Center and Elwyn California.

Parents and students will also be provided information about requirements to receive a high school diploma or certificate of completion and coursework needed for college admission.

Interpretation will be available in Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean. Childcare will be available for children ages two through 10.

For more information, call the Parent and Community Outreach Office at 714-663-6084.

# GG girl tries out for Pageant of the Masters

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Nine-year-old Emily Priscilla has already started making her own YouTube videos

By Loreen Berlin

The Pageant of the Masters has completed its annual interviewing/tryouts this month, even though the production doesn't take place until July.

Emily Priscilla, 9, from Garden Grove was one of those who attended the tryouts and was measured, with a hopeful eye to being chosen for a part in this year's pageant, themed "The Pursuit of Happiness."

"I like art, so I decided to try out this year," said Emily. "I've started making my own YouTube videos and have my own YouTube channel about beauty; it's instructional beauty videos."

By the evening's end, 1,229 people had turned out for the interview and everyone associated with the production understands the pageant wouldn't be possible without that spirit of the volunteer's dedication.

Each week, as the pageant production crew creates a new set (life-sized picture) for the pageant, they then look through the pictures and measurements they took of each person trying out, to see which person or persons best fits that scene.

Director of Marketing and Public Relations Sharbie Higuchi said rehearsals begin in February on Thursday evenings where two-to-three sets are rehearsed through the month of June.

"The youngest person to participate thus far was a 4-year-old child and the most "senior" person to volunteer was an 80-plus-year person," said Higuchi.

People of all sizes and ages are needed for cast members in the tableaux vivants and all volunteers are measured and photographed, then enjoy refreshments and meet the behind-the-scenes pageant staff.

No theater experience is necessary. The only requirement is the ability to stand still and have fun.

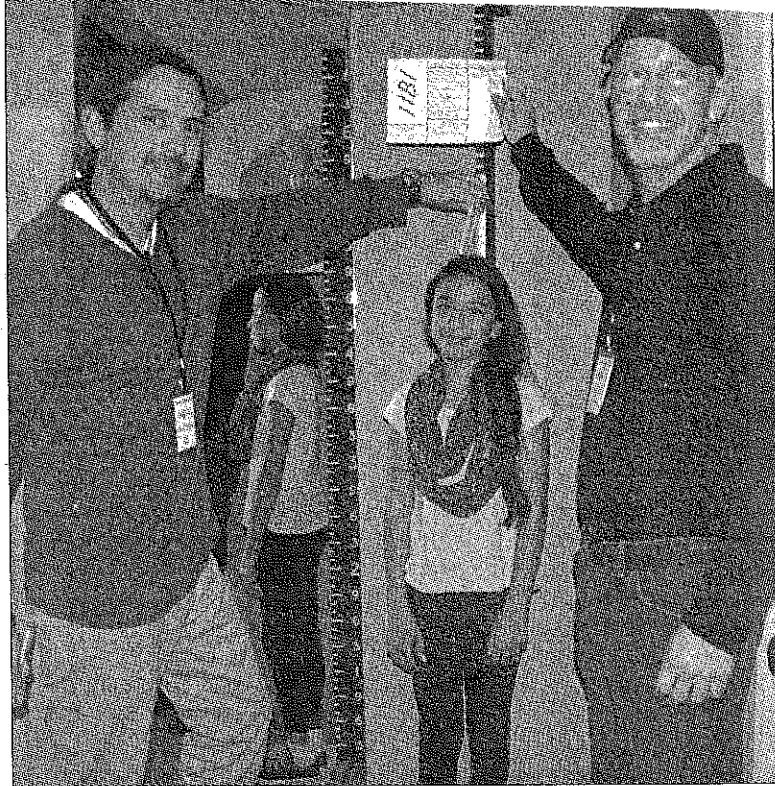


Photo by Loreen Berlin

Emily Priscilla (center), from Garden Grove, is measured for a possible part in the up-coming annual Pageant of the Masters. Doing the measuring from left are Pageant of the Masters Master Carpenter David Talbot and Scenic Artistic Director David Rymar.

"More than 500 volunteers both onstage and behind-the-scenes, are needed to produce the show," said Pageant Director Diane Challis Davy.

Pageant volunteers are also used in the wardrobe, make up, and headress departments as well as cast area coordinators and refreshment servers, along with other positions and students can earn credit toward community service requirements.

Challis-Davy is serious about her continued devotion to the daunting logistics of putting on the pageant, with its two casts of hundreds of volunteers, the orchestra, a narrator and a crew of backstage artists and technicians, which makes the Pageant of the Masters every bit as complex as a big-budget movie shoot, with

the biggest difference being that a movie only has to get a shot right once.

"What are movies but a series of still pictures," Challis-Davy said. "The pageant is a series of still (but living) pictures."

"In a way, these tableaux vivants were the original 'freeze frames,'" said longtime pageant scriptwriter Dan Duling. "The pageant's combination of art and theater alters the way we look at art and looking at masterpieces through the viewfinder of motion pictures provides a fascinating view."

"I'm fortunate to be surrounded by people who love the hard work it takes to produce a very elaborate show," said Challis-Davy. "I get inspiration from the scriptwriter, staff, composers, and from the scores of enthusiastic research-volunteers who come up with great suggestions."



Photo by Loreen Berlin

Members of the Garden Grove Senior Center gather for a fun picture during the recent Pajama Party at H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 1300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

## Local seniors party down in pajamas

### H. Louis Lake Senior Center holds fun event; many more planned

By Loreen Berlin

Seniors have a lot of activities to look forward to at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center in Garden Grove.

To start the year off, seniors were invited to wear their pajamas to a "PJ" party recently held at the center, where staff joined in, wearing their finest sleepwear too.

"We have lots of things coming up," said Recreation and Human Services Coordinator Juan Medina, with the Garden Grove Community Services Department. "Thursday, Jan. 29, is our Super Bowl party and our Valentine's Day Party is Wednesday, Feb. 11."

The Valentine Party is free at

10 a.m. and costs \$10. The party goes from 6 to 10 p.m., where there will be dancing, food and entertainment by the live band, The Serenaders.

"We try to keep the seniors active," said Medina, "And we offer a transportation program for those Garden Grove residents who can't drive any longer."

Also, there's a Saint Patrick's Day Party planned for Tuesday, March 17, where entertainment is a "One-man band," and Easter is next on the docket, which will include an Easter Bunny for picture-taking in a specially-decorated location, which has been taking place for more nearly 25 years.

Last week's event was attended by nearly 100 seniors, ranging in

age from 50 to 94, who seemed to be having fun playing Wii games; Family Feud, Pictionary and Bingo directed by staff Office Assistant Brianna Moore and Activity Coordinator Lori Ochoa.

There was a raffle, with \$5 gift cards, Subway gift cards and there were appetizers, pizza bites, chips and dips, Danish and hot chocolate.

Dances are held once a month, on special occasions such as Mother's Day and other holiday events, according to Medina. "But every Wednesday is dance time from 10 a.m. to noon," he said.

For information about H. Louis Lake Senior Center, call 714-741-5253 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



# 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](mailto: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 storytime

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

## Business smashed

Last week, Garden Grove police officers were sent to the 10900 block of Garden Grove Blvd., where BJ's Discount Plumbing stands, regarding a burglary alarm activation.

Officers arrived and located a white 2001 white Lexus IS300 4-door that had crashed into the building. The building sustained major damage. The driver and passenger fled on foot from the vehicle. Another officer located the driver a short distance away and a short foot pursuit took place.

The driver was taken into custody.

The driver was taken to Garden Grove Medical Center because of a laceration from the crash. The passenger was not found. The driver was charged with misdemeanor DUI/Hit-and-Run. No booking photo of the suspect was obtained.

### Rotary Club to meet

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

### GG Kiwanis to meet

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR  
AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

On Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Successor Agency) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33431, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer) pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the Successor Agency and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

All interested persons or organizations may attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments on the proposed Transfer prior to the meeting. Please submit any written comments to the Garden Grove City Clerk, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California, 92642-3070. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public Hearing will be given to the Successor Agency prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the Successor Agency at the time of the meeting.

If you challenge the action taken at this Public Hearing, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written comments delivered to the City Clerk's Office prior to or at the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at (714) 741 5040. Notification by Noon on Thursday, February 5, 2015, will enable reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Further information regarding the proposed Transfer may be obtained by contacting Jim DellaLonga, Senior Project Manager, at (714) 741-5788.

Kathleen Bailor, CMC  
Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
On Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The Oversight

LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CITY HALL THIRD FLOOR TRAINING ROOM AT 11222 ACACIA PARKWAY, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE \* INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., FEBRUARY 12, 2015

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-029-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing restaurant, Submarine Crab, with a State Alcoholic Beverage (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The site is at 10130 Garden Grove Boulevard, #129 in the GGMU1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-030-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to upgrade an existing Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License to a new ABC Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Public Eating Place) License for an existing restaurant, Doug's Downtown Grill. The site is at 12900 Main Street in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on February 12, 2015. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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Board to The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Oversight Board) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34181(f), at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer), pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choussier Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

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# Supervisor election too close to call

Lou Correa holds a narrow lead over Andrew Do in race to replace Janet Nguyen.

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF  
STAFF WRITER

A tightly contested race to replace Janet Nguyen on the Orange County Board of Supervisors was too close to call late Tuesday night, with just a few hundred votes separating the top two candidates.

Former state Sen. Lou Correa was leading Andrew Do after 35,288 absentee ballots were counted. But each candidate said they were awaiting the results from Tuesday's polling stations and last-minute absentee ballots.

"I believe in the end, we will pull through," Do told supporters at Azteca Mexican restaurant in Garden Grove, where Nguyen introduced him as "a friend and someone for who I believe the numbers look positive."

"It's going to take a while for this all to work itself out over the next few days," Do said.

Correa told supporters gathered at his campaign office in Garden Grove that the results show people believe in him, but he's not ready to accept victory until every vote is counted.

"The early results are promising," Correa said as he headed to a party at the Orange County Employees Association. "I believe the respectful thing to do, the right thing to do is wait until each and every vote is counted before I declare victory or something other

than victory."

Correa has been a major player in Orange County politics since he was elected to the state Assembly in 1998. He won the 1st District board seat in 2004, but he resigned in 2006 after being elected to the state Senate. He was easily re-elected in 2010, then announced his bid for his old supervisor seat after term limits prevented him from seeking another Senate term.

Do, a lawyer with the firm FitzGerald, Yap & Kreditor and a former Orange County deputy district attorney, was elected to the Garden Grove City Council in 2008 but resigned in 2011, one year after resigning as Nguyen's chief of staff (he was rehired last year.)

Yet Do, a political novice compared to Correa, enjoyed wide support from established Republicans who helped propel his former boss to the state Senate.

Nguyen - who was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2007 in a tight race that led to a recount and judicial review - campaigned for Do and rehired him as her chief of staff about six months before he began his bid for her seat.

She was the first Vietnamese American supervisor and is the first Vietnamese American elected to the state Senate. Her popularity combined with the tendency of Vietnamese American voters to support Vietnamese American candidates led some political experts to predict trouble for Correa.

But along with longtime name recognition, Correa had a financial advantage. Backed by labor unions, he raised nearly \$80,000 in six

## Preliminary election results

With 21 of 101 precincts and 35,536 absentee ballots counted, here are top three vote-getters:

**Lou Correa:** 14,042 votes, 39.1 percent

**Andrew Do:** 13,722 votes, 38.2 percent

**Chris Phan:** 5,938 votes, 16.5 percent

weeks - including \$13,000 just on Monday - and had nearly \$200,000 left over from his state Senate bids.

Meanwhile, Do raised \$66,574, but he spent much more. Campaign-finance forms show about \$123,000 in unpaid campaign bills.

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Andrew Do, with his wife, Cheri Pham, speaks Tuesday night at an election party at Azteca Restaurant in Garden Grove.



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Lou Correa greets supporters at an election party in Westminster on Tuesday night.

# Mother sentenced in 2009 stabbings

## Garden Grove woman's daughters were ages 5 and 3.

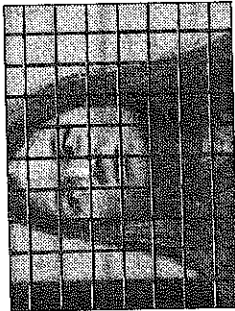
BY SEAN EMERY  
STAFF WRITER

A Garden Grove mother who stabbed her two young daughters five years ago with a kitchen knife was sentenced Friday to 11 years to life in prison.

Thuy Thi Le made an emotional plea for forgiveness in the Santa Ana courtroom of Judge Marc Kelly, reading a hand-written statement in which she apologized to her children and her family.

"I'm so deeply sorry for everyone. Please find it in your hearts somehow to forgive me," Le said. "There are no words to express how much I love my children."

On Sept. 15, 2009, Le used a kitchen knife to stab then-5-year-old Rhiana in



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**Thuy Thi Le was sentenced to 11 years to life in prison.**

the chest, nicking her heart. She also stabbed her daughter Jobeth, then 3, in the chest, but missed her major organs.

Both children were taken to UCI Medical Center, where Rhiana underwent open heart surgery. The quick actions of a police officer who responded to the home likely saved her life.

Deputy Public Defender Adam Vining claimed that Le was suffering from a psychotic disorder at the time of the attack, which the attorney said was brought on by the loss of her home and her business, along with the death of her grandmother.

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# Voters decide Janet Nguyen's successor

## Election today will fill vacancy in county board's 1st District.

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF  
STAFF WRITER

Residents in the county's 1st Supervisorial District have until 8 p.m. today to vote for who will replace former Supervisor Janet Nguyen.

Polls open at 7 a.m. for the special election, which was scheduled after Nguyen was elected to the state Senate in November and vacated her supervisor seat.

Lou Correa, 57, the state senator termed out of the seat Nguyen won, is seeking

election, as is Andrew Do, 51, Nguyen's former chief of staff; Garden Grove City Councilman Chris Phan, 41; Lupe Morfin-Moreno, 57, an office specialist and anti-illegal immigration activist; and Chuyen Van Nguyen, 65, an anchor for VNA-TV.

County election officials expect 75 to 80 percent of voters will vote by mail. The district includes the cities of Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley and parts of Santa Ana.

About 31,000 ballots had been received by Friday. That included 23 percent of the district's total number of mail-in voters and 14 percent of the total number of registered voters.

Ballots can be dropped off at polling stations today.

## To vote

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters can deliver mail ballots to any polling place by 8 p.m. Tuesday. For more information: [ocvote.com](http://ocvote.com)

(Find them online at [ocvote.com](http://ocvote.com).) Jan. 12 was the last day to register to vote.

Despite a short campaign window for the five-way race, Do has raised \$66,574, with \$37,324 in the last two weeks. He has about \$123,000 in unpaid campaign bills.

Correa has raised nearly \$65,000 in the last six weeks and has nearly \$200,000 left over from his state Senate bids.

Phan has raised \$34,000 and lent himself \$35,000. Van Nguyen has loaned himself \$7,000, and Morfin-Moreno has raised and donated nothing.

An analysis by Political Data Inc. of absentee ballots already submitted has prompted some Orange County political watchers to predict that ethnicity could trump campaign money as a get-out-the-vote factor.

More residents of Vietnamese heritage have voted than residents of any other ethnicity, and they're outpacing Latino voters nearly 3-to-1. Vietnamese voters traditionally strongly support Vietnamese candidates.

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# Ethnicity trumps money in 1st District

Vietnamese are voting earlier in supervisor race than Latinos, data show.

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF  
STAFF WRITER

A tradition of racial allegiance and a strong showing by Vietnamese voters in ballots already cast in Tuesday's election could put ethnicity ahead of campaign money in the race to become the newest member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

More residents of Vietnamese heritage have voted than residents of any other ethnicity in the battle to fill the 1st District seat, and they're outpacing Latino voters nearly 3-to-1, according to data compiled by Political Data Inc.

"The Vietnamese vote by mail, they vote a lot and they vote ethnic," said Fred Smoller, an associate professor of political science at Chapman University. "Even with all the money, I don't think that's going to change their minds."

Paul Mitchell, vice president of Political Data Inc., declined to predict who will win, but he and other experts acknowledge a tradition of Vietnamese voters strongly supporting Vietnamese candidates.

And if tradition stands, that may be a problem for former state Sen. Lou Correa, a Democrat who has more campaign money than any other candidate but could be troubled by not only the lack of Latino voters but an already small showing by Democrats.

Although Democrats make up 47 percent of the county's absentee voters, they've submitted just 37 percent of the ballots cast so far.

Meanwhile, the ballots of Asian American voters, who make up 24 percent of the district's registered voters and 29 percent of mail-in voters, account for 46 percent of the ballots sent for the 1st District seat.

"All those things suggest a Vietnamese victory," Smoller said.

Correa resigned from the same seat in 2006 after being elected to the state Senate. He would return to a changed district, where the powerful Vietnamese voting block has grown and Latino residents have shown increasing reluctance to vote in the same numbers. They had the lowest turnout in the 34th District state Senate race in which Janet Nguyen defeated Jose Solorio to become the first Vietnamese American elected to the California state Senate.

Vietnamese Americans' ballots outnumbered those from Latinos by more than 2-to-1, though the district has 20 percent more Latino voters than Vietnamese American voters.

History appears to be repeating itself, according to Political Data, but Correa told the Register he isn't concerned.

"I don't campaign based on any specific group," Correa said. "I work on retail politics, which means one vote at a time, irrespective of what you look like, irrespective of your age."

Correa, 57, also must counter the momentum from Nguyen's November success. Nguyen has endorsed and campaigned for Andrew Do, 51, a former Garden Grove city councilman and her chief of staff on two occasions when she was 1st District supervisor.

Other candidates include Chris Phan, a 41-year-old Republican who was elected to the Garden Grove City Council in 2012, Chuyen Van Nguyen, 65, an anchor for VNA-TV, and Lupe Morfin-Moreno, 57, an office specialist with Orange County Health Care Agency and longtime anti-immigration advocate.

But one expert who studies Asian American politics cites a key attribute Do has that the others don't: wide support from a diverse group of established politicians. It's what boosted Nguyen to the state Senate, and it's what could set Do apart in a district considered one of the nation's most mature in terms of Vietnamese American politics.

"If you were a candidate who said, 'Well, I need to get the Vietnamese American vote,' - That's the old way," said James Lai, a professor of ethnic studies and political science at Santa Clara University. "You have to figure out how to win these big elections, and you can't do it by focusing on your own communities."

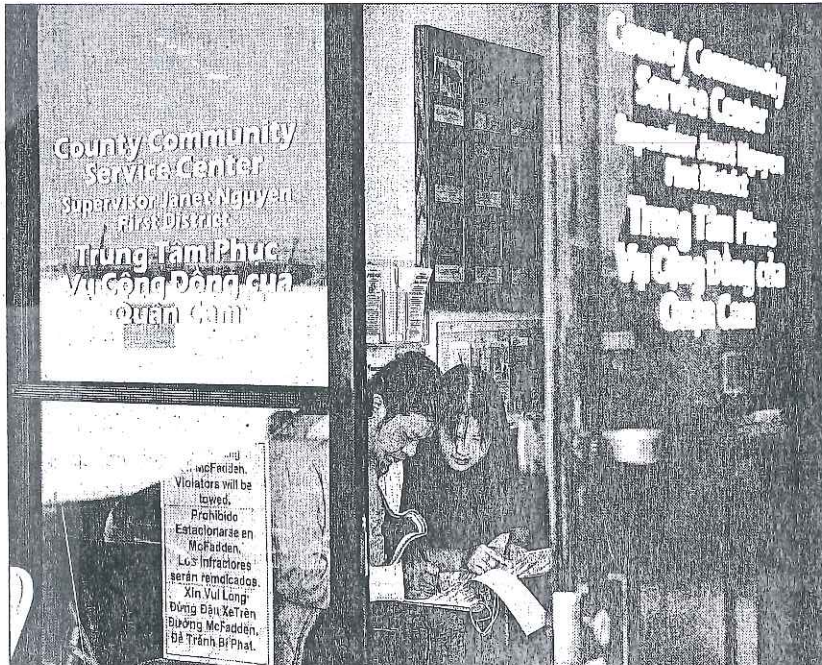
Nguyen built a much broader support network to win the state Senate seat, and she's introduced Do as her protege. He served as her chief of staff from 2007 to 2010, and he owned Lee's Sandwiches in Stanton with her husband, Tom Bonikowski, before he bought the entire business, selling it in 2012. He was elected to the Garden Grove City Council in 2008 and resigned in 2011.

News reports at the time cited problems with the sandwich shop, but Do told the Register his life had become too hectic since his wife was appointed to a Superior Court judgeship. He said he sold the sandwich shop in 2012 because he wanted to return to law.

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# VOTING: Janet Nguyen's popularity a factor in the race



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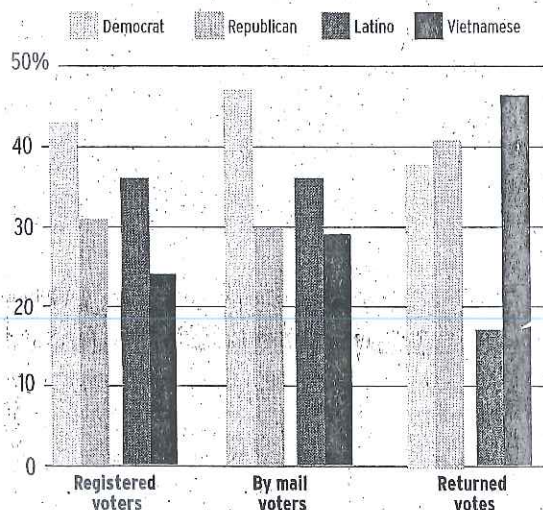
A County Community Service Center that opened in Westminster while Janet Nguyen was on the Board of Supervisors has become a focal point in the election.

## Did you know?

- The last special election for the 1st District Board of Supervisors was in 2007, when Janet Nguyen became the first Vietnamese American supervisor by beating opponent Trung Nguyen by just three votes.
- The county has five supervisorial districts, and supervisors control a \$5.4 billion budget and oversee county departments like the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office and Health Care Agency.
- Each receives \$145,000 annual salary, \$9,180 car allowance, health and retirement benefits, and a budget for a full staff.

## Vietnamese strong

Despite a financially strong campaign, State Sen. Lou Correa (D), could be troubled by not only the lack of Latino voters, but a small showing by Democrats and a strong Vietnamese turnout.



Note: Data experts analyzed the approximately 31,000 absentee ballots that the Orange County Registrar of Voters has received for Tuesday's election.

Source: Political Data Inc.

STAFF GRAPHIC

weeks and also has nearly \$200,000 left over from his state Senate bids.



Correa

Meanwhile, Phan, who took a leave of absence from his job with the Orange County District Attorney's Office to pursue his campaign, has lent himself \$35,000 and raised nearly \$34,000. He has no unpaid bills and told the Registrar he's relying on door-to-door campaigning.



Do

"I'm just going to walk until the very last, bitter hour," Phan said.



Morfin-Moreno

Morfin-Moreno has raised no money. Van Nguyen has lent himself \$7,000 and reported no donations, though he hasn't filed the latest forms as required. Registrar officials say they've sent him a letter asking him to do so.



Phan

Registrar Neal Kelley said Friday he expects 75 to 80 percent of voters will cast mail ballots. As of last week, 21,824 mail ballots had been returned to the Registrar of Voters office.



Chuyen Van Nguyen

The district, which includes more than 600,000 residents, takes in Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley and parts of Santa Ana. The area, Lai said, can sustain multiple minority candidates and still elect one, where as years ago they may have crossed each other out.

vote on the Board of Supervisors," Nguyen wrote in an email to the Registrar. "Any attempt to tamper with the staffing of this office, especially while the First District does not have a County Supervisor to speak for it, should raise a red flag."

Pasco said county officials have no plans to close the office. The lease doesn't end until 2017.

"That's a door they've just recently been able to enter," Lai said.

Nguyen's popularity in

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# Car plows into Garden Grove plumbing store, driver accused of DUI

BY ALYSSA DURANTY  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • A 25-year-old man was arrested early Friday morning after he crashed into a plumbing business, said police, who believed he was intoxicated.

Pablo Hernandez Rodriguez, of Santa Ana, was driving with a male passenger around 3 a.m. on Garden Grove Boulevard when he swerved and smashed into BJ Discount Plumbing Fixtures, 10912 Garden Grove Blvd., police said.

Both men exited the 2001 white, four-door Lexus IS300 while the business's alarm was blaring and attempted to flee, Garden Grove police Sgt. Carl Whitney said.

Officers were able to catch up to Rodriguez, who was bleeding from a cut on his head, but the male passenger vanished.

Rodriguez was taken to Garden Grove Hospital Medical Center and was arrested when he was medically cleared, Whitney said.

Investigators suspect Rodri-

guez was under the influence of alcohol and possibly drugs, and he was booked on suspicion of driving under the influence and hit-and-run.

Police said the owner of the plumbing store was upset after the incident, and fire inspectors said the crash caused major structural damage.

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ing into another vehicle as he fled, authorities said.

When Garden Grove police tried to pull over a white Chevy Tahoe at 12:42 p.m. in the area of Buena Street and Westminster Avenue, the motorist fled, Lt. Chris Lawton said.

He turned right onto Harbor Boulevard and sped for about 3 miles on the thoroughfare at speeds up to 75 mph until crashing in to a white sport utility vehicle that was turning onto Chapman Avenue, Lawton said.

Three people in that vehicle - a 48-year-old woman who was driving, her 18-year-old son and her son's 16-year-old friend - were taken to UCI Medical Center for treatment of what were described as minor injuries, he said.

The 19-year-old in the Tahoe, Rozzalle Hellens of Garden Grove, was taken into custody, Lawton said; a 16-year-old passenger was not.



KEVIN WARN, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

A man was hospitalized after crashing a car into BJ Discount Plumbing Fixtures in Garden Grove on Friday, police said.

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## Garden Grove driver arrested after pursuit

**GARDEN GROVE** • A 19-year-old driver was arrested on suspicion of felony evading the police and drunken driving Friday after crash-

Register  
Jan. 24, 2015

## GARDEN GROVE

**Resource fair:** The Garden Grove Unified School District's Life After High School resource fair for special-education students is from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 5 at Rancho Alamitos High School, 11351 Dale St. Students and parents will receive information about post-secondary options and transitional services that assist adults with disabilities. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**  
[chaire@ocregister.com](mailto:chaire@ocregister.com)

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Science experiment:** The children's librarian for the Garden Grove Regional Library is hosting a science experiment from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Friday for kids in kindergarten through third-grade. Science Saturdays have been held once a month since December 2013. Information: 714-530-0711  
**Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**  
[chaire@ocregister.com](mailto:chaire@ocregister.com)

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Board appointment:** The Garden Grove Unified School District's Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Teri Rocco, a former district educator, to fill the open board seat created when Bao Nguyen was elected Garden Grove's mayor. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**  
[chaire@ocregister.com](mailto:chaire@ocregister.com)

Register  
Jan. 27, 2015

## GARDEN GROVE

**Movie day:** The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be screening "And so it Goes" at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 12 in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. The film stars Michael Douglas and Diane Keaton. The screening is free, and snacks will be served. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**  
[chaire@ocregister.com](mailto:chaire@ocregister.com)

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Jan. 28, 2015

## GARDEN GROVE

**Bullying meeting:** The Garden Grove Unified School District is holding a community outreach meeting from 6 to 8 tonight at Pacifica High School, 6851 Lampson Ave., to teach parents how to identify the signs of both "old-fashioned" bullying and the increasing problem of cyberbullying. Information: 714-663-6084. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**Traffic lights:** The City Council Tuesday approved an agreement with Santa Ana, Fountain Valley and Costa Mesa to synchronize the traffic signals along Harbor Boulevard, from Chapman Avenue in Garden Grove to Newport Boulevard in Costa Mesa. The city of Garden Grove will pay \$436,575. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**  
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Jan. 29, 2015



# Harbor Boulevard targeted for construction

Improvements are expected to be made through September

The beautification of Harbor Boulevard, one of the biggest thoroughfares in Orange County and home to many businesses in Garden Grove, continues.

Harbor Boulevard, from Garden Grove Boulevard to Chapman Avenue, is undergoing construction that will continue through September.

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 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Through-traffic is encouraged to use alternate routes.

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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, contact Digna de los Reyes in the Public Works Department at 714-741-5179.

Orange County News  
Jan. 23, 2015

## New mayor to deliver State of City Address

Bao Nguyen will touch on business, education, other topics

There's a new sheriff in town. Make that... mayor. And he's got some things to say.

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, Jan. 28.

The event, hosted by the Gar-

den Grove Chamber of Commerce, takes place from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, at 11767 Harbor Blvd.

Tickets were \$40 per person through Tuesday, Jan. 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 engage-

ment, 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).

# Local named Miss Orange Coast

Orange County News  
Jan. 23, 2015

**Bree Morse will go on to compete in the Miss California Pageant**

By **Loreen Berlin**

Garden Grove resident Bree Morse, 24, has been named "Miss Orange Coast 2015."

This follows her 2014 title as "Miss Orange County," by way of also having being crowned "Miss Garden Grove" a few years back.

This is the fifth year this crown and title have been awarded. The pageant is the official preliminary to the Miss California and Miss America Organizations, according to Executive Director Connie Benson.

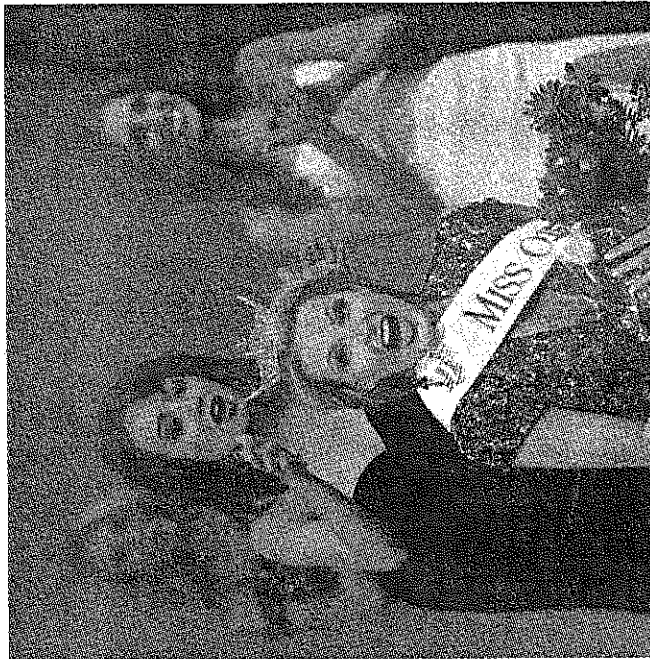
In June, Morse will compete in Fresno for the title of "Miss California" and be eligible for college scholarships if selected as a winner or runner up.

In 2010, Morse graduated from Pacifica High in Garden Grove and was named Miss Garden Grove in 2012; she also served as Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen in 2009-2010.

Areas of competition for all pageants under the Miss America program include a private interview, on-stage questions, talent, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit and evening gown.

Morse's talent is dance. Her platform is: "Service for Sight" and she currently works with the Blind Children's Center of Long Beach and hopes to become further involved with the Blind Children's Center of Orange County.

Morse is a 2014 Cal State Long Beach graduate with a bachelor of science in business marketing and has been a member of the



Photos by Aaron Jacoby

**Surprise! Above left, Bree Morse's crowning moment as Miss Orange Coast 2015. Above right, Morse and her sister titleholder Caylynn Simonson, Miss Orange County 2015, share a moment.**

National Society of Collegiate Scholars and a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, of which she was president.

Along with her already busy schedule, Morse has been employed as a file clerk at Perkowitz + Ruth Architects.

Competing for the title of "Miss Orange County" along with Morse were 13 other "Misses."

"She's worked really hard to get into shape physically and mentally, reading current events for the on-stage portion of the competition, which is the toughest area for Bree, but she has improved over the years, learning to make short and sweet statements," said her mother Debbie Morse. "The judges take a lot of questions from the current events. We, as her parents are

and won the title."

After winning that title, she took a year off and then competed for the Miss Garden Grove title in 2011 but didn't win, she said.

Competing in 2012, she became Miss Garden Grove.

"I saw all of the fun things the Miss Garden Grove organization does and wanted to see what it could do for me from a social aspect and for the scholarship," Morse said.

According to Morse, the Miss Garden Grove pageant is part of the Miss America organization under that umbrella and Miss America is the number one provider of scholarships to young ladies throughout the world.

"When you win the Miss Teen and Miss Garden Grove scholarship, it's for books or tuition,"

she said.

"The interview is basically like a job interview because you're interviewing for the position of Miss California," Morse explained. "I'm not nervous but I loved what I got to do as Miss Garden Grove and other titles."

The Miss California Pageant is for young unmarried women, as a preliminary to the Miss America contest.

The Miss California competition is the pageant that selects the representative for the state of California in the Miss America pageant.

Delegates from the states of California, Ohio and Oklahoma have each won the title of Miss America six times, more than any of the other states.



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Community Services Director

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT HEART OF MAYOR'S VISION FOR 2015**

Speaking before a sell-out crowd of 400 attendees at today's State of the City luncheon, Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen pointed to community engagement as the fundamental principle and driving force guiding the City's future direction.

"This City Council believes that community engagement is at the heart of what needs to happen to move this city forward," said Mayor Nguyen. He adds, "Informing and educating the community of the policy direction of the City Council and consulting the community as part of a process to develop government policy, are just a couple of ways to build community awareness and understanding."

Mayor Nguyen expressed plans to work with local businesses and neighborhoods to identify needs and provide resources, saying, "We can't assume success, until we know it's a success for everyone."

Providing an update on the City's financial climate from 2014, the Mayor noted the county's unemployment rate at just under 5 percent, as the lowest percentage since 2008. The Mayor pointed to the struggles facing many young families searching for housing in Orange County and discussed how Garden Grove provides a "clear advantage for young, first-time homebuyers...offering larger yards and more square footage than many South County cities."

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The Mayor also reported on the City's healthy state of building construction, emphasizing that \$126.4 million in valued construction permits issued by the City last year represented a 127 percent increase over the year prior.

"Education and investment in our youth are two things that are very near and dear to my heart," expressed Mayor Nguyen, as he invited his former colleague and personal friend, Garden Grove Unified School District Board President Dr. George West to the podium to speak about the state of the GGUSD. The Mayor followed up by announcing a new marketing campaign between the City and the GGUSD to promote the quality of local schools and the affordability of housing, specifically to young professionals.

Prior to the Mayor's speech, Kim Schaefer, CEO of Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. made a presentation on the progress of the City's most anticipated development, the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California. The City's GG-TV3 news team presented a short video on Re:Imagine Garden Grove – A Downtown Open Streets Event that took place last October. The event was hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.

The video, along with the Mayor's complete speech can be accessed via the City's website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us).

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## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

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Liên lạc: Juan Medina (714) 741-5253  
Thuộc Ban Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng

Thứ Tư, 28/1/2015

### **TIỆC 'SWEETHEART DANCE' CHO QUÝ CAO NIÊN TRONG CỘNG ĐỒNG**

Mời quý cao niên trong cộng đồng đến tham dự buổi dạ vũ hàng năm

'Sweetheart Dance' tại trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center vào ngày Thứ Sáu,  
13 tháng 2 từ 6:00 giờ chiều đến 10:00 giờ tối, tại địa chỉ 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Vé để tham dự buổi dạ tiệc 'Sweetheart Dance' là \$10 và cần mua trước. Vé  
bao gồm luôn phần ẩm thực và tiệc khiêu vũ với ban nhạc Serenaders Band. Vé  
hiện có bán tại trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center. Ngày cuối để mua vé là Thứ  
Tư, 11 tháng 2, 2015.

Để biết thêm chi tiết và liên lạc mua vé, xin gọi cho Trung tâm H. Louis Lake  
Senior Center tại số (714) 741-5253.

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Community Services Coordinator

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE'S SENIOR CENTER HOSTS SWEETHEART DANCE**

Senior sweethearts are invited to attend a romantic night at the annual Sweetheart Dance hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. The event is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Friday, February 13, 2015.

Cost of admission is \$10, pre-sale only. Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, February 11, 2015. Cost includes dancing, entertainment provided by the "Serenaders," and dinner with beverages.

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

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Community Services Coordinator

Monday, January 26, 2015

**SENIOR CENTER HOSTS FREE MOVIE**

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a free movie day on Thursday, February 12, 2015 starting at 9:30 a.m., in the Community Meeting Center A Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

All seniors are invited to enjoy munchies and the movie "And So It Goes," starring Diane Keaton and Michael Douglas.

For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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**Tiệc 'Sweetheart Dance' Cho Quý Cao Niên**

29/01/2015 00:00:00

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Để biết thêm chi tiết và liên lạc mua vé, xin gọi cho Trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center tại số (714) 741-5253.

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**Garden Grove: 2 Trụ Đèn Mới Đề Tặng, Dựng ở sân Bóng Rổ**

29/01/2015 00:00:00

GARDEN GROVE (VB) -- Một sân bóng rổ công cộng không được thắp sáng ở công viên Magnolia tại thành phố Garden Grove bây giờ đã được chiếu sáng để chơi ban đêm, nhờ nỗ lực chung của một mục sư, một hội bất vụ lợi và một doanh nhân Quận Cam.



Hình ảnh trong lễ đón nhận 2 trụ đèn.







Hình ảnh trong lễ đón nhận 2 trụ đèn.

Nỗ lực chung của Mục sư Sam Barela (nhà thờ Calvary Chapel North Grove; David Atwood, sáng lập công ty Building Blocks for Hope, Inc., và Nate Goldblum, một quản trị viên của hệ thống bán lẻ của công ty Walters Wholesale Electric, được ca ngợi hôm Thứ Ba 27-1-2015.

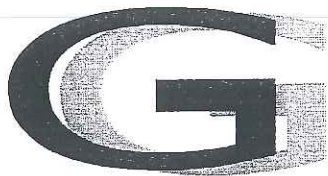
Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn và Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove đã chính thức đón nhận hai trụ đèn cao 20 feet (6.1 mét) do 3 người trên hiến tặng thành phố, và sân bóng rổ này cũng đã có vệ đường mới và sơn sọc ở Magnolia Park, địa chỉ 11402 Magnolia Street.

Từ nhiều năm nay, thanh thiếu niên chơi bóng rổ ở đây vào ban đêm phải tụ mang theo đèn pin.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**January 29, 2015**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Cancellation notice for the February 5, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.
3. CA Cities Advocates dated January 23 and 27, 2015.



**GARDEN GROVE**

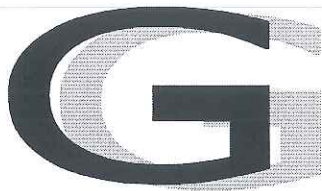
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 4, 2015 – February 25, 2015

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Wednesday	February 4	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	"Chief's Coin for Merit" Banquet hosted by the Garden Grove Police Department Community Meeting Center, AB Room
Thursday	February 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	February 6		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	February 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber 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
Friday	February 13	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Sweetheart Dance hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Community Meeting Center
Friday- Sunday	February 13- February 15		Hearts for the Arts presents "City of Angels" Gem Theater
Saturday	February 14	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Thursday	February 19		Casual Day – Valentine's Day Theme (Wear Red or Pink Shirts)
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	February 20		City Hall Closed
Friday- Sunday	February 20- February 22		Garden Grove Tet Festival 2015 - Year of the Goat Garden Grove Park, 9301 Westminster Ave.
Tuesday	February 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	February 25	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber





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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2015**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

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GARY LAZENBY  
CHAIR

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## Significant Changes Made to Ballot Initiative Process

Reforming the state's initiative process has long been a hot discussion topic in Sacramento. [SB 1253](#), authored by former Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento) and signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown in September 2014, enacts several changes to the system. These changes include increased transparency of ballot measure campaign contributions, increased access and more voter-friendly explanations of ballot measures, legislative review modifications, and an avenue to identify flaws or errors in proposed initiative language. *For more, see Page 2.*



## Registration Opens for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Workshops

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has opened [registration](#) for six workshops for cities interested in competing for \$120 million in Cap-and-Trade funding through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program. *For more, see Page 3.*



## List Identifies Disadvantaged Communities

CalEPA has produced a [list of "disadvantaged communities"](#) based upon the tool known as CalEnviroScreen. *For more, see Page 4.*



Prior to the passage of SB 1253, the most recent major change to the process was made in 2011 when the Governor signed SB 202 (Pavley, Statutes of 2011, Chapter 558). That law provides for initiative measures to only appear on statewide general election ballots.

The most fundamental change of SB 1253 is the earlier legislative review. Under the prior system, the Legislature could not hold initiative measure committee hearings until the measure had qualified for the election ballot. Upon qualification, the Legislature was required to hold joint public hearings on the proposed measure before it was voted on during the election.

SB 1253 changed this process significantly. Under SB 1253, once a proposed measure garners 25 percent of the required number of signatures for qualification, the Secretary of State (SOS) will send the proposal to the Legislature to begin the committee hearing process. Similar to the previous system, the Legislature is still required to hold joint committee hearings on the measure. However, the Legislature must now hold these hearings no later than 131 days prior to the date of the election the measure is set to be voted on. This change no longer allows the Legislature to wait until right before an election to hold a hearing — possibly giving measure proponents/opponents more time to sway public opinion based on the outcome of the legislative hearings.

Ballot measure efforts have started ramping up with the 2016 general and presidential election on the horizon. Measures have been or will be introduced ranging from legalizing recreational marijuana to overturning the recent statewide plastic bag ban. The reforms of SB 1253, and its impacts on voter behavior, remain unclear and will undoubtedly be carefully monitored as the 2016 election season comes closer.

#### **SB 1253's Major Components:**

- 1) Requires the Attorney General (AG) to initiate a 30-day public review and comment period upon receiving a request for a ballot measure title and summary from proponents. The comment period will allow for public opinion input and provide an opportunity to identify errors such as typos and/or legal discrepancies.
  - a. Comments submitted become public record and are sent to initiative proponents.
  - b. Proponents may submit amendments to the proposed initiative as long as they are "reasonably germane to the theme" of the original measure up to five days after the conclusion of the public comment period.
  - c. Comments may be submitted online or mailed to the AG's office.
- 2) Requires the Department of Finance (DOF) and Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) to conduct a fiscal impact analysis upon receipt of title and summary request by the AG. SB 1253 extends the analysis period from 25 to 50 days in order to provide additional time for a more accurate fiscal estimate.
- 3) Increases from 150 to 180 days the time period initiative proponents may gather signatures from official title and summary receipt date.
  - a. Signature petitions are also required to state that voters may ask if a signature gatherer is being paid to collect signatures or a volunteer.
- 4) Changes the signature verification process conducted by local election officials.
  - a. Signature verification is triggered when a statistical sampling of petition signatures is within 95 to 110 percent of the required number of signatures needed for a ballot measure to qualify.
  - b. When an order of signature verification is triggered by the SOS, local election officials begin the process of verifying voter signatures according to a specific formula and requirements.
  - c. SB 1253 requires the SOS to terminate local signature verification efforts upon receiving one or more certified petitions that meet the required number of valid voter signatures. The purpose of this provision is to save local election officials time and money by halting the verification process once a measure is deemed qualified, rather than having local election officials verify all petition signatures.

- 5) Requires the SOS to send proposed initiatives to the Legislature for public committee hearings and review once 25 percent of required signatures for qualification have been received.
  - a. Measure proponents would be required to declare under penalty of perjury that they have collected 25 percent of required voter signatures.
  - b. The Legislature's earlier access to proposed ballot measures may impact public perception of a measure depending on the amount of legislative attention it receives. For example, the Legislature may have the ability to paint a rosier picture of a measure by holding hearings at which committee members are supportive of a measure, or foster negative public perception should committee members oppose a measure.
  - c. Of note: Related bill [SB 844 \(Pavley, Statutes of 2014, Chapter 920\)](#) requires that the total number of votes cast for and against a measure in both the Senate and Assembly be listed on the voter information pamphlet as if the measure were passed by the Legislature.
  
- 6) Requires that the SOS establish a one-stop website where voters may find additional information about qualified ballot measures. The website is required to list the following information:
  - a. Ballot measure summary;
  - b. Top 10 financial contributors supporting and opposing the ballot measure;
  - c. Each committee formed primarily to support or oppose the ballot measure and how to access information about the sources of financial contributions to the committee; and
  - d. Once a committee receives at least \$1 million in contributions, the SOS will provide access to online information about the committee's top 10 financial contributors.
  
- 7) Allows ballot measure proponents to withdraw a measure before it qualifies.
  
- 8) Makes it a crime for ballot measure proponents to withdraw a measure in exchange for money or "thing of value." Violators may be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or by specified jail time.

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The workshops are planned for Feb. 4-11 in San Diego, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Bakersfield, Stockton and Oakland. While dates and times have been set, locations are still being finalized.

Interested cities must work quickly on their proposals: Concept proposals are due Feb. 19, less than a month after the planned Jan. 30 release of the notice of available funding.

SGC voted to approve final program guidelines on Tuesday.

The AHSC program will provide grants and/or loans to projects intended to achieve greenhouse reductions by increasing accessibility of affordable housing, employment centers and key destinations via low-carbon transportation options like walking, biking and transit.

Half of the program's funding must be used for affordable housing and half must benefit disadvantaged communities (see *CA Cities Advocate* story titled "[List Identifies Disadvantaged Communities](#)").

The League's AHSC program information sheet can be found on the housing tab on [Cap-and-Trade](#) hot issues webpage.

For transportation-related questions, please contact League Assistant Legislative Director [Jennifer Whiting](#). For housing questions, please contact League Legislative Representative [Kirstin Kolpitzke](#).



The SGC has also opened the grant application period for the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation (SALC) program, a spin-off of the AHSC program that will receive up to \$5 million in FY 2014-15 funding.

Pre-proposal summaries for conservation easement grants are due Feb. 6. Applications for agricultural land strategy plan grants are due on March 20.

The land-conservation program will provide grants and/or loans to projects that will achieve greenhouse gas reductions by protecting agricultural lands through investments in strategic planning and agricultural easements.

The League's SALC program information sheet can be found under the natural resources tab on Cap-and-Trade hot issues webpage.

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#### **'Disadvantaged Communities' Continued from Page 1...**

Under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, disadvantaged communities will receive at least 50 percent of the \$120 million in Cap-and-Trade funds available for 2015 (see *CA Cities Advocate* story titled "Registration opens for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Workshops").

AHSC has expanded the eligibility for disadvantaged communities to census tracts with a pollution burden and population score that places them in the 25th percentile of highest scores (meaning highest exposure).

This spreadsheet identifies the census tract, the overall CalEnviroScreen score, the CalEnviroScreen percentile, the pollution burden, population characteristics, total population, the county, zip code and nearest city.

All census tracts on this list are areas are eligible to apply for AHSC funding as a disadvantaged community.

More information about disadvantaged communities, including interactive maps is available online.

State environmental officials released CalEnviroScreen 2.0 in 2014. It scores each of California's 8,000 census tracts based on 12 types of pollution and seven population and socioeconomic characteristics.

SB 535 (De León) requires that 25 percent of all cap-and-trade revenue is spent projects that benefit disadvantaged communities and 10 percent is spent on projects within disadvantaged communities.

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### **Department of Justice Federal Grant Opportunities**

The U.S. Department of Justice has announced two grant opportunities open to local governments. The grants provide funding for a law enforcement body-worn camera system demonstration program and programs addressing sexual assault prevention and related crimes in rural areas.

#### **Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance: FY 2015 Smart Policing Initiative**

The FY 2015 Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) grant program seeks to build upon analysis-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to crime within their jurisdictions. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has added a new purpose area to fund a body-worn camera systems (BWCS) demonstration program.

Of particular interest to the BJA are projects that examine the impact of the implementation of BWCS on citizen complaints, the process and outcome of internal investigations, privacy issues, and community relationships. In addition, consideration of the cost-benefit ratio of this technology and promising implementation practices are of paramount importance to any law enforcement agency considering its adoption, and may also be addressed by projects proposed under this purpose area.

All applications for this program are due by March 9. For more information, please see the [complete notice of funding availability via the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant opportunities webpage](#).

### **Department of Justice/Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) — FY 2015 Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program**

Victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in rural communities face unique challenges and barriers to receiving assistance rarely encountered in urban areas. The geographic isolation, transportation barriers, economic structure, particularly strong social and cultural pressures, and lack of available services in rural jurisdictions significantly compounds the problems confronted by those seeking support and services to end the violence in their lives. Recognizing this, the purpose of the Rural Program is to enhance the safety of rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, and to support projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas.

The Rural Program seeks applications that propose innovative solutions to achieving this goal and encourages collaboration among criminal justice agencies, victim services providers, social services agencies, health professionals, and other community organizations to overcome the problem of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

All applications for this program are due by March 4. For more information, please visit the [complete solicitation via the Department of Justice's grant opportunities webpage](#).

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### **California City Solutions: Consolidation of Corte Madera, Larkspur, and San Anselmo Police Departments Improves Service, Lowers Crime**

*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](#). The Formation of the Central Marin Police Authority project was submitted in 2014 for the CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration award category.*

The Great Recession tested many cities forcing, them to find creative ways to continue providing critical services, such as public safety, with little to no funding available. The Twin Cities Police Authority, which provides police services to the town of Corte Madera and the city of Larkspur since 1980, needed a new police station. During construction in 2009, the authority accepted an offer to share a dispatch location with the San Anselmo Police Department and the result was quite surprising.

By sharing a location of dispatch services, the police chiefs began to discuss additional ways that their two agencies could cooperate and meet budget constraints. Both agencies were experiencing budget reductions from the recession and regrettably had to reduce their forces. These reductions lowered service delivery and had raised the possibility of layoffs.

This discussion helped identify a challenging question: Could the two police agencies combine in a way that would produce General Fund savings for the three cities and improve service delivery for their residents?

Additional questions emerged:

- Corte Madera and Larkspur form one jurisdictional area that is approximately two miles from San Anselmo. Would a combined agency be able to effectively serve noncontiguous territory?



- Historically, San Anselmo has maintained a small town, community-based approach to policing. Would the authority be able to provide police services in a manner that remained consistent with this approach?
- The Twin Cities identity is well-established and embraced in Corte Madera and Larkspur — in large part because of the Twin Cities Police Authority. Would the formation of a new agency with San Anselmo hurt the authority's long-standing relationships with the Twin Cities community?
- Could consolidating the agencies produce a long-term savings while ensuring that the employees of both agencies had positions with the new agency?

From 2010-2012, the Twin Cities Police Authority and the San Anselmo Police Department entered into a series of agreements with the agencies sharing resources and integrating some of their operations. Each agreement allowed the agencies to reduce their budgets while maintaining or improving service levels.

It became apparent that the authority and San Anselmo could potentially share a dispatch center on a more permanent basis, requiring only one supervisor position and lowering the total number of employees. Shortly thereafter, the agencies agreed to form a single investigative unit, lowering the total number of officers assigned to detective duty from five to four, and providing San Anselmo with a supervising detective for the first time in its history. The next agreement combined Special Response and Crisis Negotiation Teams — two programs that had nearly been eliminated because of budget constraints.

The two agencies realized at the start of FY 2011-12 that they had the potential to implement more significant changes and launched two parallel efforts. The first was at the command level, where an agreement was crafted to share captains and an administrative assistant. The agencies also began holding joint command staff meetings. The second was at the ground level, where labor representatives from both agencies began separately discussing ideas on how they could work together. An agreement was soon made to form a single Support Services Division (investigations, evidence, records, dispatch), as well as to jointly operate daily traffic and patrol teams. Each of these agreements allowed the agencies to permanently gain the savings they were already realizing through attrition.

By 2012, it was evident that the two agencies were compatible and becoming more reliant on each other and the possibility of consolidation looked more serious. Council members and city managers began meeting early in the year and the San Anselmo police chief announced that his retirement would coincide with a consolidation. The two agencies began drafting a single set of standard operation procedures and a common organizational culture. Labor representatives also formed a joint board to negotiate a transition plan and a new contract that would cover the employees of a combined agency.

The Central Marin Police Authority formed on Jan. 1, 2013 to cover a combined population of approximately 34,300 residents in Corte Madera (9,300), Larkspur (12,500), and San Anselmo (12,500). This new combined police authority resulted in a savings of \$1.68 million, based on an agency agreed upon formula reducing General Funds by \$774,000 for San Anselmo, \$494,000 for Larkspur, and \$407,000 for Corte Madera.

The authority has maintained a strong, community-based presence in all three cities by using consolidation to reduce the supervisorial ranks and putting more officers out in the field. Residents were noticing an increase of the number of patrol cars in their neighborhoods. The authority operates the former San Anselmo police station as a substation, helping address operational challenges presented by serving a non-contiguous territory and maintaining its physical connection to the city.

Every employee from the Twin Cities Police Authority and San Anselmo Police Department was offered a place in the combined agency, with many employees realizing that the new agency immediately afforded opportunities for promotion and specialty assignments that were less available when the agencies were separate. A new identity that integrated elements of the Twin Cities and San Anselmo logos, uniform and signage was created, merging the previous identities so seamlessly that it took residents months to notice the difference.



The consolidation has allowed the authority to continue providing the full spectrum of police services. Service delivery has improved as well as response times by an average of 1.5 minutes, and overall incidents of crime have declined.

The authority has an excellent reputation in Marin County, and as a result, many smaller county departments are approaching it for advice and assistance with various operational matters. An unanticipated and positive outcome of the consolidation was the development of new agreements to share resources and gain some revenue as a result. At least one of the new discussions has resulted this way with more possibly to come.

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## **California Cities Recognized for *Let's Move!* Achievements**

The National League of Cities recently recognized top achievers among the 460 communities nationwide participating in *Let's Move!* Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC). Three California cities were among the 23 nationwide that have completed all five of the initiative's goals: Fontana, Palm Springs and Rancho Cucamonga.

With efforts led by Mayor Acquanetta Warren, the city of Fontana partners with the Fontana Unified School District to provide children with access to free lunches and snacks throughout the summer, serving over 119,000 healthy summer meals and snacks. Free physical activity and nutrition programs are offered throughout the city at Summer Food Program sites. Training for childcare facility staff is offered yearly to ensure proper nutrition and daily physical activity to develop healthy lifelong habits for infants and toddlers.

Palm Springs focuses on fitness for the benefit of residents, tourists, visitors and businesses. In Palm Springs people experience a bike and pedestrian-friendly community that has developed city-sponsored health and wellness programs including hiking, running, swimming and biking events held year round. The city of Palm Springs partners with local schools, community groups, neighborhood associations, service organizations and many not-for-profits including Desert Healthcare Foundation and the Clinton Foundation to promote health and wellness for people of all ages.

In Rancho Cucamonga, Mayor L. Dennis Michael and the City Council incorporated LMCTC as part of Healthy Rancho Cucamonga (Healthy RC), a comprehensive, community-driven initiative dedicated to encouraging healthy and sustainable lifestyles. Through a Health-In-All-Policies approach, the city has adopted several innovative strategies to increase access to healthy food and physical activity including a Complete Streets Policy ranked top 10 in the nation, a Community Gardens Policy that modified zoning to include all residential areas and waived city fees. The city has developed leadership programs for youth and adults to build their capacity by providing them with the skills and resources they need to participate in the policymaking process.

LMCTC is a major component of First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* initiative to ensure that kids can grow up healthy. LMCTC works closely with local elected officials nationwide to improve access to healthy affordable food and opportunities for physical activity across five goal areas.

Learn more and sign up at [www.HealthyCommunitiesHealthyFuture.org](http://www.HealthyCommunitiesHealthyFuture.org).

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## **More Session Sneak Peeks for the 2015 Planning Commissioners Academy**

There are several benefits of attending this year's Planning Commissioners Academy, but most important are the educational sessions. This year's Planning Commissioners Academy will be held from Wednesday, March 4 to Friday, March 6 at the Fairmont Newport Beach. Plan now to attend and note the sessions you won't want to miss.

Check out just a few of the sessions that will provide you with skills and techniques to further your profession.

### **New Planning Commissioners Track**

- **CEQA Basics: Everything a New Planning Commissioner Needs to Know** — A nuts and bolts summary of the basic concepts, steps, and requirements in the CEQA process, including exemptions, negative declarations, EIRs, CEQA findings and project approval, tiering and supplemental review, the role of the planning commission, and strategies for handling CEQA “abuses.” Questions are strongly encouraged.

#### **Advanced Planning Staff and Commissioners Track**

- **Complete Streets** — Complete streets is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed and operated to enable safe travel by those walking, bicycling, driving automobiles and riding public transportation. Hear and see examples where cities have successfully implemented Complete Streets Programs.

#### **New Planning Commissioners/Advanced Planning Staff and Commissioners (Joint)**

- **SB 743 (Alternatives to Level of Service)** — The implementation of SB 743 requires the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop an amendment to the CEQA Guidelines that establishes a different method for measuring a project’s transportation impacts. OPR has chosen Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the alternative. Come learn the status of this proposal and what impact this could have on your community. Session includes the study of a project using VMT and Level of Service to see the outcome.

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.

Like the League of California Cities on [Facebook](#) and follow on Twitter at [@cacitieslearn](#) to get updates and useful information about upcoming conferences.

#### **Newly Highlighted Sessions for the 2015 Public Works Officers Institute**

Don’t miss out on this year’s Public Works Officers Institute being held from Wednesday, March 25 to Friday, March 27 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. The conference includes fundamental educational sessions, an exciting mini expo, and several relevant breakout sessions designed to increase your public works area knowledge and skill set.

A couple of session highlights include:

- **Successful Implementation of Sustainable Practices in Public Works** — A session designed to promote sustainable practices in all phases of civil infrastructure projects from planning to design, construction, operation and maintenance through institution level sustainable strategies and/or a series of innovative practices. Presentations will provide three case examples that demonstrate how public agencies have successfully implemented sustainability principles during project planning and design. Industry-recognized Envision™ award winning projects will be presented with recommendations for industry professionals on how best to use the Envision™ rating tool to implement sustainable design principles.
- **Watt Avenue at US 50 Interchange: An Intermodal Transformation to a “Complete Interchange”** — The Watt Avenue at U.S. Hwy 50 Interchange project reconfigured the original full cloverleaf interchange to a partial cloverleaf interchange. The new interchange reduces congestion, installs dedicated transit facilities, improves mobility, increases safety for bicycles and pedestrians, and adds extensive landscaping/aesthetic features. Attendees will learn how Sacramento County navigated the challenges of:
  - Transforming an antiquated interchange into a multi-modal facility to include a dedicated Bus Rapid Transit lane, a grade separated bicycle/pedestrian pathway with under crossings through the on and off ramps, and extensive landscape and aesthetic improvements; and
  - Utilizing a collaborative multi-agency design approach involving input from Caltrans, Sacramento Regional Transit District, and local bicycle and community advocacy groups.



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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### **Register for the Feb. 27 Municipal Law Institute's Symposium**

The [2015 Municipal Law Institute Symposium](#) will be held on Feb. 27 and presented by the Municipal Law Institute of the League of California Cities® and the Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law. This symposium is approved for five and a half hours of MCLE credits.

This year's symposium will cover Local Government in a Brave New World: Law Enforcement, Code Enforcement, and Public Agency Liability. Public agencies have recently faced many new and challenging issues. Presenters will discuss issues from developing technology, including regulating businesses in the new "sharing economy" and balancing new technology with privacy concerns, particularly in the context of law enforcement. Additional issues include how public agencies have arisen from emerging jurisprudence in the areas of the Second Amendment and police and municipal liability.

The symposium will take place at Chapman University School of Law. The law school is approximately 11 miles from John Wayne Airport in Orange County, just one block from the lively Old Towne dining and shopping district in the city of Orange, and just minutes from Disneyland.

It is important to register and make travel arrangements soon because there are a limited number of spaces for the conference.

Register [online](#).

Chapman University School of Law has preferred rates at two hotels:

The Double Tree-Anaheim  
100 The City Drive  
Orange, CA 92868  
(714) 634-4500  
\$139 per night plus tax  
Book reservations [online](#) for Chapman preferred rates.

The Ayres Inn Orange  
3737 West Chapman  
Orange, CA 92868  
(714) 978-9168  
\$105 per night plus tax



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**Deadline Reminder: Submit Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program Nominations by Friday, Jan. 30**

The deadline for cities and counties to submit a nomination for the 2015 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards is fast approaching. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Webinar Announcement: The Rise of Vacation/Short-Term Residential Rentals and What Cities Are Doing About It**

The League of California Cities invites city officials to attend an informational webinar presentation on the emerging issue of vacation or short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 10-11:30 a.m. *For more, see Page 2.*



**UC Davis Civic Engagement Project Examines Youth Impact on Electoral Landscape of California**

In a new research brief, [California's New Political Realities: The Impact of the Youth Vote on Our Electoral Landscape](#), the UC Davis California Civic Engagement Project examines youth electoral participation in the November 2014 general election and explores the impact of the youth vote on the current and future electoral landscape of California. *For more, see Page 3.*

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Sponsored by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and County Engineers Association of California (CEAC), the Awards Program recognizes and raises awareness of the exceptional achievements made by California's cities and counties to preserve and protect the public's investment in the local streets and roads system.

Nearly every trip — whether by car, bus, bike or foot — begins and ends on a local street or road. The local system is critical for the safety and mobility of the traveling public, emergency responders, law enforcement, the economy, and multimodal needs such as bicycles and buses.

The Awards Program highlights cities and counties that are employing projects, programs, practices, and innovative technologies and materials to achieve safety, preservation, and sustainability goals for the statewide local streets and roads system.

### **New Awards Categories for 2015**

This year, applicants can nominate projects in three specific categories that aid in the comprehensive improvement of the local network:

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

Nominations are due no later than **Friday, Jan. 30** and must be submitted online. Contact Meghan McKelvey for questions about the program.

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Due to high member interest, the League recently formed a working group on the issue of vacation or short-term residential rentals. The group has held several conference calls to discuss the impacts cities have experienced resulting from the increased popularity of these rentals in residential neighborhoods, and related issues such as the effective collection of city transient occupancy tax.

During the webinar, member cities will hear from Betsy Strauss, League special counsel, regarding the latest legal developments and tools available to cities as they navigate the home-sharing arena, including example ordinances and policy guidelines as well as alternatives for enforcement.

Additional speakers include:

- Michael Barrett, city attorney, Napa
- Christi Hogin, city attorney, Malibu, Lomita and Palos Verdes Estates
- Andrea Visveshwara, assistant city attorney, Petaluma

Participants will also be able to ask questions following the presentation.

This webinar is for League member cities and League Partners only. Please remember there is only one connection per city or partner.

Please register online for the webinar 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

For questions on how to register for the webinar, please contact Megan Dunn. For all other questions, please contact Lauren Kimzey.

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**'Youth Voting Brief' Continued from Page 1...**

The brief showed voter participation of youth (age 18-24) was dramatically lower in 2014, starting with a nearly non-existent showing in the June 2014 primary, followed by a poor showing in November. Only 8.2 percent of California's eligible youth voted, as compared to 18.5 percent in the 2010 general election. This translated into only 285,000 of 3.5 million eligible youth who cast a ballot.

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