

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**April 26, 2018**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE LIST**

Lisa Kim provides a status report of current and future projects of the Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) that are under review by the Planning Division. The attached list will also be available on the City's website.

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

**A.** Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) announces that it is accepting applications from individuals interested in serving as the regular public member on OC LAFCO. Letter and attachments are included.

**B.** Orange County Cemetery District newsletter for May – June 2018, informing the public about services offered and upcoming community events.

**• OTHER ITEMS**

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES  
City Manager

# City of Garden Grove

## INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
UPDATE LIST

From: Lisa Kim  
Dept: Community and Economic  
Development  
Date: April 23, 2018

### OBJECTIVE

To highlight the 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) *Development Project Update List*, which will be available on the Planning Division webpage.

### BACKGROUND

The *Development Project Update List* provides a status report of current and future projects under review by the Planning Division. Staff has received multiple inquiries from the general public requesting similar information related to project status. To enhance community outreach and highlight upcoming Economic Development activities related to business attraction, retention and expansion projects, the attached *Development Project Update List* will be available on the City's website.

### SUMMARY

The Development Project Update List will be available on the Planning Division's webpage as of April 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2018, and will include the following links:

1) *1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter 2018 - Development Project Update List*

The list details new projects in 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter for the period January 2018 to March 2018 by site address, applicant and property ownership information, project description, and staff contact. The 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarter *Development Project Update List* can be accessed at: <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/city-files/dpujanuary-march2018.pdf>. Attached is a copy of the latest Development Project Update List.

2) *Comprehensive Development Project Update List*

The comprehensive list details current and pending projects for the period April 2016 through March 2018 by site address, applicant and property ownership information, project description, and staff contact. The comprehensive list can be accessed at: <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/city-files/dpu.pdf>.

Any questions can be referred to Associate Planner, Mary Medrano at 714-741-5315.



LISA L. KIM  
Community and Economic Development Director



By: Mary Medrano  
Associate Planner

- Attachment 1: 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter 2018 - Development Project Update List
- Attachment 2: Comprehensive Development Project Update List



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CUP-038-2015(HE1-2016)	Northeast corner of Chapman Avenue and Euclid Street, at 11001 Chapman Ave #B.	Request to extend hours of operations from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (seven days a week) for an existing restaurant (Corazon Restaurant) located at 11001 Chapman Avenue.	Corazon Cocina Mexicana 11001 Chapman Avenue GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	9	P. G.
CUP-075-2016	South side of Garden Grove Boulevard between Cannery Street and Casa Linda Lane, at 9240 Garden Grove Blvd.	The applicant is requesting Conditional Use Permit (CUP) approval to allow the operation of an educational institution, Best Educational Institute, in an approximately 3,500 square foot tenant space, at 9240 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite Nos. 15, 16, and 17.	Hansoo Seo 9420 Garden Grove Blvd. #15, 16, 17 GARDEN GROVE CA 92844	9	C. C.
CUP-076-2016	South side of Garden Grove Boulevard and west of Newland Street, at 8604 Garden Grove Blvd.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to continue operation of an existing 1,015 square foot liquor store, Happy Liquor, located at 8604 Garden Grove Boulevard, with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License.	Hala Ahmed 8604 Garden Grove Blvd. GARDEN GROVE CA 92844	9	C. C.
CUP-077-2016	North side of Chapman Avenue, west of the intersection of Chapman Avenue and Brookhurst Street, at 9737 Chapman Ave.	A request for conditional use permit approval to operate a new 2,200 square foot restaurant, Chipotle Mexican Grill, with an original alcoholic beverage control type "47" (On-sale, General, Public Eating Place) License.	Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. 1401 Wyrkoop Street, Suite 500 DENVER CO 80202	9	P. G.
CUP-078-2016	Located on the north side of Westminster Avenue, east of the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue, at 12317 Westminster Ave.	Request to operate an existing 1,020 square foot convenience store, Young's Market with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control ABC type "20" (Off-Sale Beer and Wine) license.	Thi Mai Lam Pham 12317 Westminster Avenue WESTMINSTER CA 92683	9	P. G.

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CUP-080-2016	North side of Bolsa Avenue, west of Wards Street, at 10557 Bolsa Ave.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the transfer of ownership of an existing restaurant, Phuong Hoang Restaurant, that currently operates with an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License without a Conditional Use Permit approved after January 1, 1986. The new restaurant that will operate at this located is called 6 Van 8 Restaurant.	Manna Truong 350 Holiday Way OCEANSIDE CA 92057	9	M. P.
CUP-081-2016	West side of Harbor Boulevard, north of Garden Grove Boulevard, at 12827 Harbor Blvd #G1.	A request for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) approval to operate a new 9,454 square foot gym, UFC Gym, at 12827 Harbor Boulevard #G-1, located in an integrated shopping center, Harbor Town and Country.	UFC Gym Garden Grove, LLC 12827 Harbor Blvd. #G-1 GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	9	C. C.
CUP-084-2016	South west corner of Westminster Avenue and Euclid Street, at 10932 Westminster Avenue.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing 20,543 square foot supermarket, Little Saigon Super Market, located at 10932 Westminster Avenue, with a new Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale, General) License.	Little Saigon Supermarket, LLC 10932 Westminster Avenue GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	9	M. M.
CUP-086-2016 SP-029-2016	10150 Trask Ave	A request for Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan approval to construct a 55'-4" high auto dealership electronic freeway-oriented sign along with a Site Plan review request to deviate from the required sign design standard requirements pursuant to PUD-110-96(Rev.12)for an existing automobile dealership (Simpson Chevrolet).	David Simpson 6600 Auto Center Garden Grove CA 92840	8	L. M.
CUP-087-2016	West side of Harbor Boulevard and south of Garden Grove Boulevard, at 13161 Harbor Blvd.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new liquor store, Hero's Liquor and Market, located at 13161 Harbor Boulevard, with a new State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale, General) License. This location was previously occupied by a liquor store, Larsen Liquor, operating under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-162-05, however, Larsen Liquor has since closed and the tenant space has been vacant since 2012.	Girges Gad 13161 Harbor Blvd. GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	9	C. C.

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CUP-089-2016	West side of Haster Street and north of Lampson Avenue, at 12455 Haster St.	A request to modify the approved floor plan, approved under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-472-99, for an existing restaurant, El Chamizal Restaurant, located at 12455 Haster Street, which is currently operating with an ABC Type "47" (On-Sale, General) License.	Francisco De Dios 11782 Reva Drive GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	6	C. C.
CUP-090-2016	Southwest corner of Brookhurst Street and Westminster Avenue located, at 9892 Westminster Avenue, #311.	A request for a new conditional use permit to expand the existing Garlic and Chives, full-service restaurant, located at 9892 Westminster Avenue, currently operating with an Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (On-Sale Beer and Wine for Bona Fide Public Eating Place) license. The applicant is proposing to expand the originally approved floor plan of approximately 1,995 square feet to a new approximately 3,080 square foot full-service restaurant with the ABC Type "41" License.	Garlic and Chives 9892 Westminster Avenue #311 GARDEN GROVE CA 92844	9	P. G.
CUP-091-2017	Southwest corner of Lampson Avenue and Monarch Street, at 7274 Lampson Ave.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow for the construction and operation of a 60 foot tall stealth wireless telecommunication facility disguised as a eucalyptus (mono-eucalyptus), along with related ground-mounted equipment, at 7274 Lampson Avenue (APN: 215-011-25)	Verizon Wireless 15515 Sand Canyon Avenue IRVINE CA 92614	9	P. G.
CUP-095-2017	Right side of West Street, south of Chapman Avenue and north of Lampson Avenue, at 12252 West St.	A request to construct an 8,308 square foot fire station, replace a 1,000 square foot community building with a 2,000 square foot community building, in conjunction with associated site improvements at West Haven park located in the O-S (Open Space) zone.	Tom Schultz 11301 Acacia Parkway GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	7	L. M.
CUP-096-2017	West side of Harbor Boulevard, north of Chapman Avenue, at 11931 Harbor Boulevard.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing 118,908 square foot hotel, Residence Inn, located at 11931 Harbor Boulevard, with a new State Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Type "48" (On-Sale, Public Place) License for a proposed lounge/bar in existing lobby area.	Island Hospitality Management III, LLC 222 Lakeview Ave., Ste 200 WEST PALM BEACH FL 33401	5	M. M.

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CUP-098-2017	West side of Corporate Drive, between Forbes Avenue and Capital Avenue, at 14271 Corporate Dr.	Conditional Use Permit request to construct and operate a 60'-0" tall wireless telecommunication facility designed as a non-stealth mono-pole and related ground-mounted equipment within a 225 square foot equipment enclosure.	Verizon Wireless 11505 Sand Canyon Avenue D1 IRVINE CA 92618	5	M. P.
CUP-100-2017	West side of Harbor Boulevard, North of Chapman Avenue, at 12361 Chapman Avenue.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 10,807 square foot restaurant, Nova restaurant, located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, with a new State Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Bona Fide Public Eating Place) License.	Danny Yingfeng Wei 11999 Harbor Boulevard, Suite 1711 GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	6	M. M.
CUP-101-2017	Located on the north side of Westminster, east of the intersection of Magnolia Street and Westminster Boulevard, at 8897 Westminster Ave.	Discuss a request to operate an existing 960 square foot convenience store/mini mart, Moms Nutrition, located at 8897 Westminster Avenue, in a C-1 zone, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License.	Phuong Ho 8897 Westminster Avenue GARDEN GROVE CA 92844	9	P. G.
CUP-102-2017	South side of Katella Avenue and west of Brookhurst Street, at 9822 Katella Ave.	A request for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) approval to operate a new, approximately 40,704 square foot gym, Crunch Fitness, at 9822 Katella Avenue, located in an integrated shopping center.	SIR Fitness Garden Grove, LLC 5791 Guincho Road SAN DIEGO CA 92124	8	C. C.
CUP-103-2017 IOU-002-2017	Northeast corner of Westminster Avenue and Brookhurst Street, at 13904 Brookhurst Street.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the operation of a 3,800 square foot karaoke studio, Say Karaoke, in a tenant space previously occupied by the Alley of the Far East Restaurant, with seven private karaoke rooms and the existing kitchen to remain. Also, Interpretation of Use to determine the compatibility between the proposed karaoke studio and the existing zoning classification. Upon approval of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-010-2014, which allowed for the sale of alcoholic beverages with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License, shall be revoked and become null and void.	Say Entertainment, Inc. Tam Truong 13916 Brookhurst Street GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	9	M. M.

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CUP-104-2017	Northwest corner of Westminster Avenue and Dawson Street, at 10195 Westminster Avenue.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to expand an existing 4,500 square foot restaurant, operating with an existing State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale Beer and Wine Public Eating Place) license, into an adjacent 1,500 square foot tenant space, for a total of 6,000 square feet. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-620-02, shall be revoked and become null and void.	JMJ Gourmet, LLC 10195 Westminster Ave. GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	7	M. M.
CUP-105-2017	North of Garden Grove Boulevard, South of Standford Avenue, and in between Nutwood Street and Joy Street, at 10531 Garden Grove Blvd and 10561 Garden Grove Blvd.	Request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a nail polish manufacturing business in conjunction with an existing beauty supply distribution operation. The manufacturing portion of the business will utilize 7,986 square feet of the 20,205 square foot building. The business entails the mixing and re-blending of nail polish colors to be dispensed into one (1) ounce bottles that will be packaged for sale.	Daisy Nail Products, Inc. dba Cali Beauty Supply 10561 Garden Grove Boulevard GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843	5	M. P.
CUP-107-2017	North side of Garden Grove Boulevard, east of Euclid Avenue at 11277 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite 201 & 202.	A request for a conditional use permit to operate an existing approximately 9,943 square feet tenant space for an adult educational institution for 58 students and 17 employees/instructors, located at 11277 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite 201 and 202.	California Graduate School of Theology 11227 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite 201 & 202 GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	5	P. G.
CUP-108-2017	North side of Garden Grove Boulevard, east of Euclid Avenue, at 11277 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite 200.	A request for a conditional use permit to operate an existing approximately 2,293 square feet tenant space for an adult education institution for 21 students and 12 employees/instructors, located at 11277 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite 200.	Chanh Nguyen 13282 Earle Drive GARDEN GROVE CA 92844	7	P. G.
CUP-109-2017	East side of Galway Street just north of Garden Grove Boulevard, at 12942 Galway St.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new ambulance service business, Care Ambulance Service, within a 1,500 square foot tenant space, located in an existing multi-tenant commercial shopping center, at 12942 Galway Street, Suites D and E.	Care Ambulance 12942 Galway St, Suites D and E GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	5	C. C.

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CUP-110-2017	West side of Brookhurst Street, just north of Central Avenue, at 13211 Brookhurst St #A.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a new liquor store, Hero's Liquor and Market, to operate with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "21" (Off-Sale, General) License, within an existing tenant space that is currently in operation as a convenience store, Circle H Food Store. The existing convenience store has been in operation, since 1995, with an ABC Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License under the approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-247-95. The applicant is requesting to upgrade the existing ABC Type "20" License to an ABC Type "21" License. The establishment is located at 13211 Brookhurst Street #A.	Girges Gad 12126 Beach Blvd STANTON CA 90680	9	C. C.
CUP-117-2017	Southeast corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Cypress Street, at 10566 Garden Grove Blvd.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 1,543 square foot massage establishment, P & C Massage Spa, located at 10566 Garden Grove Boulevard (APN: 099-052-55), within an existing multi-tenant commercial shopping center, Ziny Plaza.	Cuc Kim Chau 12581 Peppenwood Dr GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	7	C. C.
CUP-118-2017	South side of Westminster Ave, west of Euclid Street, at 10742 Westminster Ave.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing restaurant, Bosaava Restaurant, located at 10742 Westminster Avenue, with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License.	Danica Capital Corp dba Bosaava Restaurant 10742 and 10752 Westminster Ave GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	6	C. C.
CUP-119-2017	East of Knott Street, south of Chapman Avenue, at 12072 Knott Street, #A.	Request to modify the approved floor plan, approved hours of operation, and increase the number of occupants from 45 to 79 occupants for the existing 2,400 square foot tuioning tenant space and the revocation of Conditional Use Permit CUP-333-11 and Minor Modification MM1.	Quan Nguyen 6872 Acacia Avenue GARDEN GROVE CA 92845	7	P. G.

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CUP-120-2018	West side of Euclid Street, south of Forbes Avenue, at 14291 Euclid St #D101.	(New/Revised Request) A request for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) approval to upgrade an existing State 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, and to allow live entertainment, in the form of karaoke, along with associated components (i.e., amplified sound, stage, and karaoke equipment), for an existing 1,885 square foot restaurant, Pho Hoa An Restaurant, located at 14291 Euclid Street #D101, which is currently operating under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-102-03.	Quan Hoa An LLC c/o Kimberly B. Le 14291 Euclid Street #D101 GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	1	C. C.
CUP-121-2018 CUP-122-2018 SP-045-2018 CUP-123-2018	12932 8 Th St 12942 8 Th St 12931 9 Th St 12941 9 Th St 11421 Garden Grove Blvd 11461 Garden Grove Blvd 11301 Garden Grove Blvd 12951 7th St	Approval to allow Phase I of the Cottage Industries project that includes: 1) Site Plan approval to allow the conversion of four (4) existing residential structures and two (2) existing accessory structures into commercial uses for restaurant and retail use; 2) to construct two (2) new commercial buildings (1,257 square foot building that will be used as a communal lounge area with restrooms and facility storage, and a 1,027 square foot building that will be used for a restaurant and facility storage); 3) construction of accessory trellis and patio shade structures with a combined square footage of 4,900 square feet; and 4) conversion of two (2) parcels into a parking lot to serve the development. Also, Conditional Use Permit approval to 1) allow for the communal outdoor consumption of alcohol and outdoor live entertainment; and 2) to allow two (2) new restaurants, located at 12932 8th Street and 12941 9th Street, to operate with an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 47 (On-Sale, General) License and with live entertainment.	Chris Bennett 709 Randolph Ave COSTA MESA CA 92626	5	M. P.
CUP-124-2018	North side of Garden Grove Boulevard, east of Magnolia Street, located at 8851 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite 113.	A request for conditional use permit to operate in an existing 882 square footage restaurant, Sushi Warriors, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (on-sale, beer, and wine, eating place) license.	Preecha Suwannarat 9023 Rose Street, Space A7 BELLFLOWER CA 90706	5	P. G.

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CUP-125-2018	North side of Garden Grove Boulevard, east of Magnolia Street, located at 8757 Garden Grove Boulevard.	A request for conditional use permit to operate in an existing 1,220 square foot restaurant, Gaenali Bon Ga, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (on-sale, beer, and wine, eating place) license.	Sam Park 8757 Garden Grove Boulevard GARDEN GROVE CA 92844	5	P. G.
CUP-126-2018	East of Knott Street, south of Chapman Avenue, located at 12072 Knott Street, #A.	Request to modify the approved floor plan, approved hours of operation, and increase the number of occupants from 45 to 79 occupants for the existing 2,400 square foot tutoring tenant space and the revocation of Conditional Use Permit CUP-333-11 and Minor Modification MM1.	Quan Nguyen 12072 Knott Street, # A GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	7	P. G.
CUP-129-2018	Northwest corner of Knott Street and Acacia Avenue, at 12821 Knott St.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to demolish an existing fifty-foot (50'-0") tall pole sign, and to construct a new fifty-nine foot (59'-0") tall, V-shaped, freeway-oriented electronic reader board sign (for on-premise advertisements), adjacent to and facing the Garden Grove SR-22 Freeway, for an existing indoor sports facility, Next Level Sports Complex, located at 12821 Knott Street.	Jason Brennan 12821 Knott Street GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	1	C. C.
CUP-333-2011(MM1)	East of Knott Street, south of Chapman Avenue, located at 12072 Knott Street #A.	A request to modify Conditional Use Permit CUP-333-11, to modify the approved floor plan from non-permanent walls to permanent walls and modify the approved hours of operation to the existing 2,400 square foot tenant space.	Mai Khuong 12012 Knott Street, #A GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	9	P. G.
CUP-595-02(MM1)	Southeast corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Partridge Street, at 12752 Garden Grove Blvd #100.	A request for minor modification to the approved plans under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-595-02 to re-open a vocational (trade) school, which provides programs to train veterinary assistants and technicians.	Shen Candeleita 715 E Walnut Way ORANGE CA 92867	9	C. C.

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DR-021-2016	10232 Russell Ave	Director's Review request to construct two (2), two-story, multiple family dwelling units on a 9,260 square foot lot that is currently improved with a single-family home. The existing single-family home and detached garage will be demolished in order to accommodate the proposed residential development. Unit 1 will have a total living area of 1,925 square feet, while Unit 2 will have a total living area of 1,828 square feet. Each unit will consist of four (4) bedrooms, three (3) bathrooms, and a two-car enclosed garage.	Tu Van Nguyen 9985 Aster Circle FOUNTAIN VALLEY CA 92708	6	M. P.
DR-022-2016	West side of Josephine Street just south of Lampson Avenue, at 12511 Josephine St.	A request for Director's Review approval to construct a new, two-story dwelling unit with two (2) new attached two-car garages on a lot improved with an existing single family dwelling unit for the purpose of creating a duplex.	Chia-Hong Sun 12511 Josephine St. GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	7	C. C.
DR-023-2017	East side of Lucille Avenue, north of Garden Grove Boulevard, and south of Stanford Avenue, at 12812 Lucille Ave.	Director's Review request to construct two (2), two-story, multiple family dwelling units on a 10,875 square foot lot that is currently improved with a single-family home. The existing single-family home and detached garage will be demolished in order to accommodate the proposed residential development. Unit 1 will have a total living area of 2,201 square feet, while Unit 2 will have a total living area of 2,147 square feet. Each unit will consist of four (4) bedrooms, three (3) bathrooms, and a two-car enclosed garage.	Tam Van Nguyen 37811 Sky High Drive MURRIETA CA 92562	6	H. L.
DR-024-2017	North side of Trask Avenue between Hope Street and Bowen Street, at 10181 Trask Ave.	A request for Director's Review approval to demolish an existing single-family dwelling and to construct a new triplex, consisting of three (3) two-story dwelling units, on a 15,485 square foot lot, located at 10181 Trask Avenue, Assessor's Parcel No. 099-046-09.	Loma GG LLC (Peter H. Win) 14221 Euclid St. Ste. D GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	7	C. C.

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DR-025-2017	East side of Anita Place, north of Westminster Avenue, and south of San Juan Place, at 13882 Anita Pl.	Director's Review request to construct two (2), two-story, single family dwelling units on two separate adjacent parcels each 4,050 square foot lot that are currently improved with a single-family residence on one parcel and detached garage on one parcel. The existing single-family unit and detached garage will be demolished in order to accommodate the proposed single-family residential development. Single-family unit number one will have a total living area of 2,191 square feet, single-family unit number two will have a total living area of 2,208. Each unit will consist of four (4) bedrooms, three (3) bathrooms, and a two-car enclosed garage.	Man Nguyen 10021 Dakota Avenue GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	7	P. G.
DR-026-2017	South side of Central Avenue, in between Flower Street to the west and Hope Street to the east, at 10092 Central Ave.	A request for Director's Review approval for the construction of a fifth full bathroom that deviates from the maximum allowed of four bathrooms in the R-1 development standards for a new two-story single-family residence.	Steven LeTran 1411 N. Batavia St.Suite 115 ORANGE CA 92867	6	H. L.
DR-028-2017	West side of Euclid Street, south of Lampson Avenue, at 12591 Euclid Street	A request for Director's Review approval to allow the construction of a 5'-3" wrought iron fence and 6'-0" tall pilasters in the required front setback.	VT Design Specialties, INC. 1420 Bristol Street North #220 NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660	9	M. M.
DR-029-2017	South side of Chapman Avenue, west of Lewis Street, at 13280 Chapman Avenue.	A request for Director's Review approval to allow installation of new roof-mounted attached wireless telecommunications facility on existing building.	Verizon Wireless 15505 Sand Canyon Avenue IRVINE CA 92618	6	M. M.

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DR-030-2017	South of Frances Avenue, in between Taft Street to the east and Westlake Street to the west, at 10662 Frances Ave.	A request for Director's Review for a proposed duplex located at 10662 Frances Avenue. The subject lot is currently improved with an existing two-story single-family residential structure that will remain. The second unit will be an attached addition to the existing structure and will then serve as a duplex. The lot area is 7,300 square feet.	Josephine Huang 10662 Frances Avenue GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	6	N. M.
DR-031-2017	12931 9th St 12941 9th St 11461 Garden Grove Blvd 12932 8th St 12942 8th St 11421 Garden Grove Blvd 12951 7th St 11301 Garden Grove Blvd	Director's Review for a minor land use deviation to allow building permits to be issued to allow four (4) existing residential homes and two (2) existing accessory structures located on three (3) existing parcels to be converted into commercial uses for Phase I of the Cottage Industries while the developer prepares the required plans and documentation to submit for Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit approval. The future Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit approval will allow the occupancy of each building and the operation of the proposed uses, construction of new structures, and creation of two parking lots to serve the project. The proposed Director's Review includes the conversion of four (4) residential structures to full service restaurants with an attached garage into a retail use, and two (2) detached garages to retail/food uses.	Chris Bennett 709 Randolph Avenue COSTA MESA CA 92626	5	M. P.
DR-032-2017	North of Dakota Avenue, South of Russell Avenue, in between Flower and Hope Street, at 10115 Dakota Ave.	Request for Director's Review approval for a proposed triplex on 10115 Dakota Avenue. Units 1 and 2 of the proposed triplex will be approximately 1,240 square feet and unit 3 will be approximately 2,991 square feet. The subject lot is 12,240 square feet and contains two (2) existing structures that will be demolished to accommodate the new triplex.	Kenny Kim 10029 Lampson Avenue GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	6	N. M.
DR-033-2017	West of 9th street, north of Acacia Parkway and South of Stanford Avenue, at 12783 9th St.	Director's Review request to construct a new two-story, detached duplex on a net 9,133 square feet lot located at 12783 9th Street. Each unit will consist of four (4) bedrooms, four (4) bathrooms, and a two-car enclosed garage. The lot is not currently improved with any structures and the new proposed duplex will be constructed on a vacant lot.		6	N. M.

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DR-034-2017	East side of Hazel Avenue, south of Stanford Avenue and north of Garden Grove Boulevard, at 12751 Hazel Ave.	A request for Director's Review for a proposed duplex located at 12751 Hazel Avenue. The subject lot is currently improved with an existing single-family residential structure that will be demolished. A request to construct two new two-story detached duplex on approximately 10,524 square foot lot. The front unit will consist of four (4) bedrooms, four (4) bathrooms, and a two-car enclosed garage. The rear unit will consist of four (4) bedrooms, three (3) bathrooms, and a two-car enclosed garage.	Quang Chi Dinh 12811 Loma St GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	6	P. G.
DR-035-2018	West side of Loma Street between Stanford Avenue and Acacia Avenue, at 12811 Loma St.	A request to construct a 2nd floor addition to an existing one-story dwelling unit, Unit 1, which is part of an existing duplex on a lot improved with an existing two-story dwelling unit, Unit 2.	Thien T. Pham 11411 Biscayne Blvd GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	5	C. C.
FYD-003-2017	Southwest corner of Biscayne Boulevard and Oma Place, at 11411 Biscayne Blvd.	A request for Front Yard Determination to determine the Biscayne Boulevard side, of the corner lot, as the front yard, and to designate the Oma Place side as the street side yard for the property located at 11411 Biscayne Boulevard.	Hung Le 11071 Dune Street NORWALK CA 90650	7	M. M.
FYD-004-2017	Southeast corner of Orangewood Avenue and Gilbert Street, at 11512 Gilbert St.	A request for a Front Yard Determination in order to determine the Gilbert Street side of the corner lot as the front yard, and to designate the Orangewood Avenue side as the street side yard for the property located at 11512 Gilbert Street.		5	M. P.

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GPA-001-2017 PUD-006-2017 SP-028-2017 TT-17927-2017 DA-006-2017	12901 Lewis St 12921 Lewis St	A request by Shea Homes to develop a gated small lot subdivision with 70 single-family detached residential units and related street and open space improvements on a 9.01 acre site located in the Cities of Garden Grove and Orange, at the northwest corner of Lewis Street and Garden Grove Boulevard, at 12921 Lewis Street (Assessor's Parcel Nos. 231-041-26, 231-041-27, 231-041-28, and 231-255-01). The project site currently contains a church, a school, and a parking lot. The project includes a proposed sphere of influence change and annexation of 0.901 acres from the City of Orange to the City of Garden Grove. As part of the Project, the Planning Commission will consider a recommendation for City Council approval of amendments to the City's General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map in conjunction with the proposed annexation and to modify the General Plan Land Use Designation of the project site from Civic/Institution to Low Density Residential and to adopt Residential Planned Unit Development zoning with R-1 (Single-Family Residential) base zoning for the entire site. The Planning Commission will also consider contingent approval of a Site Plan and Tentative Tract Map to subdivide the proposed 70-unit small lot single-family residential subdivision, along with a recommendation for City Council approval of a Development Agreement with the applicant. The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.	Shea Homes 2 Ada, Suite #200 IRVINE CA 92618	5	C. C.
GPA-001-2018 PUD-008-2018 SP-048-2018	South side of Garden Grove Boulevard, west of Brookhurst Street at 10080 Garden Grove Boulevard and the adjacent property to the south at 9860 Larson Avenue (GGBGC).	A request to amend the General Plan Land Use designation from Residential/Commercial Mixed Use 1 to Community Residential, to rezone the site to Planned Unit Development, and Site Plan review to revise the building proposed for the steel structure at the location.	AMG & Associates, LLC 16633 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 101 ENCINO CA 91436	4	E. W.

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GPA-002-2017(A)	North side of 11th Street, between Brookhurst Street and Kerry Street.	Proposal to change the General Plan land use designation of approximately 15-acres of land comprised of 14 parcels from Civic Institution to Medium Density Residential. The properties currently have a zoning of R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) and Planned Unit Development No. PUD-130-99. The existing zoning and General Plan land use designations are not consistent pursuant to state law, and the proposed General Plan Amendment will provide consistency between the proposed General Plan Amendment of Medium Density Residential and the current R-3 and PUD-103-99 zoning. No new development is proposed with this request	City of Garden Grove 11222 Acacia Parkway GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	5	M. M.
GPA-002-2017(B) SP-038-2017	North side of 11th Street, between Brookhurst Street and Kerry Street, at 9841 11th Street.	A request to develop a parcel, approximately 19,152 square feet in size, with a 10-unit apartment complex with a 35% affordable housing density bonus for low-income households. The project includes a General Plan Amendment to change the General Plan land use designation of the property from Civic/Institutional (CI) to Medium Density Residential (MDR), and Site Plan to construct 10-units within a three-story apartment building. Pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law, the applicant is requesting three waivers from the R-3 zone development standards: 1) to allow the third-story configuration to be greater than 50 percent of the building footprint, 2) to deviate from the required 10'-0" distance separation between the units and the drive aisle located on the first, second, and third floors, and to 3) To deviate from the required 11'-3" third-story side yard setback.	Faircrest Real Estate, LLC 6499 Havenwood Circle HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92648	6	M. M.
GPA-003-2017 SP-041-2017 V-016-2017 TT-18117-2017	The subject property for the 12111 Buaro project is located on the west side of Buaro Street, south of Chapman Avenue, between Jentges Avenue and Twintree Avenue.	To construct 17 attached 2- and 3-story townhouse units within 2 buildings. The two buildings are on either side of a central drive with nine units on the south side and eight units to the north.	Buaro Partners, LLC 2 Venture, Suite 350 IRVINE CA 92618	7	E. W.

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LLA-012-2017	10232 Russell Ave	A request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to eliminate an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) lots into one (1) in order to construct two, two-story multiple-family dwelling units as per the approved plans for Director's Review No. DR-021-2016.	Tu Van Nguyen 9985 Aster Cir. FOUNTAIN VALLEY CA 92608	5	M. P.
PM-2003-2017 SP-039-2017	East side of Magnolia Street, north of Lampson Avenue, at 12412 Magnolia Street.	A request for site plan and tentative parcel map approval to subdivide a 24,767 square foot lot, currently developed with a single-family house, into two (2) parcels, 14,070 square feet and 10,717 square feet, to allow the construction of a new single-family house and accessory dwelling unit on the 10,717 square foot lot, with the existing house to remain on the 14,070 square foot lot.	Anna Ha 12412 Magnolia Street GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	5	M. M.
PM-2016-164	Southeast corner of Lampson Avenue and Industry Street, at 7180 Lampson Avenue and 12570 Industry Street.	A request to subdivide an MP (Industrial Park) zoned property, approximately 3.3-acres in size, into two separate parcels approximately 1.8-acres and 1.5-acres in size, respectively. The property is improved with two freestanding industrial buildings, which will each be on their own separate parcel. The site is at 7180 Lampson Avenue and 12570 Industry Street.	Russell Fenton 2050 Main Street, Suite 240 IRVINE CA 92614	8	M. M.
SP-025-2016 CUP-079-2016 V-012-2016	Southwest corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Euclid Street, at 11162 Garden Grove Blvd.	A request for Site Plan approval to construct a 940 square foot pad building, for a drive-thru coffeehouse, Starbucks, on an approximately 16,689 square foot vacant lot, along with associated improvements, which include a parking lot and landscaping, and a request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate the proposed drive-thru coffeehouse. Also, a request for Variance approval to deviate from the minimum lot size requirement for drive-thru facilities in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone.	Danny Bocking 4340 E. Indian School Rd., #21-266 PHOENIX AZ 85018	9	C. C.

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SP-026-2016 CUP-342-11REV, 2016	Southeast corner of Katella Avenue and Dino Circle, at 10832 Katella Ave.	A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new 960 square foot steel framed patio cover over an existing outdoor customer patio dining area for an existing restaurant, Cairo Restaurant and Cafe, located at 10832 Katella Avenue. This establishment was approved, under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-342-11, to operate as a restaurant with accessory hookah lounge activity in the outdoor patio area. The proposal also includes a request to modify the approved plans, under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-342-11, to allow the construction and use of the proposed patio cover.	Ahmed Rakha 10832 Katella Avenue ANAHEIM CA 92804	9	C. C.
SP-027-2016 V-013-2016	Southwest corner of Newhope Street and Trask Avenue, at 13512 Newhope St.	A request for Site Plan approval to relocate certain specific existing billboards and convert them into one (1) two-sided electronic billboard along the Garden Grove (22) Freeway in conjunction with a request for Variance approval to allow the relocated billboard within 350 feet of a residential zone at 13512 Newhope Street. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for this project and will be considered for adoption along with the subject Site Plan and Variance applications.	Katie Metz 1731 Workman Street LOS ANGELES CA 90031	7	L. M.
SP-030-2016 CUP-088-2016 DA-003-2016	South side of Chapman Avenue, west of Brookhurst Street, at 9852 Chapman Ave.	A request for Site Plan to demolish an existing 76,080 square foot commercial building and construct a two-story 100,514 square foot office building with associated parking and landscape improvements in conjunction with a Conditional Use Permit request to operate a County office. A Development Agreement is also included.	Roy Cotterill, PWC Architects 3320 Data Drive, Suite 200 RANCHO CORDOVA CA 95670	Withdrawn	C. C.

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SP-031-2016 DA-004-2016	North side of Bixby Avenue and east of Gilbert Street, at 9691 Bixby Ave.	The applicant is requesting Site Plan approval to construct a 10-unit, two-story apartment complex, located at 9691 Bixby Avenue, with a 25% affordable housing density bonus for "low-income" families. Pursuant to State Density Bonus Law, the applicant is requesting three (3) concessions from the R-2 zone development standards - (1) separation between residential units and vehicular accessways; (2) separation between residential units and open guest parking areas; and (3) separation between main buildings. A Development Agreement is also proposed. Exempt – CEQA Guidelines § 15332.	Bryson Nguyen 8732 Jennrich Ave WESTMINSTER CA 92683	Withdrawn	C. C.
SP-032-2016	North side of Westminster Avenue and west of Taft Street, at 10691 Westminster Ave.	A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new approximately 3,000 square foot one-story building, for the operation of a retail meat market, on a vacant 13,259 square foot lot, located at 10691 Westminster Avenue (APN: 099-504-44), along with associated improvements, which include a parking lot and landscaping.	TD/PH&D Company Inc. 10612 Trask Avenue GARDEN GROVE CA 92843	6	C. C.
SP-033-2017	East side of Harbor Boulevard, south of Garden Grove Boulevard at 13200-13220 Harbor Boulevard.	A request for Site Plan approval to construct an approximately 4,954 square foot commercial pad building within the parking lot of an existing multi-tenant shopping center, Harbor Place Center.	Doug Bergman 2850 Saturn Street BREA CA 92821	5	M. M.
SP-033-2017TE1	East side of Harbor Boulevard, south of Garden Grove Boulevard, at 13200-13220 Harbor Boulevard.	One-year time extension for approved entitlement under SP-033-2017 for construction of an approximately 4,954 square foot commercial pad building within the parking lot of exist multi-tenant shopping center, Harbor Place Center.	ROI California, LLC 8905 Towne Center Drive, #108 SAN DIEGO CA 92122	5	M. M.
SP-034-2017 TT-17928-2017 DA-005-2017 CUP-097-2017	South side of Garden Grove Boulevard, east of Euclid Street, at 11222 Garden Grove Blvd.	A request to build two (2) work-five units and fourteen (14) residential units at 11222 Garden Grove Boulevard.		6	E. W.

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SP-036-2017 V-014-2017 PM-2002-2017	Southwest corner of Loma Street and Chapman Avenue, at 12013 Loma St.	A request to reinstate Site Plan and Tentative Parcel Map approvals to subdivide an 18,125 square foot lot into two (2) parcels. Lot 1, which is developed with an existing single-family dwelling, will have a lot size of 8,700 square feet. Lot 2, which will be developed with a new single-family dwelling, will have a lot size of 7,839 square feet. Also, a request to reinstate Variance approval to allow Lot 2 to deviate from the minimum 65'-0" lot width requirement for a corner lot. This project was originally approved in 2007 (Site Plan No. SP 424-07, Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2007-143, and Variance No. V-162-07), however, the entitlements were never exercised and have since expired. The applicant is requesting to reinstate the original approvals to complete the project.	Huyen Nguyen and Thuc Le 8782 Chapman Avenue GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	5	C. C.
SP-037-2017 V-015-2017 CUP-106-2017	North side of Garden Grove Boulevard and west of Knott Street, at 7051 Garden Grove Blvd.	A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new service (gas) station, with a new drive-thru convenience store, on a vacant lot located at 7051 Garden Grove Boulevard, along with associated site and landscape improvements. Additionally, a request for Variance approval to deviate from the minimum rear setback requirement, in order to construct a trash enclosure within the rear ten-foot setback, along the northerly property line (adjacent to the SR-22 freeway). Finally, a request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the new convenience store to operate with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License.	Rosa Estrella Bermeo 7051 Garden Grove Blvd. GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	5	C. C.

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SP-040-2017	Southwest corner of Westminster Avenue and Brookhurst Street, at 9972 Westminster Ave.	A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new 8,235 square foot two-story, medical office building on a vacant 20,778 square foot lot located at 9972 Westminster Avenue (Assessor's Parcel No. 098-361-19), along with associated improvements, which include a parking lot and landscaping.	Vinnie Tran 1420 Bristol Street North #220 NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660	7	C. C.
SP-042-2017	East side of Harbor Blvd, south of Chapman Avenue, at 12032 Harbor Blvd and 12542 Chapman Ave.	Site Plan approval to operate a new, 3,867 square foot, In-N-Out restaurant with a drive-thru. The project includes demolition of the existing building footprint of the Coco's restaurant, 5,449 square feet, and preserving the existing building's curved shaped roofline with the supporting round columns and the roof sign. The existing liquor store, Rocky's Market, located at 12542 Chapman Avenue will be demolished to accommodate additional parking and an overflow drive-thru lane for In-N-Out. The project consists two lots with a combined land area of 57,882 square feet.	Katie Sanchez - In-N-Out Burger 13502 Hamburger Lane BALDWIN PARK CA 91706	Withdrawn	M. P.
SP-044-2017 CUP-116-2017 V-017-2017	East side of Euclid Street, just south of Acacia Parkway, at 12900 Euclid St.	A request for Site Plan approval to develop a food-focused multi-tenant project, known as SteelCraft, which includes a proposal to construct a new 9,532 square foot two-story building, consisting primarily of recycled and re-purposed metal shipping containers, along with other associated site improvements. Additionally, a request for Variance approval to deviate from the maximum setback requirement, along the Euclid Street frontage, and from the minimum ground floor height requirement for commercial ground floor spaces. SteelCraft will be an outdoor urban eatery providing space for various local artisan food vendors, and will also include outdoor communal dining areas, entertainment, incubator office space, and micro-retail space. Also included is a request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow entertainment and/or alcohol sales or consumption within the communal dining areas of the SteelCraft development.	Steelcraft Long Beach L.P. 3750 Long Beach Blvd, Suite 200 LONG BEACH CA 90807	6	C. C.

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SP-046-2018 LLA-013-2018 V-018-2018	West side of 9th Street, between College Avenue and Stanford Avenue, at 12671 9th St.	The applicant is requesting Site Plan approval to demolish all existing on-site improvements, which include three (3) existing one-story apartment units, and to construct four (4) new three-story apartment units on a 12,564 square foot site. Also, a request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to eliminate an existing property line to consolidate the two (2) existing parcels into one (1) lot, along with a request for Variance approval to deviate from the minimum lot size requirement, to develop the site with a multiple-family residential development.	Anh Phan 11052 Camellia Way GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	4	C. C.
SP-050-2018 CUP-128-2018	Southwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Woodbury Road, located at 13731 Harbor Boulevard.	A request for a site plan to demolish an existing 2,747 square foot accessory building on a lot improved with an existing main building of 21,708 square feet and to construct new, approximately 5,485 square feet addition with site improvements to the parking lot, landscaping, lighting, service office and canopy, offices, and display areas. And a conditional use permit to allow to operate a motor vehicle sales and maintenance facility.	Jared Hardin 132 South Auto Center Dr. ANAHEIM CA 92806	6	P. G.
SP-051-2018 V-019-2018 PM-2017-187 LLA-014-2018 PM-2017-2018	7901 Garden Grove Blvd	A request for a Site Plan to revitalize and add new buildings to a 4.1-acre site on the northwest corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Beach Boulevard which is part of a large shopping center. The project also requires a Variance to provide a 11-foot front yard setback instead of the required 20-foot setback and a Tentative Parcel Map to divide the Garden Grove portion of the site into 4 parcels and a small sliver of a 5 parcel. The City of Garden Grove is working with the City of Stanton on the project which will be called "The Village Center". The City of Stanton's portion of the development includes 6 acres of revitalized and new construction in the remaining portion of the commercial shopping center and 11.77 acres of new residential development on the north end of the site. The City of Stanton is the lead agency for the entire project.	Frontier Real Estate Investments, LLC, Tom Carpenter 610 Newport Center Drive Suite 1520 NEWPORT BEACH CA 92860	5	E. W.

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SP-043-2017	12252 Harbor Blvd				
CUP-111-2017	12262 Harbor Blvd				
CUP-112-2017	12272 Harbor Blvd				
CUP-113-2017	12292 Harbor Blvd				
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CUP-121-2018 CUP-122-2018 SP-045-2018 CUP-123-2018	12932 8th St 12942 8th St 12931 9th St 12941 9th St 11421 Garden Grove Blvd 11461 Garden Grove Blvd 11301 Garden Grove Blvd 12951 7th St	Approval to allow Phase I of the Cottage Industries project that includes: 1) Site Plan approval to allow the conversion of four (4) existing residential structures and two (2) existing accessory structures into commercial uses for restaurant and retail use; 2) to construct two (2) new commercial buildings (1,257 square foot building that will be used as a communal lounge area with restrooms and facility storage, and a 1,027 square foot building that will be used for a restaurant and facility storage); 3) construction of accessory trellis and patio shade structures with a combined square footage of 4,900 square feet; and 4) conversion of two (2) parcels into a parking lot to serve the development. Also, Conditional Use Permit approval to 1) allow for the communal outdoor consumption of alcohol and outdoor live entertainment; and 2) to allow two (2) new restaurants, located at 12932 8th Street and 12941 9th Street, to operate with an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 47 (On-Sale, General) License and with live entertainment.	Chris Bennett 709 Randolph Ave COSTA MESA CA 92626	5	M. P.
CUP-124-2018	North side of Garden Grove Boulevard, east of Magnolia Street, located at 8851 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite 113.	A request for conditional use permit to operate in an existing 882 square footage restaurant, Sushi Warriors, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (on-sale, beer, and wine, eating place) license.	Preecha Suwannarat 9023 Rose Street, Space A7 BELLFLOWER CA 90706	5	P. G.

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CUP-129-2018	Northwest corner of Knott Street and Acacia Avenue, at 12821 Knott St.	A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to demolish an existing fifty-foot (50'-0") tall pole sign, and to construct a new fifty-nine foot (59'-0") tall, V-shaped, freeway-oriented electronic reader board sign (for on-premise advertisements), adjacent to and facing the Garden Grove SR-22 Freeway, for an existing indoor sports	Jason Brennan 12821 Knott Street GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	1	C. C.
DR-035-2018	West side of Loma Street between Stanford Avenue and Acacia Avenue, at 12811 Loma Street.	A request to construct a 2nd floor addition to an existing one-story dwelling unit, Unit 1, which is part of an existing duplex on a lot improved with an existing two-story dwelling unit, Unit 2.	Quang Chi Dinh 12811 Loma St GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	5	C. C.
GPA-001-2018 PUD-008-2018 SP-048-2018	South side of Garden Grove Boulevard, west of Brookhurst Street, at 10080 Garden Grove Boulevard and the adjacent property to the south at 9860 Larson Avenue (GGBGC).	A request to amend the General Plan Land Use designation from Residential/Commercial Mixed Use 1 to Community Residential, to rezone the site to Planned Unit Development, and Site Plan review to revise the building proposed for the steel structure at the location.	AMG & Associates, LLC 16633 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 101 ENCINO CA 91436	4	E. W.

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SP-033-2017TEI	East side of Harbor Boulevard, south of Garden Grove Boulevard, at 13200-13220 Harbor Boulevard.	One-year time extension for approved entitlement under SP-033-2017 for construction of an approximately 4,954 square foot commercial pad building within the parking lot of exist multi-tenant shopping center, Harbor Place Center.	ROIC California, LLC 8905 Towne Center Drive, #108 SAN DIEGO CA 92122	5	M. M.
SP-046-2018 LLA-013-2018 V-018-2018	West side of 9th Street between College Avenue and Stanford Avenue, at 12671 9th Street.	The applicant is requesting Site Plan approval to demolish all existing on-site improvements, which include three (3) existing one-story apartment units, and to construct four (4) new three-story apartment units on a 12,564 square foot site. Also, a request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to eliminate an existing property line to consolidate the two (2) existing parcels into one (1) lot, along with a request for Variance approval to deviate from the minimum lot size requirement, to develop the site with a multiple-family residential development.	Anh Phan 11052 Camellia Way GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	4	C. C.
SP-050-2018 CUP-128-2018	Southwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Woodbury Road, located at 13731 Harbor Boulevard.	A request for a site plan to demolish an existing 2,747 square feet accessory building on a lot improved with an existing main building of 21,708 square feet and to construct new, approximately 5,485 square feet addition with site improvements to the parking lot, landscaping, lighting, service office and canopy, offices, and display areas. And a conditional use permit to allow to operate a motor vehicle sales and maintenance facility.	Jared Hardin 132 South Auto Center Dr. ANAHEIM CA 92806	6	P. G.

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TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, City Clerks, and  
Board Secretaries

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City of Fountain Valley

FROM: Carolyn Emery  
Executive Officer

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR  
CHARLEY WILSON  
Director  
Santa Margarita Water District

SUBJECT: OC LAFCO Regular Public Member Press Release  
and Application

LISA BARTLETT  
Supervisor  
5<sup>th</sup> District

Orange County LAFCO is accepting applications from members of the public interested in serving on OC LAFCO to assume a four-year term beginning July 1, 2018 as the **regular public member** (see Attachments 1 and 2). All applications must be completed and returned with a cover letter to the Executive Officer by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2018. Finalists will be invited to interview with the Commission at the regular LAFCO meeting on June 13, 2018.

DOC ALLAN BERNSTEIN  
Councilmember  
City of Tustin

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TODD SPITZER  
Supervisor  
3<sup>rd</sup> District

All interested parties are encouraged to contact Commission Clerk Cheryl Carter-Benjamin at (714) 640-5100 for additional information.

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Attachments:

1. LAFCO Alternate Public Member Press Release
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MICHELLE STEEL  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 16, 2018

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**CAROLYN EMERY**  
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April 16, 2018 . . . Santa Ana, California . . . The Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) announces that it is accepting applications from individuals interested in serving as the regular public member on OC LAFCO. In accordance with OC LAFCO policy, no applicant for the regular or alternate public member shall be an officer or employee of the county or any city or special district with territory in Orange County.

OC LAFCO is a state mandated agency that oversees all jurisdictional changes within Orange County, including the incorporation of new cities; annexations to cities and special districts; and consolidations, mergers, and dissolutions of public agencies. The purpose of OC LAFCO is to encourage the orderly formation of local government agencies, to discourage urban sprawl, and to preserve agricultural and open space lands.

OC LAFCO meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:15 a.m. in the Planning Commission Hearing Room at the Orange County Hall of Administration. The regular public member is expected to attend all meetings.

At the June 13, 2018 regular OC LAFCO meeting, the Commission will interview and may appoint a regular public member to a four-year term beginning July 1, 2018. The deadline to submit a cover letter and application is 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2018. Resumes may also be submitted but are optional. The OC LAFCO office is located at 2677 North Main Street, Suite 1050, Santa Ana, CA 92705. For additional information, please call (714) 640-5100.

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**APPLICATION FOR**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC MEMBER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone Number and Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for the position of (check as appropriate):

Regular Public Member

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Briefly describe your experience in local government and/or with local community organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly describe your employment experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly describe your educational background: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please attach your letter of interest to this application explaining why you are interested in serving on the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission and how your background and experience would be of benefit to the Commission and the community. Please do not exceed one page.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

The application and letter of interest must be received no later than **3:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, May 16, 2018.**

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# Orange County Cemetery District



**MAY – JUNE 2018**

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Tim Deutsch, General Manager

## Remember our Veterans this Memorial Day – Monday, May 28th

The Orange County Cemetery District will be hosting free Memorial Day Programs at each of our three cemeteries on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we gather to remember and honor our brave service men and women of the Armed Forces. Many veterans attend these programs. It is a wonderful opportunity to personally express your appreciation for the sacrifices these veterans and their families have made in order to serve our nation and protect the freedoms that we enjoy.

### ***Memorial Day Programs:***

**Santa Ana Cemetery - Program begins at 10:00 a.m.**  
1919 E. Santa Clara Ave., Santa Ana

**El Toro Memorial Park – Program begins at 11:00 a.m.**  
25751 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest

**Anaheim Cemetery – Program begins at 11:00 a.m.**  
1400 E. Sycamore St., Anaheim

The observances at each cemetery will feature a range of guest speakers, performances of patriotic music, color guards, honor guard firing salutes, and beautiful wreath presentations.

The program at Santa Ana Cemetery is organized by the Tri-City Memorial Day Committee and features a Parade of Flags as well as several Cannon Salutes that take place throughout the program. The event is staged at the Soldiers' Monument near the entrance of Santa Clara Avenue where Decoration Day/Memorial Day has been honored every year since 1881.

Anaheim Cemetery's Memorial Day program is coordinated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3173 and American Legion Post 72. The event takes place on the steps of the community mausoleum.

El Toro Memorial Park's program is organized by the Daughters of the American Revolution - Mission Viejo Chapter, American Legion Post 862, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6024, and the Freedom Committee. This year's program will feature several musical selections performed by the



**Ret. Army Colonel and Lake Forest Council Member, Thomas Cagley will be the keynote speaker for El Toro Memorial Park.**

Master Chorale of Saddleback Valley and guitarist and vocalist Gene Smith. Tucker Fleming will play the poignant strains of Amazing Grace on the bagpipes and bugler Noah Boihem will perform Taps.

Newly elected Lake Forest Council Member, Thomas Cagley, will be El Toro's keynote speaker. He is a retired U.S. Army Colonel and served as an intelligence specialist and expert on the Soviet Union military forces. He retired from active duty in 2000 after serving for 37 years. His Memorial Day address will be titled "Reflections on the Cold War."

Programs at all three cemeteries will take place rain or shine, so please dress for the weather and arrive early for good seating.

## El Toro Memorial Park Presents “The History of Us” – A Tour Recap

On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, El Toro Memorial Park provided free, guided historical walking tours to approximately 150 people. The tours highlighted the cemetery’s history, the early development of El Toro, and provided an interesting glimpse in to the lives of just a few of the fascinating people who have been interred at the park.

Tours started at 10 a.m. and departed every twenty minutes from the Los Alisos Lawn just past the Cemetery’s office. Tours took visitors back and forth in time as costumed actors from the Orange County School of the arts played out scenes to educate and entertain tour attendees. Free Souvenir programs were provided at the end of the tour. If you missed the event, pdf copies of the Souvenir Program are available on our website at [www.occemeterydistrict.com](http://www.occemeterydistrict.com). Here’s a look at the stops on the tour:  
(All tour photographs provided by Jared Funk.)



Twenty students and a host of parent volunteers from the Orange County School of the Arts donated their time and acting skills to bring history to life. The Troupe director is Don Amerson. The Student Director for the production was Bella Arnold. Assistant Student Directors were Mili Duffell and Rachel Presby. Our thanks also to parent coordinator, Kim Napoleone and to Helen Kim, Lisa Inserra and Armie Manapat for costumes, hair and makeup.

**Pictured right:** Ariyah Brown as Florence Griffith Joyner. Flo-Jo was one of America’s most renowned track and field athletes.

**Bottom right:** El Toro’s own groundskeeper, Luis Mejia, as 1917 gravedigger Cleofas Romero. Cleofas was reported to be the first person to have ever seen the “Blue Lady,” a ghost said to wander the cemetery grounds at night.

**Below:** Kole Kistler as 1949 movie Director Allan Dwan, Elias Napoleone as actor John Wayne and Jordan Maldanno as USMC Brigadier General Leonard Fribourg, The scene was on the set of *The Sands of Iwo Jima*, where Fribourg was a technical advisor.



## El Toro Historical Tours – Continued from page 2.

Our thanks to the dedicated tour guides: Melanie Goss from Orange County Parks, local historian Ann Nepsa, Anaheim Toastmasters member, David Flores, El Toro staff, Kim Eazell and Mary Funk, and pictured to the right, Darrell Rivers from the Huntington Beach Historical Society, who also provided the Civil War tent, uniform and many other costume pieces, and to District Board Vice Chair, Cynthia Ward, for providing almost all of the ladies' costumes. Our thanks to all the District staff and cemetery personnel for their behind the scenes hard work!!



Pictured above and clockwise, Kyle Stafford as MLB player George "Catfish" Metkovich and 1946 World Series Teammate, Dom DiMaggio played by Atticus Korman. Grace Wilcox, Caroline Kennedy, and Sophie Uoo played the 1890's Emily Whiting, Eliza Keating, and Charlotte Prothero. (Although it is doubtful if Mrs. Prothero actually knew the Keatings.) The 1930's Stevens family was played by Makena Margolin, Emily Ricketts, Jake Kim, and Shane Smith. El Toro's only Civil War veteran was played by Julia Jachetta. Just below is James Slaybaugh who played Carl Juul, "The Hermit of the Tin Mine."

Mili Duffell and Soren Jakhotia are Clara and Russell Stover, with Hayden Ward as Christian Kent Nelson - excited to share his new idea, The Eskimo Pie.



Pictured right is El Toro's first railroad station agent, Olif Fairchild. He also built El Toro's first general store. Played by Jack Matthews.



Pictured left is El Toro's first railroad section foreman, James DeLong, played by Lydia Napoleone. His wife, Louisa was one of El Toro's first burials.

## Garden of Innocence Invites You to Attend Memorial Services For Araya, Jasmine and Asher on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM



***"If No One Grieves,  
No One Will Remember!"***

The beautiful and loving services last just under an hour and take place in the Infant Section of the park near the Angel of Hope Statue. A processional is led by the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus with members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department carrying the urns of the little ones to be interred. Those attending the service form a circle and each urn is passed from person to person as a way to say goodbye and to express love for these precious members of our community. These services also typically include a guest speaker, poetic readings and,

Garden of Innocence is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing dignified burials for abandoned and unidentified deceased children.

at this program, Robin Harper will provide special music. Garden of Innocence would also like to thank McCormick & Son Mortuary for their assistance.

Because the children are unidentified, Garden of Innocence provides each one with a first name. As Garden of Innocence states, "Our children are abandoned by their families for reasons we don't know. We can't change what happened yesterday, but we can change what is happening today. They are loved and cared for and we focus on today and doing what we feel is right and good. These children now belong to all the citizens of Orange County. We will be their family."

## Staff Attends California Association of Public Cemeteries (CAPC) Local Area Meeting at North County Cemetery District

Twice a year the California Association of Public Cemeteries (CAPC) holds local area meetings at different public cemetery districts across the region. The purpose of these meetings is to share information, discuss common issues and solutions, and gain training and knowledge on a variety of topics impacting the operations of public cemeteries.

The most recent gathering was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hill Memorial Park in Escondido which is one of two cemeteries operated by North County Cemetery District. Those attending from the Orange County Cemetery District included: General Manager, Tim Deutsch; El Toro Memorial Park Cemetery Manager, Bud Bales; Anaheim Cemetery Lead Worker, Andrew Trejo; and the District's Board Chair, Kelly Rivers – who is also a CAPC's Board Director.

The program featured a tour of Oak Hill Memorial Park by General Manager, Dennis Shepard who also gave a brief history of the grounds. Jasmine Ball and Elias Saade of Foresters Financial gave a presentation on retirement planning and financial management for

public employees. Shawn Robinson of Lounsbury, Ferguson, Altona & Peak spoke on liability concerns for cemetery districts. Other topics discussed at the meeting included: alternative sources for District revenue generation; a recap of the recent CAPC Annual Conference, and a time for networking.



North County Cemetery Dist. GM – Dennis Shepard

## Orange County Cemetery District Prepares 2018-19 Budget

Each spring District staff prepares a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year that the Board of Trustees reviews. The budget presents projections for revenues and expenses and provides a spending plan which is a key accountability tool for management. The budget also considers upcoming capital improvements, staffing levels, equipment purchases, and special events such as Memorial Day Programs, Historical Tours, and Dia de los Muertos.

At this time, the Board will also consider any adjustments to the District's Master Fee Schedule. Any recommended changes to our prices and fees will be posted at all locations for thirty days before the new rates go in to effect.

Staff will present the full budget to the Board for its review at either the June or July Board meeting. Once approved, a copy of the full budget will be posted on the District website.

## Santa Ana Closes More Roads to Create New Interment Space



The staff at Santa Ana Cemetery is now in the process of converting two cemetery roads into additional interment space. As you enter the main entrance of the cemetery from Santa Clara Ave., the roads being closed are located between Sections N and X and between Sections O and I, to the left and right as you approach the Garden of the Pines and the new niche feature.

Demolition and disposal of the asphalt has been completed. Over the next few weeks, staff will reroute sprinkler lines, prepare the soil, and plant new grass seed. The District estimates that approximately 378 additional full casket spaces will be created through the closure of these roads. It will take some time for the newly planted lawn to be mature enough for pedestrian traffic. Staff estimates that these spaces will be available for sale sometime in July.

Please remember, due to the limited amount of available interment space at Santa Ana Cemetery, full casket spaces are only being sold to families who have an immediate need for burial. Pre-need sales for full casket interment spaces are only available at El Toro Memorial Park.

## El Toro Memorial Park Eliminates Flower Storage Area

Effective with the May 23<sup>rd</sup> full-park clean-up, which marks the end of the Mothers' Day holiday schedule, staff at El Toro Memorial Park will no longer save items left on gravesites and store them at the flower pick-up location. Beginning on this date, all items left on gravesites will be discarded at every full-park clean-up. During the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> the flower removal area by the maintenance yard will be permanently removed.

This change in policy is taking place primarily for two reasons. As the park fills with interments, there is an increasing number of items left on the grounds. Physically, there is not enough room to store all viable items left on gravesites. Nor is it fair to ask staff to attempt to pick and choose which items to keep and which items to discard. Furthermore, despite signs urging people not to steal, the flower pick-up location has become a hub for thieves who

feel that all items left there are fair game. Unfortunately, theft from gravesites is also an increasing problem and cannot be effectively policed by staff. We urge families not to leave anything of great monetary or sentimental value unattended in the park. The District cannot maintain the security of these items.

We also ask visitors to please respect our policy of only decorating gravesites with two items. This includes the use of the in-ground flower vase and one other item. When gravesites are overloaded with decorations it makes mowing and trimming extremely difficult. The only exception to this is for new burials with casket sprays and other flower arrangements that have been transported here for Memorial Services. These items will be left until the fresh flowers wilt. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in these matters.

## Update on El Toro Niche Project and Restroom Remodels

In the last newsletter, the District announced the award of contract for the construction of a beautiful, new niche feature at El Toro Memorial Park, as well as District-wide renovations to improve the office restrooms and provide easier public access to them at Santa Ana Cemetery and Anaheim Cemetery. At the time, we thought the project would be well underway by May. However, there were delays with the City of Lake Forest requesting additional parking studies, getting grading approval, and submitting a water quality plan.

During that time, El Toro Memorial Park staff removed some of the landscaping that would impede the

construction of the niches and the new public restroom. Welding repair work has been completed on the wrought iron fencing that sits above the project site and around the perimeter of the flag pole area.

We now expect work to begin on all projects sometime during the month of May. We anticipate that the work will run throughout the summer with final completion in the early fall. There is a possibility that the current public restroom at El Toro Memorial Park will be demolished prior to the Memorial Day Program. Should that occur, portable toilets will be made available for visitors. We appreciate your patience during this construction project. Thank you!

**Flower Removal and Holiday Schedule**



Every Wednesday, groundskeepers remove and discard flowers and decorations throughout all three cemeteries. Families are encouraged to remove their flowers or decorations on Tuesday night; you can then place the flowers back on the space on Wednesday afternoon. Please remember that the District policy only allows for two items to be placed on gravesites. This includes the in-ground flower vase and one other item. If gravesites exceed the number of allowed items, staff may remove and discard the excess items. Please do not leave items of great monetary or sentimental value on gravesites as the District cannot prevent theft.

The District permits the allowed two items of flowers and/or decorations to be left on gravesites during holidays or for special occasions, such as anniversaries, birthdays and for new interments. Please come to the cemetery office and let us know that you have a special occasion and request that the flowers and decorations be left on the space. We do ask that you empty the vase and place fresh water in the container every four to five days to eliminate mosquito breeding sources, which can cause serious health issues. Your cooperation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

**In honor of Mothers' Day, flowers may be placed on gravesites beginning on Thursday, May, 3<sup>rd</sup> until Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. For Memorial Day, flowers may be placed on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. For Fathers' Day, flowers may be placed on gravesites beginning on Thursday, June, 7<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.**

A complete listing of the District's extended holiday flower schedule for 2018 is available on our website at [www.occemeterydistrict.com](http://www.occemeterydistrict.com). Click on the tab for Flowers, Markers and Rules for more information.

**ORANGE COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT**

**May and June Board Meetings**

The Board of Trustees for the Orange County Cemetery District holds regular meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 25751 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest, CA 92630. The public is welcome to attend.

Agendas are available at least 72 hours prior to each meeting and are also posted on our website at [www.occemeterydistrict.com](http://www.occemeterydistrict.com). In May and June, meetings will be held as follows:

- ❖ **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**
- ❖ **Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the District Secretary, Mary Funk at (949) 951-9102 ext. 110.

The offices at  
**Anaheim Cemetery,  
 Santa Ana Cemetery, and  
 El Toro Memorial Park**  
 will be closed for:



**On Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**All offices are also closed on the weekends.**

**Our Mission Statement and Core Values**

*The Orange County Cemetery District manages and maintains Orange County's public cemeteries in a manner that preserves their beauty, dignity, historical and cultural values, and offers affordable interment service for County residents.*

The Trustees and staff of the Orange County Cemetery District are committed to the following values:

- Integrity ■ Respect ■ Accountability
- Responsiveness ■ Empathy ■ Transparency
- Appreciation for Diverse Needs





**WEEKLY MEMO 4-26-18**

**SOCIAL MEDIA  
HIGHLIGHTS**

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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Good morning, **#GardenGrove!**

4.3k 81 19 18% 959

Atlantis Play Center, located at 13630 Atlantis Way, in **Garden Grove Park**, is now open for public use. Enjoy the four-acre site themed with nautical, fantasy playground equipment, Tuesdays through Sundays. For exclusive rentals, call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

**\*\*The center will be closing on Monday, May 14 through Thursday, May 31, 2018, as renovations are completed. For more information, visit <https://www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us/commserv/atlantis-play-center-renovation>.**

**#GG1956**



(Post) April 24, 2018 8:00 am



**Garden Grove City Hall**

**SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY WITH THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE**

7.2k 80 5 4% 266

The City is accepting online applications for the position of Instructor Guard (Recreation Specialist III). Qualified candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. The application deadline is Thursday, May 3. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/gardengrove>.

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove #NowHiring #SummerJob**



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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Let's **#flashback** to 1963, to the **Garden Grove Strawberry Festival's** annual cake cutting with **#MissGardenGrove!**

1.4k	38	2	4%	38
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Mark your calendar for the Strawberry Festival's diamond jubilee celebration of 60 years in the community! The four-day event begins Friday, May 25 through Monday, May 28, 2018. For more details, visit <http://strawberryfestival.org/>.

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove #StrawberryFestival #Turning60 #FBF**

(Photo: <http://strawberryfestival.org/>)



(Post) April 20, 2018 4:38 pm



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Free dental care event this weekend!

3.5k	34	7	7%	273
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You can register as early as this Thursday, April 26, to be pre-screened and get a wristband for the free dental care event on Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28.

**Orange County Register**

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove**

**Need free dental care? Line up early for Anaheim clinic April 27 and 28**

(Post) April 24, 2018 12:31 pm

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**Garden Grove City Hall**  
**CELEBRATE EVERYDAY HEROES...**

1.8k 32 2 4% 64

...at Magnolia Park Family Resource Center's 18th anniversary event on Saturday, April 28. Enjoy performances from local student clubs and groups, activities for the entire family, games for children, raffle prizes, a resource fair, and health screenings. As an extra bonus, the first 300 attendees will receive free food and refreshments. Don't miss out!  
<https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commserv/magnolia-park-family-resource-center-anniversary-event> #GG1956 #GardenGrove



(Post) April 19, 2018 5:32 pm



**Garden Grove City Hall**  
**"Giving Day" starts at midnight!**

964 11 - 4% 31

Giving Day is a virtual fundraiser benefiting, hosted by the Orange County Community Foundation, benefiting 16 Orange County organizations that serve homeless men, women and children.

One of the organizations is Garden Grove's very own **Thomas House Family Shelter**.

**Orange County Register**

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove**

**Nonprofits serving homeless people in Orange County aim for \$500,000 in online 'Giving Day' fundraiser**

(Post) April 25, 2018 10:21 am

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**Garden Grove City Hall**  
**Summer Youth Basketball Season**

2.1k	11	7	4%	110
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Slam dunk into summer, register for Garden Grove's Youth Basketball program and experience the fun and excitement of team sports. Registration is from now until the divisions are full. Cost is \$50, which includes a team jersey and participation award. The season begins end of June until mid-August 2018. For more information, visit <https://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commserv/sportscenter>.

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove #Summer #Basketball #YouthPrograms**



(Post) April 23, 2018 9:29 am










**Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Citizens are preparing...for the worst!  
 Many are getting practical experience on what to do if a disaster strikes. Check out this video on Garden Grove's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).







837	10	-	4%	46
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For information on future classes, visit [cert.gardengrovefire.org](http://cert.gardengrovefire.org) or [garden-grove.org](http://garden-grove.org). **Garden Grove CERT #DisasterPreparedness #GG1956 #GardenGrove**



(Post) April 20, 2018 11:35 am

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	<b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>	809	6	-	3%	27
<p>The <b>Garden Grove Police Department's</b> Traffic Unit is on the lookout for impaired drivers. <b>#CelebrateResponsibly</b> on <b>#420Day</b>.</p>						
<p><b>#StayAlertGG #SafeStreetsGG #GG1956 #GardenGrove</b></p>						
						
<p>(Post) April 20, 2018 12:47 pm</p>						
	<b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>	601	6	1	4%	23
						
<p>(Post) April 19, 2018 1:42 pm</p>						
	<b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>	686	1	-	3%	24
<p>Congratulations to Garden Grove's Ken Frank on being selected as one of the <b>#OrangeCounty's</b> Coach of the Year!</p>						
<p><b>Orange County Register</b></p>						
<p><b>#GG1956 #GardenGrove</b></p>						
<p><b>Aliso Niguel's Sundin, Garden Grove's Frank selected O.C. basketball coaches of the year</b></p>						
<p>(Post) April 25, 2018 12:00 pm</p>						
	<b>Garden Grove City Hall</b> <b>City of Garden Grove on Twitter</b>	703	1	-	2%	13
<p>(Post) April 19, 2018 8:00 am</p>						
	<b>Garden Grove City Hall</b> <b>City of Garden Grove on Twitter</b>	524	-	-	1%	10
<p>(Post) April 25, 2018 7:54 am</p>						

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 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b>            Your GGPD Officers were busy last night! Not only did they handle a large number of calls and make several arrests, nut they also recovered two stolen vehicles. One was reported stolen out of Los Angeles and the other had been car-jacked in Garden Grove earlier in the evening. Great work by everyone working last night! <b>#GGPD32 #JOINGGPD #PoliceWork #StolenVehicle #10851 #GardenGrove</b></p>	7.8k	815	104	27%	2.5k
					
(Post) April 25, 2018 6:04 am					
 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b>  <b>#FlashbackFriday.</b> Business checks. How we got to know our beat, the citizens and the businesses. (Pictured: P. Bailey).            ***If anyone knows the year, please help us update our records.***  <b>#GGPD32 #GG1956 #policehistory #policeuniform #policecar #fbf #thinblueline</b></p>	2.8k	111	21	13%	487
					
(Post) April 20, 2018 6:05 pm					
 <p><b>Garden Grove Police Department</b>            Awesome teamwork by both police departments during this investigation.  <b>#GGPD32 #JOINGGPD Fountain Valley Police Department</b></p>	4.1k	112	12	29%	1.5k
					
(Post) April 19, 2018 5:05 pm					

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**Garden Grove Police Department**

On April 12th, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (**#MADD**) handed out awards in recognition of law enforcement personnel who have made significant numbers of **#DUI** arrests in their cities. Congratulations to everyone for your outstanding work; especially our Officers M. Elhami, R. Bustillos, V. Brodeur, A. Laverly and D. Mihalik. For the full story, see <http://bit.ly/2HOTIXp> Photos courtesy of GGPD & Lou Ponsi / **Behind the Badge OC** **#GGPD32** **#GG1956** **#SafeStreetsGG** **#impaireddriving**

2.1k 87 9 10% 222



(Post) April 24, 2018 12:00 pm



**Garden Grove Police Department**

Just a friendly reminder that driving high is still a DUI; and the life you save, could be your own. **#GGPD32** **#GG1956** **#prop64** **#SafeStreetsGG** **#StayAlert** **#ots** **#duidoesntjustmeanbooze** **Garden Grove City Hall**

3.3k 71 11 7% 237



(Post) April 20, 2018 9:56 am



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**Garden Grove Police Department**

It's that time of the year again to clean out your medicine cabinets. **#GardenGrovePD** in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency will be accepting expired/unwanted medication (except sharps) next Saturday, April 28th, from 10 am - 2 pm, for **#safedisposal**. <http://bit.ly/2vyZDFU>  
**#GGPD32 #GG1956 #prescriptiondrugs #expiredmeds #nationaltakebackday #opioidepidemic #drugaddiction**  
**Garden Grove City Hall**

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### Garden Grove Fire Department

#### Did You Know

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Conducting emergency evacuation drills can't be understated. If it involves activating the alarm, contact your alarm company prior to commencing. If you don't, the fire department will be notified, and a will respond with & siren.

Responding with & siren can be both dangerous for responders & motorists.



(Post) April 23, 2018 2:14 pm

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	<b>CityGardenGrove</b>	2.7k	330	1	2	-
<p><b>WATER OUTAGE</b> -- Crews are working on Comstock &amp; Rexford this morning, from 9AM to 2PM. Residents have been notified. <b>#GG1956</b> (Tweet) April 25, 2018 7:52 am</p>						
	<b>CityGardenGrove</b>	2.6k	494	1	1	-
<p><b>Slam dunk into summer</b>, register for GG's Youth Basketball program &amp; experience the fun &amp; excitement of team sports. Cost is \$50, which includes a team jersey &amp; participation award. The season begins June through August 2018. For more info., visit <a href="http://ci.gardengrove.ca.us/commserv/sport...">ci.gardengrove.ca.us/commserv/sport...</a> <b>#GG1956</b> <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/cMb4HTP5bc">pic.twitter.com/cMb4HTP5bc</a></p>						
						
<p>(Tweet) April 23, 2018 9:33 am</p>						
	<b>CityGardenGrove</b>	3.9k	586	1	-	-
<p>Citizens are preparing...for the worst! Many are getting practical experience on what to do if a disaster strikes. Check out this video on Garden Grove CERT. For information on future classes, visit <a href="http://cert.gardengrovefire.org">cert.gardengrovefire.org</a>. <b>@GardenGroveFire</b> <b>#DisasterPreparedness</b> <b>#GG1956</b> <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/CMhPzpnB11">pic.twitter.com/CMhPzpnB11</a></p>						
						
<p>(Tweet) April 20, 2018 12:11 pm</p>						

Date Sent	Potential Reach Responses	Organic Impressions Likes	Clicks		
 <b>CityGardenGrove</b> WATER OUTAGES -- Crews will be working on the following streets this morning: Hidden Village Condos on Brookhurst Way, from 9AM to 1PM, and Jerry Lane and Gamma Street, from 9AM to 2PM. #GG residents were notified. #GG1956  (Tweet) April 19, 2018 7:59 am	2.6k	585	1	-	-
 <b>CityGardenGrove</b> SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY WITH THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE -- The City is accepting online applications for the position of Instructor Guard. The application deadline is Thursday, May 3. For more information and to apply, visit <a href="http://governmentjobs.com/careers/garden....">governmentjobs.com/careers/garden....</a>  #GG1956 #GardenGrove #NowHiring  (Tweet) April 24, 2018 9:28 am	2.6k	329	-	1	-
 <b>CityGardenGrove</b> @GardenGrovePD's Traffic Unit is on the lookout for impaired drivers. #CelebrateResponsibly on #420Day.  #StayAlertGG #SafeStreetsGG #GG1956  (Retweet with Comment) April 20, 2018 12:48 pm	-	259	-	2	-

**WEEKLY MEMO 4-26-18**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

# Here are the best Chinese restaurants in the area

We just ate lunch — spaghetti with meatballs, if you're wondering — so we really shouldn't be hungry, but then Brainiac came across our colleague Brad A. Johnson's updated list of the best Chinese restaurants in Orange County, and faster than you can say "mu shu pork roll," the appetite is back.



**Peter Larsen**  
*Brainiac*

For Westminster and Garden Grove, we're much more likely to think Vietnamese or Korean cuisine as local specialties, but the list by Johnson recently published in The Orange County Register does have a handful of restaurants from our cities that cracked his Top 20.

Peking King is the Westminster restaurant on the list, a Beijing-inspired menu prepared by chef Jerry Chen, according to Johnson. "Expect the service to be bossy but sweet," he writes of the restaurant, located at 8566 Westminster Blvd. that he notes has the best beef-and-scallion pancake and best honey walnut shrimp in Orange County.

Register  
Huntington Beach Wave  
April 26, 2018

## Brainiac

FROM PAGE 1

Garden Grove makes the Top 20 with two entries, including Ta Chen, which Johnson notes bills itself as a Szechuan and Mandarin restaurant, though the latter is where it really shines. Best bets include the house special "dry braised beef" and Brainiac's favorite, mu shu pork rolls "as big as footballs." You'll find it at 6082 Chapman Ave.

Also in Garden Grove, you'll find Tan Cang Newport Seafood at 10541 Bolsa Ave., which apparently does a fantastic wok-fried lobster. "Take some friends," Johnson says. "Order the 7-pound platter of Newport Special lobster." Well, OK, if we must!

And finally, we'll give you a Chinese spot in Fountain Valley. Fu Wing Low, at 16545 Brookhurst St., is a throwback kind of place, Johnson says, noting it reminds him of the '80s movie "Big Trouble In Little China" and serves all that good stuff you remember from classic Chinese joints: Mongolian beef, egg drop soup and beef chow fun are, well, fun!

### Prescription problems?

If you're like Brainiac, you open your medicine cabinet one day and think, "Where did all THAT come from?" That being old prescription medicine that never got used, isn't needed any longer and presents a problem as you consider how to get rid of it.

Flush down the toilet? Not good for the environment. Neither is throwing it in the trash. That's where your local police department might be able to help now that it's Na-

tional Prescription Drug Take Back Day once more.

The Garden Grove and Westminster police departments in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency will accept your expired or unwanted medicine from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. In Garden Grove, just go to the lobby of the main Police Department, 11301 Acacia Parkway. In Westminster, look for the official collection area in the parking lot for City Hall and the Police Department at 8200 Westminster Blvd.

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Finally, one of the good spots in town, the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, will celebrate 18 years of working with families in Garden Grove with a free community event called Celebrating Everyday Heroes.

It will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Magnolia Park, 11402 Magnolia St.

"Celebrating Everyday Heroes is an opportunity to recognize the groups and individuals who directly contribute to the success of the center and continually go above and beyond to ensure families are stronger and healthier," said Claudia Valdivia-Alvarez, director of the center, in a written statement.

The center typically offers programs such as counseling for individuals and families, parenting classes, domestic violence support groups and various other services for youths, families and anyone, really, who could use some help in a variety of categories.

For more information, visit the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center website at [ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commserv/familyresource/magnoliapark](http://ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commserv/familyresource/magnoliapark) or call 714-530-7413.

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ARTS & LEISURE

## It's curtains for Shakespeare for 2018

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON APRIL 25, 2018 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )



JOHN WALCUTT and Hal Landon, Jr. in a Shakespeare Orange County production of "The Tempest" in Garden Grove's Village Green (SOC photo).

By Thom de Martino

Lovers of the arts will have to hold their collective breath and hope that they've not lost yet another theater in Orange County.

Patrons of Shakespeare Orange County, the resident theatrical troupe for Garden Grove's Festival Amphitheater may be shocked to discover that the award-winning group has announced that they will have to shutter their scheduled annual summer season, due to planned construction at the venue by the new operators.

In an email to subscribers and an announcement on the [shakespeareoc.org](http://shakespeareoc.org) (<http://shakespeareoc.org/>) website, SOC Producing Artistic Director John Walcutt cushioned the blow with good news first, such as the group being awarded the California Arts Commission's Local Impact Award, tripling its audience in the last four seasons, and partnering with the Orange County School of The Arts in creating youth programs for Orange County students and young adults.

Then the bad news dropped.

Due to construction on the theater by the new tenant — the LFA Group (Large Format Assemblies) — as it works to increase seating in the amphitheater and upgrade the concessions stand (as well as the sound and lighting systems as reported by the Tribune in January 2017, "More seats at the Festival Amphitheater?"

[<https://orangecountytribune.com/2017/01/11/more-seating-for-the-festival-amphitheater/>]

(<https://orangecountytribune.com/2017/01/11/more-seating-for-the-festival-amphitheater/%5D>)), there is not even the opportunity for an abbreviated summer season for SOC at the venue.

"They (the City partners) have made it clear that we cannot be open for business if construction is underway, nor can they offer us any options in pushing our season a bit later in the summer," announced Walcutt in the email to theatergoers. "We have no reasonable and responsible choice, but to pull the plug on our productions this summer at the Amphitheatre. To proceed would be reckless, endangering our financial security and jeopardizing our professional product. I can't tell you how disappointed I am."

Now listed online as the "Garden Amp" and looking to appeal to a younger demographic with shows such as the "High and Mighty Festival" and "Not Yo' Mama's Ska Show", the location is described as "an all-ages, open air venue... Previously known as the Festival Amphitheater or Strawberry Bowl, the venue has become a premiere location for concerts and events in Orange County." A portion of the facility has also been transformed into a smaller venue for bands, called "The Locker Room."

Concerning the situation with SOC, John Montanez, Director of Community Affairs for Garden Grove, explained "There's new operators there at the theater, the LFA group... there's construction currently on the snack bar, trying to convert it to a restaurant, and what I feel it comes down to is that Shakespeare Orange County feels a little uncomfortable with the timeline on all of that, because they're looking to do their annual fundraiser at the Strawberry Festival... because of construction, the timeline was going to be tight, that they were uncomfortable enough to say... 'we'll step back for the summer, but we'll definitely want to look at the options of coming back next year.' We [the city] are actually possibly looking at doing some smaller stuff with them during the summer at another location... this is all preliminary right now, we're just discussing if they could possibly do a children's kind of camp or something like that — we're working currently right now on possibly finding a location for that."

Garden Grove City Manager Scott Stiles, whom Walcutt acknowledged in his announcement as having been greatly supportive of Shakespeare Orange County, had this to say:

"We understand that ongoing construction and renovation work with kitchen and bathroom facilities at the Festival Amphitheater, along with operational and cost concerns, are causing SOC to take a break from their summer programming for July and August 2018... we certainly wish to encourage creative partnerships going forward with SOC, the city, and LFA, who serves as the City's Amphitheater management company. We are excited about the potential for future partnerships with SOC and the arts community."



Remarking to the Tribune, Walcutt said “Yes, we are all terribly disappointed and were completely blindsided. SOC was promised the theater this summer and was in the process of launching our season. There are many great things happening in Garden Grove right now, and in this particular case, we were squeezed out... we were left with no responsible choice but to step aside. We hope that this will provide the City and LFA the chance to get their ducks in order, complete some nice improvements on the Amphitheater and support SOC in future. We are grateful to the people of Garden Grove for their support — of all Orange County really, thank you. And we hope the City will focus on making SOC a priority down the road.”

Focusing on the positive, he concluded “Meantime, we will catch our breath, proceed with this summer’s education programs [for kids and students], and consider the options.”

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## 2018 Season Announcement

Dear friends of SOC,

First of all, a huge **THANK YOU** for supporting us and being a part of the family in keeping the theatre alive in Garden Grove. You've done your part! And SOC has done ours!

### THE GREAT NEWS

**OC MAGAZINE**, in its upcoming issue, has named SOC "**OUR FAVORITE THING IN GARDEN GROVE!**" How proud we are of that! And all we've done together. Did you know that over the past four seasons:

- SOC has more than tripled its audience;
- SOC has raised and invested nearly one million dollars in the Garden Grove community;
- SOC has gained national prominence as a noted audience builder and innovative professional company;
- SOC has been recognized by the State of California with its California Arts Commission's LOCAL IMPACT AWARD for "using the Arts to improve your local community";
- SOC has brought in more than 1,000 different artists, dancers, musicians, craftspersons, and actors to work at The Amphitheatre;
- Over 30,000 people have come through our doors over the past four seasons, a great deal of them first-time theater-goers;
- Our cultural outreach has resounded far and wide as we've worked with wonderful groups who've brought a rich diversity and heritage to our work, profoundly reflecting the amazing diversity of our community;
- SOC has featured Oscar, Emmy and Tony Award nominees, as well as multiple winners of LA's top Acting Awards;
- SOC has partnered with Orange County School of The Arts to create vibrant Apprentice and Educational programs, involving more than 500 OC students and children.

***Well, yes... you probably knew that. Because you are the ones who've made it possible. THANK YOU!***

## **THE BAD NEWS**

Unfortunately, our City partners have not been as engaged and have struggled to keep up. It is with great sadness and disappointment that we have to notify you that our 2018 season of productions at The Amphitheatre has just been cancelled due to construction and permitting delays relating to refurbishing the theatre. SOC will not have its steady place at The Strawberry Festival, which is our major annual fundraiser, and construction has been delayed to the point that SOC can't be guaranteed by the City that our season will be unaffected. They have made it clear that we cannot be open for business if construction is underway, nor can they offer us any options in pushing our season a bit later in the summer. This is due to their obligations to LFA, the new tenant at The Amphitheatre. So, we have no reasonable and responsible choice, but to pull the plug on our productions this summer at the Amphitheatre. To proceed would be reckless, endangering our financial security and jeopardizing our professional product. I can't tell you how disappointed I am. This was all just relayed to us at a City meeting.

## **THIS SEASON**

Our intention, at this point, as we consider alternatives, is to find locations to produce both our High School Intensive project and our Young Actors' Project (with Theater Seoul of South Korea) in July. We'd like to keep at least those alive this summer. As far as our larger productions go, we are, with deep regret, suspending those pending further notice, and we will see what the future brings. Everything is up in the air right now, as we try our best to deal with this. We are so sorry.

## **YOU, OUR COMMUNITY**

In an article in THE OC REGISTER (December 21, 2014), after Tom Bradac had given me the honor of taking SOC on and building on his 35+ years of work here, and in which THE REGISTER graciously named me one of its Most Influential People in The Arts, I said "We really need to find out if the City of Garden Grove wants to be a part of this..." As myself and this wonderful group of talented volunteers from outside Garden Grove took on the challenge of extending the life of SOC at this Amphitheatre, which we all loved, that was the question on all our minds. It seemed so clear to us what SOC could be in Garden Grove. I think the community at large has rallied around us. And we thank you for that.

The civic leadership has been more challenging. Garden Grove has a terrific new City Manager in Scott Stiles, and many exciting things are happening around the City. Mr. Stiles has proven a supporter of SOC in his time here, but he faces many challenges, his plate is very full, and is only one person. All of SOC thanks him for his effort on our part.

If you'd like to lend your support and gratitude, let him know at: [sstiles@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:ssstiles@ci.garden-grove.ca.us) He deserves the encouragement.

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We are also very grateful to Jennifer and Larry at AZTECA restaurant and Doug at Doug's Downtown Diner, both on Historic Main Street (support them!) who worked hard with us. Otherwise, we have been unable (so far) to get any major Garden Grove investors, businesses or sponsors involved... so far.

Once again, THANK YOU all for being a vital part of our wonderful group.

### **THANK YOU FOR COMING!**

I don't know where we go from here, but all the good stuff wouldn't have happened without you.

If you'd like to let someone know how you feel about this and about the value of SOC in this community, the person who needs to hear this the most is the Director of our City partner organization, John Montanez, Director of Community Affairs. This is the branch of City assigned to take care of us and support us. Mr. Montanez can be contacted at: [johnmo@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:johnmo@ci.garden-grove.ca.us).

### **THE FUTURE**

It's up in the air right now. First, we will do our best to make our 2018 summer EDUCATION PROGRAMS big hit, including free children's performances of a musical version of A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, produced in association with THEATER SEOUL OF SOUTH KOREA, and our always popular HIGH SCHOOL INTENSIVE. We'll involve a lot of kids and students in these programs, and they are open to everyone. You can support those and find more info at our website. We'll know the location soon.

The rest is TBA. If it matters to you to have SOC at The Amphitheatre, let the City know. We will hope for the best and keep you posted.

And again, THANK YOU for all your interest, support, donations, love, time, attendance and good words. If you don't support art, it disappears. You are the reason SOC has been here. We know you have many causes, concerns, and obligations. We are happy to have you be a part of our "ONE BIG FAMILY UNDER THE STARS." It's been a great pleasure and lots of fun. If you want more... let someone know.

With great admiration, love, and gratitude,

*John Walcutt*  
Producing Artistic Director

*Tess Lina*  
Managing Director

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## “Heroes” celebrated at Magnolia Park

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MAGNOLIA PARK in Garden Grove will “Celebrate Everyday Heroes” on Saturday

Garden Grove’s Magnolia Park Family Resource Center is celebrating its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday. To commemorate the special occasion, MPFRC is hosting a free community event, “Celebrating Everyday Heroes,” from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Magnolia Park, located at 11402 Magnolia St.

([https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/gg-logo\\_lg.jpg](https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/gg-logo_lg.jpg)) “Celebrating Everyday Heroes” is an opportunity to recognize the groups and individuals who directly contribute to the success of the center and continually go above and beyond to ensure families are stronger and healthier,” says Center Director Claudia Valdivia-Alvarez.

Highlights of the event include performances from local student clubs and groups, activities for the entire family, games for children, raffle prizes, a resource fair, and free health screenings. Food and refreshments will be available to the first 300 attendees.



MPFRC is the result of the city's long-standing emphasis on developing youth potential, supporting families, and enriching communities through the Family Opportunities Creating Unity and Support (FOCUS) philosophy.

Services offered at MPFRC include individual and family counseling, parent classes, domestic violence support programs, teen and youth programs, and health and wellness services and resources.

For more information, visit [www.garden-grove.org](http://www.garden-grove.org) (<http://www.garden-grove.org>) or call (714) 530-7413.

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# Retorts: Many great GG neighborhoods

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MAIN STREET Garden Grove in 1975. The downtown/civic center area is the city's original neighborhood (Courtesy Orange County Archives).

No good deed goes unpunished.

That's clear from this week's reaction to Garden Grove City Councilman (and mayor pro tem) Kris Beard's latest initiative. He wrote a proposed resolution to declare that part of the Big Strawberry west of Western Avenue to be

“West Grove.”

Beard wrote – among other things – that the west side has “long demonstrated a profound sense of community pride so distinct, they identify the area as ‘West Garden Grove’ with the affinity and the character of a small, family-oriented, hard-working, middle-class, ‘All American hometown.’”

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/retorts.jpg>)Hmmm. Not bad, unless you stop to wonder how that part of the city differs from the rest of Garden Grove.

Some folks even read “All American” as code words for “mostly white folks,” which was certainly not what Mr. Beard intended. At Tuesday’s city council meeting he took his lumps and promised to come back with a better resolution in May.

However, let’s not let some few awkward phrases disregard the idea on its general merits, or the lack thereof.

Essentially what Beard is proposing is to create a “brand” for the west side and now emphasize the virtues and sense of community over there. This isn’t a bad idea. Many large cities – and Garden Grove, believe it or not, is turning into one – have celebrated the charm of different neighborhoods which make a municipality more than just a bunch of tract homes.

The issue, as I see it, is that Beard “walked point” on the concept of working toward boosting such recognition. It’s an important role, but those are the guys who usually run a risk.

A better approach to consider might be to use this idea as the seed of a bigger concept. Mayor Steve Jones says he is seeking to build a more unified community, but the two concepts are not mutually exclusive. The national motto is (or should be) “e pluribus unum,” meaning “out of many, one.”

I am imagining a marketing campaign, complete with colorful signage promoting, for example, “West Grove: Another Great Garden Grove Neighborhood.”

Other candidates would include Downtown, Little Saigon, Koreatown, and Grove Resort as starters. You could make a pretty good case for other areas such as Brookhurst/Chapman (the city’s chief commercial center), East Side (east of the resort) and other places as it seems appropriate.

None of this conflicts with the city’s “Garden Grove Is Your Market” campaign. Few successful enterprises use the same ad approach forever, or aim at a too-specific demographic. “Market” is aimed largely at making businesses comfortable with Garden Grove as a site location; “Great Neighborhoods” would aim at making existing and potential residents feel better about the city as hometown.

Maybe all the acid kicked up by this mini-tempest can have a soothing result. Celebrate all the good stuff. To paraphrase an old educational fad, “Leave No Neighborhood Behind.”

*Jim Tortolano’s Retorts column appears on alternate Wednesdays. Usually.*

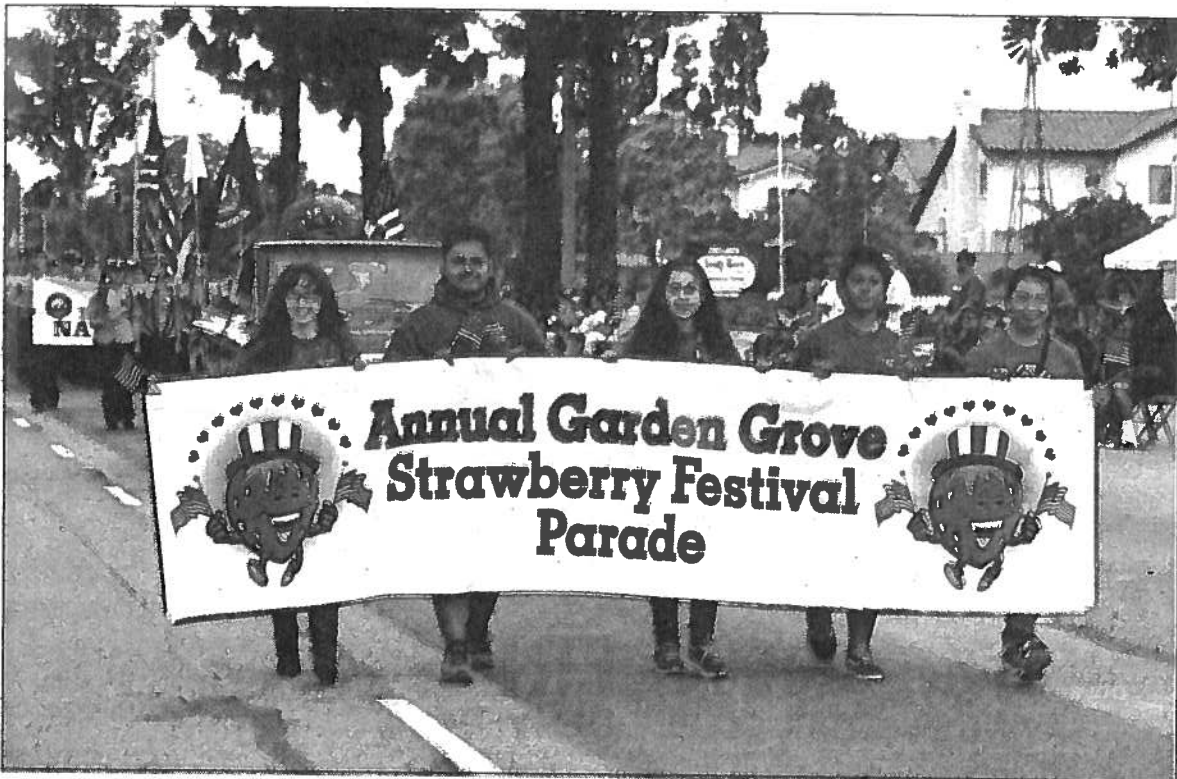
## Retorts



Jim Tortolano



# Fantastic festival features family fun



File photo by Dave Smithson

It's that time of year! The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, one of the biggest events of the year in Orange County, is scheduled for May 25-28. Here is a scene from last year's festival. The festival, which draws about 300,000, features food, rides, celebrities, contests and more. For information about the festival, go to [www.strawberryfestival.org](http://www.strawberryfestival.org).

# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out 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 Orange County Emergency Pet Clinic, 12750 Garden Grove Blvd. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

## 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 Christ Cathedral, 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.

## 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.  
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.

## Books on display

New World Language textbooks recommended for adoption and purchase by the Garden Grove Unified School District will be on public display from through Monday, May 14 at the Garden Grove Unified School District Education Center, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

The new materials are for French, Spanish and Vietnamese grades 7-12.

Regular preview times are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Textbook Preview Area, on the first floor of the Education Center, with an additional examination period on Wednesday May 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. An evaluation form will be provided for visitors.

The Board of Education is scheduled to consider adoption of the recommended instructional materials at its May 15 board meeting for introduction beginning next school year.

All materials on display are recommended for Board of Education adoption after a parent review period and following extensive evaluation by teachers, GGUSD staff, and school district administrators.

Materials are evaluated based on accuracy, organization of content, and alignment with the state's academic content standards. Evaluators also examined the integration of technology and the presence of clear and definite strategies for working with diverse student populations.

More information is available by calling the Office of K-12 Instructional Services at 714-663-6143.

## Day camp

Garden Grove Day Camp provides children, ages 5-12, with a fun, safe, and affordable 10-week summer program, beginning June 18.

Camp hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Camp is at the Courtyard Center at Village Green park, at 12732 Main St. The cost is \$95 per week (before April 30) and \$100 per week (after April 30).

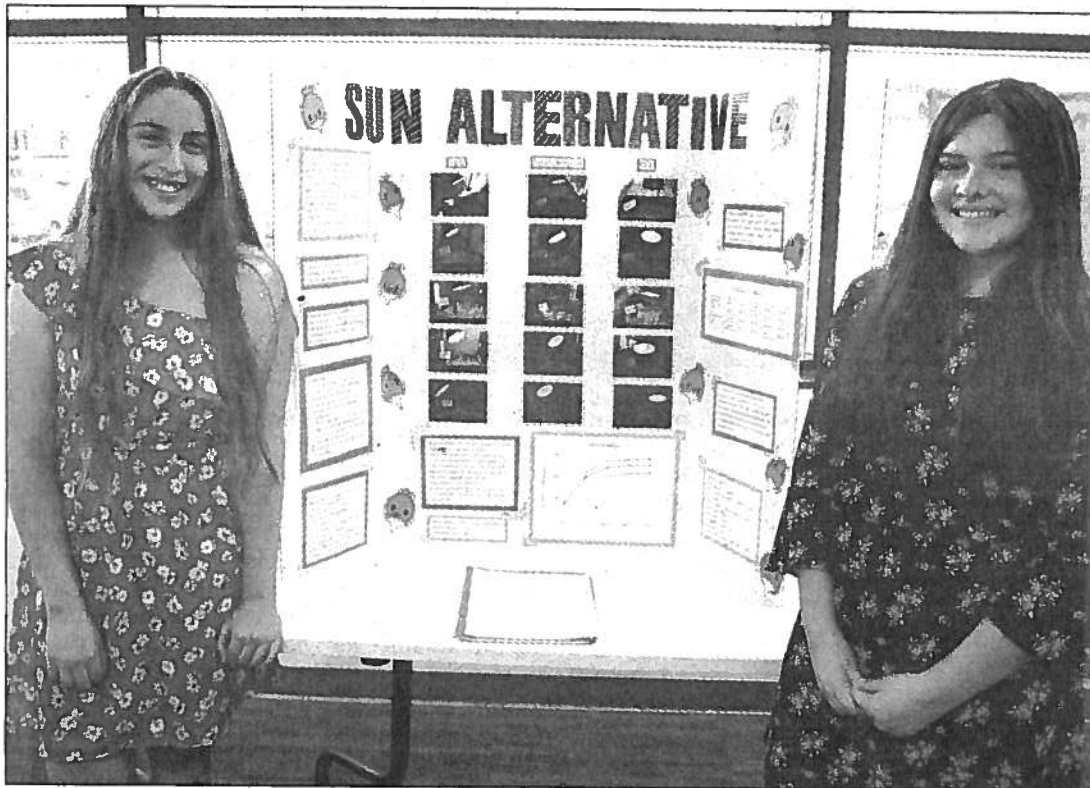
The 10-week program is designed to provide children with a positive learning environment while developing social and leadership skills. It includes a camp T-shirt, snacks, water, participation in creative activities and games, and a free lunch on Fridays.

For more information, call the Community Services Department at 714-741-5200.

# GG students shine at Science Fest

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Several receive scholarship \$\$\$ for innovative projects



Courtesy photo

Walton Intermediate School students Celeste Torres, left, and Valerie Garcia were among the first place winners at the annual Science Fest student showcase hosted by Endologix.

Garden Grove Unified School District students received college scholarship funds awarded by Endologix, a medical equipment manufacturer, which hosted a Science Fest Showcase and scholarship presentation on April 12 at the company's headquarters in Irvine.

This was the second annual Science Fest Showcase, made possible through a unique partnership with the district, Endologix, the Orange County United Way, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove.

During the Science Fest Showcase, students highlighted their science projects to family members and Endologix staff. Projects included a variety of science experiments studying solar power, energy, sound, and other topics chosen by students. First, second, and third place science fair winners received gift cards and certificates.

First place winners were also

awarded college scholarships. Endologix also awarded funds to each school's science department.

"We are grateful for the support of Orange County United Way and the industry professionals at Endologix for bringing our students exciting hands-on opportunities to learn about science, technology, engineering, and math," said Lan Nguyen, district Board of Education vice president. "We know STEAM is an emerging career path with in-demand jobs and these rich experiences are powerful for our students."

Endologix provided students with after-school STEM programs and an opportunity to tour its worldwide headquarters to observe product creation, experiments conducted in labs, and interact with professional engineers. The Science Fest Showcase is an exciting culminating event designed to in-

crease student engagement and interest in the field of science.

Students with first-place Science Fest projects include Bell Intermediate School student Ellie Nordquist; Fitz Intermediate School student Khoa Cu; Jordan Intermediate School students Kathleen Le and Emily Nguyen; Ralston Intermediate School student Josephine Rusli; and Walton Intermediate School students Celeste Torres and Valerie Garcia.

# 'We're helping build the... Scouts'



Local Boy Scout leaders honored at "Spirit of Scouting" dinner

By Loreen Berlin

Boy Scouts of America leaders in the El Capitan Scouting District were honored recently at the Clarion Hotel in Garden Grove during a "Spirit of Scouting" dinner; the event honored individuals for their guidance and governance with young people in the Scouting program.

"The annual awards dinner of the El Capitan Scouting District is to recognize the leaders, parents and volunteers who have devoted their time throughout the year to the Boy Scouts," said El Capitan Chairperson Frances Nguyen. "Through our participation, we're helping build the next generation of Scouts to be good citizens,

Courtesy photo

From left, are Camporee Chair Bruce Finnsson, Roundtable Chair Jonathan Finnsson, El Capitan Chairperson Frances Nguyen and Jamie Finnsson, District Committee and Unit Commissioner, at a recent event honoring Boy Scouts of America leaders in the area.

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who will be faithful to their faith and patriotic to their country. Scouting builds family values, while promoting each others' ethic cultural differences and values."

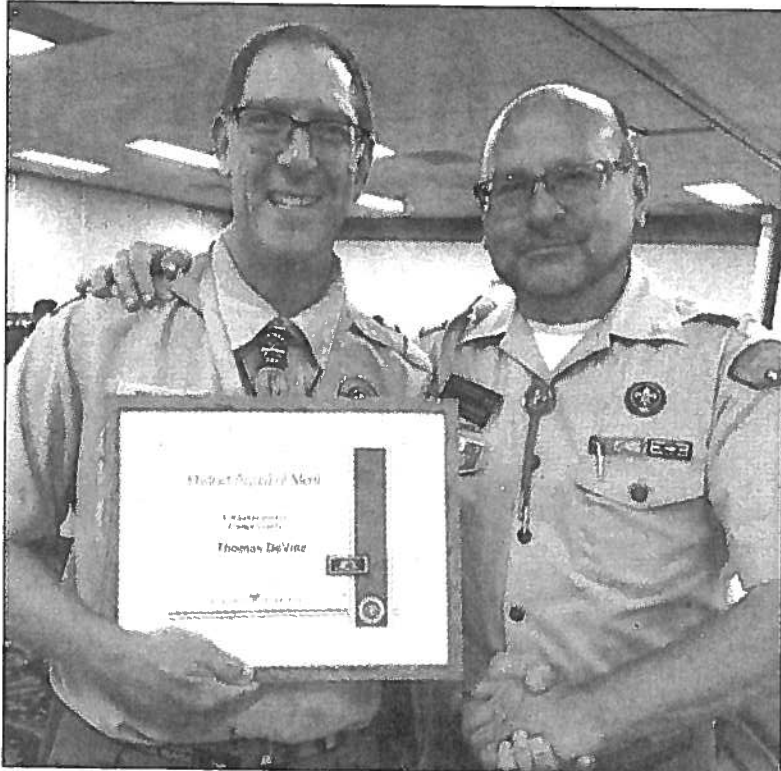
The El Capitan Scouting District serves more than 1,400 youth in Garden Grove, Westminster, Stanton, Anaheim and surrounding cities with a program that works to create young people of quality and character.

It seeks to have a positive impact that helps local families and the communities celebrate Scouting, which in turn, helps to ensure Boy Scouts of America's special program will not only continue, but will also help today's youth be strong individuals and future community leaders.

The Boy Scouting program will soon include all Scouts, taking in Girl Scouts.

The following Garden Grove Scout leaders were honored: Tammy Vu, Pack 167; Michael Delfino, Troop 270; John Blake, Pack 270; Stacy Achuff, Troop 1103; and Melanie Suarez, Pack 270.

From Westminster, those honored include: Diep Nguyen, Pack 299; Thuy Nguyen, Pack 413; Frank Ba Thanh Nguyen,



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From left, are Unit Commissioner Thomas DeVine with West County District Executive Jorge Ruiz de Somocurio at the recent Boy Scouts of America event at the Clarion Hotel in Garden Grove.

Troop 680; Julie Chau, Pack 901; Chi Tran, Pack 1930; Nhan Vo, Troop 1930; Phuong Lan Nguyen, Troop 901; and Khanh Vu, Crew 1930.

Scoutmaster of the Year Loi Pham, Troop 270; Thomas DeVine and Jonathan Finnsson for District Award of Merit.

Appreciation Awards were presented to Garden Grove Scout leaders Ray Shane, Troop 270, and Daniel Soderstrom, Troop 270.

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## Beard will rework “West Grove” resolution

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON APRIL 24, 2018 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )



KRIS BEARD, Garden Grove City Council member (Tribune file photo).

By Jim Tortolano

Garden Grove Councilman Kris Beard’s proposal to give the western part of the city its own brand as “West Grove” will be getting a bit of a shave.

At Tuesday's meeting of the council, the District 1 councilman heard some harsh words, as well as encouragement, from members of the public on a resolution that Beard proposed.

([https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/gg-logo\\_lg.jpg](https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/gg-logo_lg.jpg))The resolution would recognize that area west of Western Avenue as a part of the city that has "long demonstrated a profound sense of community pride so distinct, they identify the area as 'West Garden Grove' with the affinity and the character of a small, family-oriented, hard-working, middle-class, 'All American hometown.'"



But on social media, as well as Tuesday night in person, his wording drew some hard words.

Lena Nguyen said that although he believed Beard had good intentions, "there could have been a better way to word it," arguing that the text would "separate the city." Those complaining about the draft resolution said the wording seemed to imply that West Garden Grove was somehow more "All American" than other, more racially diverse parts of the city.

But Beard had his backers, including son Alex Beard, who told the council that the branding effort would be beneficial for economic development of the area. Another speaker compared West Garden Grove favorably to the rest of the city, which drew some grumbling from the audience.

Beard defended his handiwork. "This is a draft resolution," he said. "I asked for it [public input] and I got it. I don't intend to submit the resolution as it is."

He said he didn't mean to be critical of other parts of Garden Grove and that he was a supporter of all parts of the city. Beard promised to replace "controversial words" with better language and bring a resolution back later, perhaps in May.

Also at the meeting, the council voted 7-0 in favor of an amended agreement for the development of a new Nickelodeon-themed hotel on Harbor Boulevard with a one-year time extension.

Additionally, the council approved a general plan amendment and planned unit development for the completion of the project popularly known as "the rusty skeleton." The mixed-use housing and retail enterprise at 10800 Garden Grove Blvd., west of Brookhurst Street, will include 400 senior citizen housing units.

The next meeting of the city council is planned for May 8.

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# New “Village Center” gets final OK

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON APRIL 25, 2018 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )



A PLAN to revive the dormant and mostly vacant Village Center at Beach and Garden Grove boulevards has been approved by the Garden Grove City Council (Frontier Real Estate).

A mixed use center straddling the Garden Grove and Stanton city limits which may revitalize a long-dormant stretch of Beach Boulevard has won approval from the Garden Grove Planning Commission.

([https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/gg-logo\\_1g.jpg](https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/gg-logo_1g.jpg)) On Thursday, April 19, the panel voted 5-0 (with two members absent) in favor of a site plan and other measures to clear the way for a revived “Village Center,” located on the west side of Beach and north of Garden Grove Boulevard.



The Village Center, which dates back to 1980, has 4.1 acres on the Garden Grove side (north of Garden Grove Boulevard, on the west of Beach Boulevard) out of the total of 21.87 acres.

Under the plan for the entire site, the northern 11.89-acre portion (all within Stanton) will be devoted to residential development. The remaining part – 10.18 acres – will include 6.08 acres on the Stanton side.

Changes planned for the center include renovation of facades and interiors of the remaining retail and commercial spaces and the addition of two new pad buildings.

The Stanton Planning Commission has already approved the site plan, variance and tentative parcel map.

At its peak, the center hosted an Edwards movie complex, a Ralphs supermarket and a Sav-On drug store as well as Red Robin, Acapulco, Sizzler, Mimi's and Wendy's restaurants.



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'Viet Stories: Recollections & Regenerations' highlights the struggles and achievements of Vietnamese Americans who fled their war-torn country to find new lives in the U.S.

BY RICHARD CHANG

**L**ong Nguyen fled South Vietnam on April 30, 1975, two hours after the Communists took over. He left by boat with a handful of possessions alongside his brother, two uncles and an aunt.

He didn't reunite with his mother until 10 years later, and not with his father until five years after that.

But in the United States, Nguyen became a successful artist and actor. He has appeared in a number of movies and recently had a recurring TV role in "NCIS: Los Angeles."

His artwork is in the permanent collection of the San Jose Museum of Art, and he has taught classes at art school. He's now raising his own family in Huntington Beach.

Nguyen, 59, is one of dozens of Vietnamese immigrants

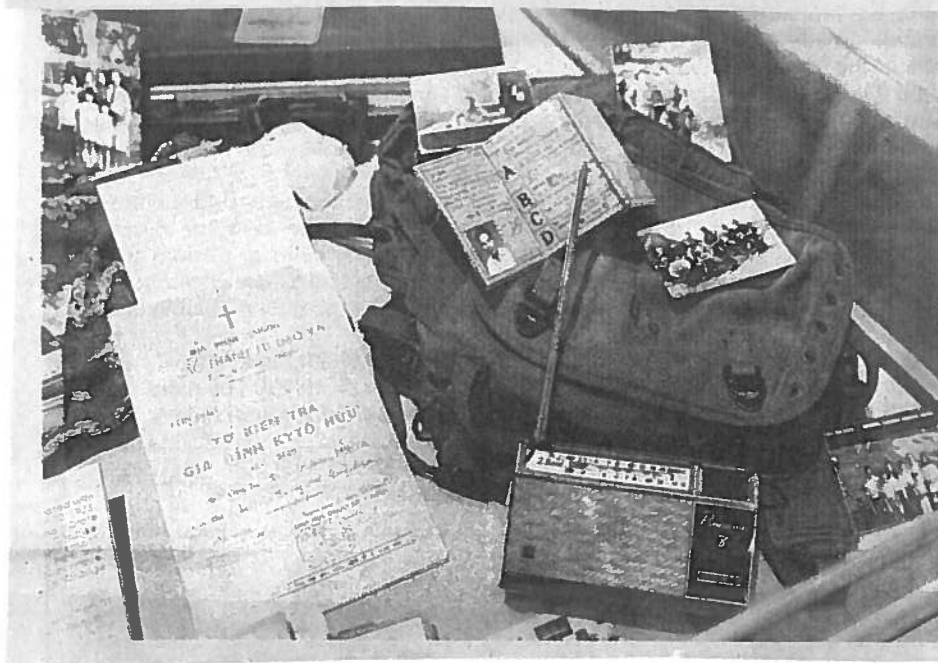
and Vietnamese Americans whose stories and art are featured in "Viet Stories: Recollections & Regenerations." The visual art, history and oral history exhibition is on view at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda through May 28.

"As an artist, it's my chance to share the story," said Nguyen, 59, who has a painting and a sculpture in the exhibit.

"I have two kids, 15 and 13. I'm glad they have a chance to see the story of how 2 million Vietnamese came to America, because they only know us (their parents). Now they know the story of a big group of people, and millions of Vietnamese worldwide."

"Viet Stories" highlights works by 17 Vietnamese American artists, and includes photographs, clothing, travel documents and personal effects that the Vietnamese brought with them during their journey to the United States. Historical panels describing the lives and aspirations of Vietnamese Americans are also part of the exhibit.

**INSET:** Items that Thomas and Josephine Duong brought with them in 1975 on their journey.



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it.

"Most Americans may not know a lot about Vietnamese Americans," said Linda Vo, an Asian American studies professor at UC Irvine and co-curator of the exhibition.

"People know the Vietnam War, and most of the time, that story is told from the American side. We wanted to tell it from a different perspective and have the American public understand what happened to Viets who had to go through a civil war. We wanted to show who we were during the war, and in the 40-plus years since the war officially ended. It's an American story, and it is about American history."

More than 2 million Vietnamese live in the United States, according to 2016 statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau. The biggest population of Vietnamese outside Vietnam is in Orange County, totaling about 184,153, or 6.1% of the county's population.

While many Vietnamese remember the odyssey of immigrating to a new, not always welcoming land, subsequent generations don't always know about their parents' journeys and struggles.

"For the younger ones, this exhibition is to expose them to this part of their history that they don't always learn about," said Tram Le, co-curator of "Viet Stories."

She also serves as an arts and culture specialist for the city of Santa Ana.

"They didn't have to go through a war or hunger," Le said. "They're just blown away that their parents survived it."

The idea for "Viet Stories" originated years ago, when Vo and Le

were organizing a Vietnamese American oral history project out of UC Irvine. From that project came a book, "Vietnamese in Orange County," released in 2015 by Arcadia Publishing.

"Viet Stories" also has roots in another exhibition, "Vietnamese Focus: Generations of Stories," on view at the Old Orange County Courthouse from August 2015 through February 2016. Some of the historical panels and banners are borrowed from that show.

This iteration at the Nixon Library and Museum features many more artists, artifacts and objects, including two haunting collages of black and white photographs by Dinh Q. Lê; a dress custom-designed for Jennifer Lopez by Bao Tranchi; striking paintings of Amerasians by Thuy Linh Bennett Kang; and a red evening gown designed for actress Kelly Marie Tran by Huntington Beach-based designer Thai Nguyen. Tran played rebel Rose Tico in "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," and wore the red dress to the movie premiere.

Tiffany Le, who was born and raised in Orange County, has about eight of her mixed media works on display.

"To be alongside these other distinguished Vietnamese American artists is both a proud moment and a humbling experience," said Le, 27, a Garden Grove resident.

"I've read, written [about] and followed a lot of these artists during my university days, and to showcase with them is an honor I didn't expect, especially through the lens as a second-generation Vietnamese American."

Organizers and some participants acknowledge that having "Viet Stories" on view at the Nixon Library and Museum does involve some ironic undertones.

## IF YOU GO

**What:** "Viet Stories: Recollections & Regenerations"

**When:** Through May 28; hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays

**Where:** Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda

**Cost:** \$6 to \$16, children 4 and younger are admitted free; a free art and food event is planned May 19

**Information:** (714) 983-9120 or visit [nixonlibrary.gov](http://nixonlibrary.gov).

While American involvement in the Vietnam War officially ended during the Nixon Administration, the 37th president did approve secret bombing campaigns in North Vietnam and Cambodia, and ground incursions in Laos and Cambodia during the war.

"The Nixon Library approached us, and wanted to do it on a bigger scale with professional space and staff," Vo said.

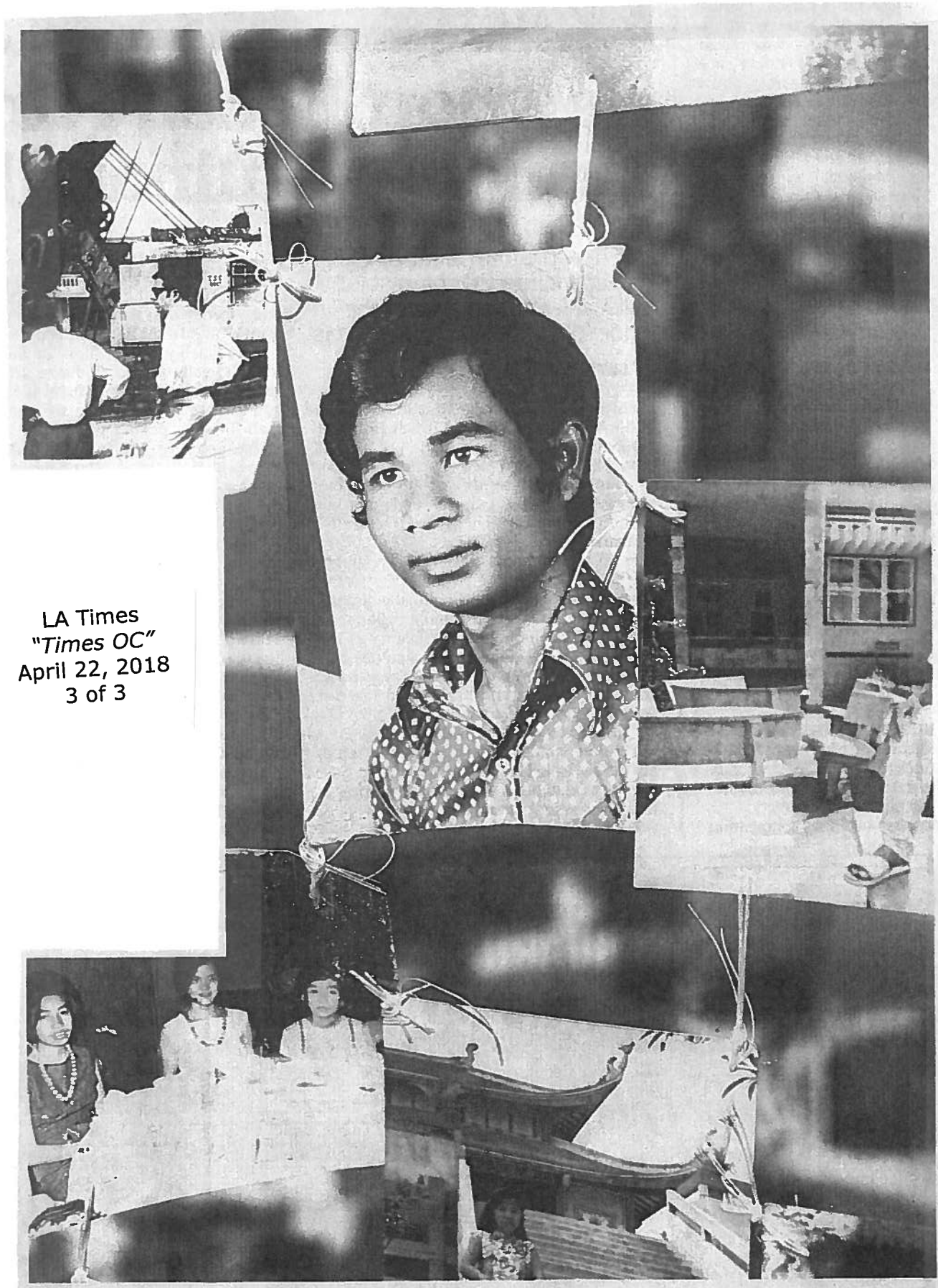
"We expanded it greatly."

"Politically, we need to be at that table," Tram Le said. "We need to tell our side of the story. Nixon's legacy is one side. We need to tell that other side. Never once did they tell us, 'Don't say that.'"

The organizers also believe that telling this story of Vietnamese immigration to the U.S. is relevant to issues confronting the country today.

"It resonates with what's going on today, with Syrian refugees and other refugees around the world," Vo said. "It's an important historical moment when we are rethinking our policy. This puts a human face on it."

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*Photos courtesy of Chris Vo*

**ARTIST DINH Q. LÊ** collected photographs left behind by people fleeing Vietnam and created two haunting collages for the "Viet Stories" exhibition.

## Musical magic at Gem with “Patsy”

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON APRIL 22, 2018 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )



DEE SHANDERA (left) and Nicole Cassesso in “Always, Patsy Cline (Photo by Linda Scarsi).

By Thom deMartino

It’s a story of friendship, respect, ambition, and above all — the music.

By popular demand, “Always, Patsy Cline” is back for a limited time at the Gem Theater in Garden Grove: telling the true-life story of the friendship that evolved between Louise Seger, a divorced single mom in Houston, Texas, and her idol, the rising country music starlet Patsy Cline, when the two cross paths at a concert where the performer is featuring.

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(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/stagereviewbug.jpg>) Louise (played by Dee Shandera) narrates this trip down memory lane, as she relates how one morning in 1957 as she was making breakfast, she was struck by the singing she heard emanating from a variety show her kids were watching, featuring the up-and-coming star Patsy Cline (Nicole Cassesso): she's immediately smitten with Patsy's talent and striking, melodic voice, and it becomes a life-long love affair with her music.

A few years later, when the devoted and fervent fan is giddy to hear that her idol is coming to perform locally in Houston, there's nothing on Earth that will stop her from attending — and when she meets the star before the show, not only is Patsy warm and friendly, but even heads to Louise's table to sit, drink and dish with the star-struck fan.

The story of that special evening and the ongoing friendship between the pair is related in-between numerous favorite tunes by the singer, as the audience shares in the treasured true-life memories of a devoted admirer.

A jukebox musical like "Always, Patsy Cline" doesn't return for a third year without being wildly popular, and the show has proved to be a favorite at the Gem, both for the audience and the cast: both Cassesso and Shandera shine in their reprised roles — it's understandable why there would be such demand for its return. For a production with only two main characters (excluding the remarkably talented members of the live band "The Bodacious Bobcats", who deftly accompany Cassesso's vocals), the show is riveting.

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/greatmovielogo.jpg>) Shandera's Louise is incredibly matter-of-fact, comical and bawdy, an everywoman that the audience can easily see through the eyes of and sympathize with; while Cassesso's Patsy is more than just an abstract country music icon, but a very flesh-and-blood, sympathetic and human character. When Louise relates their conversation about marital troubles, it's not just about one woman's troubles, but about the challenges faced in every relationship that's worth saving. When the women sit and shoot the breeze over Schlitz beers, it's more than the idol-worship of a devoted fan, it's two kindred spirits in a finite, yet timeless, crystallized moment, that speaks to something deeper and universal.



While this may be the third and arguably final year for the popular "Patsy" — all the more reason to catch it while you can, mind you — who's to say what the future may bring, and if the audience's love demands it return next season.

Either way, "Always, Patsy Cline" — as well as the comical Shandera and scintillating Cassesso — is not to be missed.

*"Always, Patsy Cline" Nicole Cassesso, Dee Shandera and "The Bodacious Bobcats Band" star in this heartfelt tale of friendship, devotion and one of country music's most scintillating stars. Playing for a special limited engagement from April 12 through May 13 at The Gem Theater, 12852 Main St., Garden Grove.*

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# Shepherd's Grove moves to Irvine

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON APRIL 22, 2018 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )



IRVINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (pictured above) is the new home of the Shepherd's Grove congregation, which has moved from a former Catholic church in Garden Grove. It's the successor to the former Crystal Cathedral congregation (Shepherd's Grove photo).

The last remnant of a worldwide religious ministry that began in Garden Grove has left the Big Strawberry and settled in Irvine.

Shepherd's Grove, the descendent of the Crystal Cathedral congregation founded by Rev. Robert H. Schuller, left its campus at the former St. Callistus church and school in March and relocated to the Irvine Presbyterian Church in that South Orange County city.

The congregation was displaced because the land and buildings it rented from the Catholic Diocese of Orange County were sold to Shea Homes, which will build a gated 80-home single-family development at the northwest corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Lewis Street.

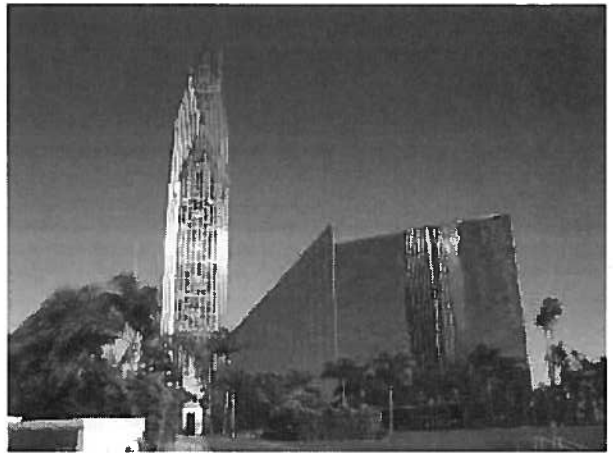
According to the Shepherd's Grove website – [www.shepherdsgrrove.org](http://www.shepherdsgrrove.org/) (<http://www.shepherdsgrrove.org/>)– the church will be changing its affiliation from the Reformed Church of America to the Presbyterian Church of America.

The church was founded in 1955 as the Garden Grove Community Church. It gained fame as the “drive-in church” where worshippers could “come as you are” to services at a nearby drive-in theater or at the sanctuary.

Broadcasts of the “Hour of Power” televised services made Rev. Schuller an international celebrity. The church campus at Chapman Avenue and Lewis Street expanded rapidly with the construction of a high-rise tower. In 1980, the new name for the congregation became the Crystal Cathedral, in recognition of its iconic new glass sanctuary.

However, by the early part of the new century, attendance began to decline and the operation suffered from financial trouble that led to filing for bankruptcy in 2010 and the sale of the Cathedral and campus to the diocese. In 2013 the former Crystal Cathedral congregation relocated and changed its name to Shepherd’s Grove. It is now led by Rev. Bobby Schuller, grandson of the church’s founder.

The former Crystal Cathedral is now referred to as Christ Cathedral and is being renovated for its new role as the center of the diocese. Kevin Vann is the bishop.



**CHRIST** (formerly Crystal) Cathedral in Garden Grove (file photo).



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# “West Grove” landmark honor proposed

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON APRIL 21, 2018 • ( 1 COMMENT )



EASTGATE PARK is a major community activity and gathering place in West Garden Grove (Orange County Tribune photo).

A resolution declaring the West Garden Grove area as “The West Grove District” goes before the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday.

Councilman Kris Beard (District 1) is making the proposal, which would make that part of the city west of Western Avenue “an official Honorary Garden Grove Landmark.”

([https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/gg-logo\\_1g.jpg](https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/gg-logo_1g.jpg))The resolution would recognize that area as a part of the city that has “long demonstrated a profound sense of community pride so distinct, they identify the area as ‘West Garden Grove’ with the affinity and the character of a small, family-oriented, hard-working, middle-class, ‘All American hometown.”

Also on Tuesday night, the council will consider amending the city’s agreement with Kam Sang Company for the construction of a Nickelodeon-themed hotel project on the west side of Harbor Boulevard at Twintree Avenue.



The revised agreement would extend the timeline for construction on the 9.08-acre site by one year, allowing time to acquire adjacent properties – including single family homes and an apartment complex – and relocate the residents.

Kam Sang will contribute \$13 million in project costs: another \$5 million is being sought, with possible funding from Nickelodeon.

The council meets at 6:30 pm. in its chambers in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. (at Euclid Street).

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## Nonprofits serving homeless people in Orange County aim for \$500,000 in online 'Giving Day' fundraiser



Daisy Ramirez and her two young children are being assisted by Thomas House Family Shelter with temporary living quarters while Ramirez works and saves money toward their own apartment. Thomas House is one of 16 homeless services and housing providers taking part in the 24-hour online Help Them Home fundraising campaign on April 25.

By **THERESA WALKER** | [thwalker@scng.com](mailto:thwalker@scng.com) | Orange County Register  
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At the stroke of midnight on Wednesday, April 25, watch for the social media accounts of 16 Orange County organizations that serve homeless men, women and children to go into overdrive when another Giving Day of virtual fundraising kicks into action.

The marathon online donation drive introduced here by Orange County Community Foundation in 2015 — called iheartOC — has been a smashing success. But this year, there's a twist.

Instead of one daylong virtual event for hundreds of participating nonprofits soliciting donations for their myriad charitable missions all at the same time, the 2018 version will involve multiple Giving Days spread over the course of the next year or so. Each 24-hour online fundraiser will focus on a specific cause or group of people — homelessness, people with disabilities, senior citizens — and engage a collaborative group of nonprofits that provide services to those populations.

The first is the Help Them Home campaign to support 16 nonprofits that assist homeless people in different parts of the county: American Family Housing; Casa Teresa; Family Assistance Ministries; Families Forward; Family Promise of Orange County; Grandma's House of Hope; HIS House; HomeAid OC; Mercy House; Orange County Community Housing Corp.; Pathways of Hope; Project Hope Alliance; South County Outreach; SPIN; Thomas House Family Shelter; and WISEPlace women's shelter.

The collective goal: \$500,000.

Donations can be made to a specific organization, or to the Help Them Home campaign in general to be distributed evenly among the 16 nonprofits. Some supporters have already stepped up with offers to match targeted amounts of donations.

Working with the nonprofit fundraising platform Funraise, Orange County Community Foundation has set up a landing page at [help-them-home.funraise.org](http://help-them-home.funraise.org) to go live at midnight Wednesday. Progress can be tracked in real time on the site.

The idea for the collaborative Giving Day grew out of a smaller effort last year among Families Forward, HomeAid OC and Thomas House.

After raising more than \$1.8 million for 347 nonprofits in 2015 and then \$3.2 million for 418 charities in 2016, iheartOC went on hiatus in 2017 so OCCF could retool the technology and promotional materials.

But Families Forward, HomeAid and Thomas House engaged with the foundation to help with a tightly focused Giving Day for them.

Thomas House executive director Natalie Julien said fundraising through iheartOC had been so beneficial that the nonprofit reached out to Orange County Community Foundation last year to figure out some way to keep that momentum going.

"We didn't want to stop," said Julien, in charge of a 32-year-old Garden Grove nonprofit that operates a 16-unit apartment complex where about 35 families a year find transitional shelter from the streets or motels. With a host of support services, Thomas House has a nearly 90 percent success rate assisting its clients in finding and improving employment prospects, saving money, and moving on to self-sufficiency.

Orange County Community Foundation facilitated the collaboration with HomeAid and Families Forward for a mini Giving Day last year.

The three nonprofits exceeded goals of raising \$50,000 each. Including dollar-for-dollar matching donations, the individual amounts raised were: HomeAid, \$91,320; Thomas House, \$70,227; and Families Forward, \$66,240.

"They were all cheering each other on," said Carol Ferguson, senior donor relations and programs officer at OCCF who manages the Giving Day project.

The effort, involving ramped-up social media outreach and cross promotion among the three participating nonprofits, exponentially increased the one-day fundraising for Thomas House from \$8,000 and \$13,000 in 2015 and 2016, respectively, Julien said.

"Hopefully, again we'll exceed expectations," she said of the \$50,000 goal for the upcoming Giving Day, which has already resulted in a \$7,500 match challenge from Wahoo's Fish Taco and another \$10,000 challenge from an undisclosed individual.

There could be as many as 12 different Giving Days when all is said and done, said Shelley Hoss, president of Orange County Community Foundation, which is providing the online Giving Day platform, seed money and other support for promotional efforts.

The four other monthly events scheduled through August:

- May 31: Empowering Possibilities: A Giving Day for OC Neighbors with Disabilities (nine organizations; \$175,000 goal)
- June 14: veterans and military (11 organizations; \$75,000 goal)
- July 11: seniors (five organizations; \$80,000 goal)
- Aug. 15: Boys and Girls Clubs of Orange County (15 organizations; \$137,000 goal)

Said Hoss: "We hope the nonprofits come forward with proposals for other Giving Days."

## Can tea business, community both win when customers pay what they want?



Co-owner Truong Kim serves a customer at Milk Box at The District in Tustin on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. The menu doesn't have prices. The customer chooses what he feels he should pay. (Photo by Paul Bersebach, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By **LORI BASHEDA** | Orange County Register

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Friends called Robert Hoang and Truong Kim downright crazy when they heard about their plan.

Hoang's own mother, a seamstress refugee from Vietnam, cried when he told her. The world is evil, she said, begging him not to do it.

But Hoang and Kim hold the opposite view. The world is inherently good. People are inherently good.

And that is why they just wiped the prices off their menu at Milk Box, their boba milk tea shops in Tustin and Mission Viejo.

As of two months ago, if you walk up to a Milk Box and order a jasmine iced tea topped with sea salt cream or a vanilla rose matcha on ice and ask how much you owe, the cashier will tell you to just “contribute what you can.” Walking away without coughing up a single cent is an option.

Most customers are completely thrown off and ask the cashier what they should pay. They are told that the suggested price is \$4, a smidge more than what it costs to make the drink.

So far about 70 percent of customers find that fair. Fifteen percent pay less. Another fifteen percent hand over more. Sometimes a lot more. One woman paid \$100 for her cup of tea in Tustin.

People are hungry to see the good in humanity, Hoang and Kim believe. They're hungry for good news. In fact, the partners are in the process of changing the name Milk Box to Good News.

“There’s a lot of hopelessness in the news,” Hoang says. “We thought, ‘What can we do with a cup of tea to spark compassion?’”

If you’re one of those doubters, shaking your head, then wait until you hear this. The idea came to them after a major league tea company approached them at the end of 2017 and offered to buy them out.

It was enough money, Hoang said, to retire his parents and put his kids (5 and 8) through college someday.

“But we just couldn’t sleep at night,” he said. “We kept thinking about our staff (45 employees who would have lost their jobs). Our vision was to be people-centered.”

So they turned the buyout fortune down and instead came up with a new model that included deleting their prices and then splitting whatever profits they got with their staff.

You can see now why Hoang’s mom Mui cried.

“I told her, ‘You raised me to have compassion and give back,’” Hoang says. “I’m giving 50 percent to my staff; they get to own something that you never got a chance to do.”

His mom told him that was all very nice, “but the world isn’t fair. You work hard, keep your head down and don’t ask questions. You will get back what the world thinks you deserve.”

To understand that conversation you must understand the backstory. Both Hoang's and Kim's parents are Vietnam refugees.

Kim's parents escaped Vietnam, arriving in Garden Grove in 1977. He was born the next year, one of five kids. Today his mom Lisa is a hairdresser and his dad Ken owns an air conditioning company. But back then, "we were really poor."

"We know what it's like to have nothing," Hoang says.

His mom was the last of her family to flee their farm in Vietnam during the fall of Saigon. A neighbor put her on his already overloaded boat. When she began vomiting during the crossing, others lobbied to throw her overboard, but the neighbor wouldn't let them. The boat was rescued the next day.

Mui settled in Covina and married. When Hoang was 7 his dad left. His mom raised her three children alone, working in a garment factory.

"I tell her, 'Mom, all your sacrifices, I want the world to know, are not going to go to waste,'" Hoang says.

Hoang and Kim became friends at Cal State Fullerton. Later, Hoang went to work as a fraud investigator and Kim became an information security engineer.

Disillusioned with the paths they had chosen, the two hatched a plan to go into business together in 2014. The idea was to take the popular milk tea cafe concept to the next level with all-natural ingredients, no syrups or powders. Kim, who is now 39, quit his six-figure job, sold his house for investment money and moved back home to Garden Grove.

"I went all in," he says.

Hoang, 40, works as a fraud investigator. The greed and corruption he sees daily on that job are part of what drives him. So is his faith. Hoang is a member of Bethel Church in Irvine. Kim is a member of St. Columban Catholic Church in Garden Grove.

"The heart of it is compassion," Kim says. "We find fulfillment by helping people. You know how you feel when you give someone a present? That's how I feel every day."

The partners are hoping their philosophy is contagious.

"We're teaching our staff not to judge if someone pays nothing or a penny," Hoang says. "To have empathy. You don't know their story."



They also ask their staff to donate at least 10 percent of their portion of the profits each month.

"We want to empower our staff," Hoang says.

The employees decide as a team where to send their donation. Currently, it's water filters for storm-ravaged Puerto Rico.

For those who still see head-in-the-cloud hippies on the road to ruin, note that they aren't the first ones to try this. There is a smattering of cafes with no prices, including a UK chain called the Real Junk Food Project, popping up around the world. Enough that there's a name for this: The Pay What You Want (PWYW) model.

Steve Snook, owner of Metropolis Cafe, a bustling coffee shop in Santa Monica, deleted his menu prices six months ago.

"It's been really cool," Snook says. "It really hasn't changed (the bottom line), and yet we have opened the door to customers who couldn't come here."

Senior citizens on fixed incomes and the homeless and sidling up to the counter alongside the industry people and the start-up kids, who can, and in many cases do, pay extra for their latte.

"In our neighborhood, people believe in it," Snook says. "It's powerful to do things that help other people."

One woman, who used to pay \$4 for her cup of tea, handed over \$104 the day she learned there were no more prices.

"It's just fun to watch," he says.

Snook is a pastor, and his coffee shop is in the same building as his church. His philosophy is that church isn't just on Sunday.

"Church happens seven days a week," he says. "We gotta lock arms with people who really care about making a difference."

Coffee is just the catalyst.

In the same way, Kim says, that tea is just the vehicle.

"Our mission is people," Kim says. "And really being a part of the community."

# The next big thing in tourism could be Little Saigon



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Kim Nguyen looks over Vietnamese newspapers at Van's Book Supply in a small shopping center on Bolsa Avenue east of the Asian Garden Mall in Westminster, California, on Thursday, April 13, 2017. Several developments are underway in the Little Saigon area, including one at this location by Frank Jao that would be a food hall-style business with high-end Asian fusion eateries (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

A hotel with French colonial architecture that recalls pre-war Saigon.

A high-end restaurant hall specializing in Asian fusion dishes that please foodies of every possible background.

Upscale retail. Posh apartments. A Hollywood-style walk of fame that honors the gutsy entrepreneurs who built the community.

If most or all of those plans play out, Little Saigon soon could become a tourist hot spot — and not just aging Vietnamese. After decades of slow but steady shifts, most aimed at pleasing Vietnamese-speaking Americans and their children, Little Saigon, the heart of the Vietnamese diaspora in America, is ready for a full-blown transformation into a place that appeals far beyond its own ethnic past, following the path of Little Tokyo, Little Italy and dozens of other immigrant enclaves.

For many, the idea already is sparking a new sense of optimism.

"I'm excited that the private sector is stepping up to the plate to invest in Little Saigon," said Westminster Councilman Tyler Diep.

"If I could play Sim City with the Bolsa Corridor, I'd want to see a downtown, urban area where people can eat; (where) it's lively and vibrant, and it doesn't shut down at 8 p.m."

The change might not be far off.

In January, Bac Pham, a developer with hotels in Garden Grove and other nearby cities, submitted a 62-page document titled "The Bolsa Row Specific Plan." The plan, submitted to city planners in Westminster, was the first tangible evidence of a hotel that has been talked about for years.

It's as ambitious as it is long: A mixed-use designation for six acres on the southeast corner of Bolsa Avenue and Brookhurst Street, with a 150-room hotel (the area's first); a 250-unit apartment complex, and retail space on the ground floor of both the hotel and apartment complex. The plan also calls for a so-called Festival Row bisecting the development, a pedestrian-friendly strip that could host Southeast Asian summer market nights and similar events.

The architecture, the schematics show, would resemble colonial-era Vietnam, a strong nod to the Vietnam that existed before before the 20-year conflict that split the country, killed millions and, after the fall of Saigon 42 years ago this month, a mass exodus to the United States.

Bac Pham and his wife, Joann, envision Bolsa Row as an homage to their homeland that also "appeals to their children, the second generation of Vietnamese-Americans." The plan calls for "broad arcades, storefront windows and sidewalk seating will create street scenes reminiscent of those in the heart of Old Saigon."

Pham, a reticent first-generation immigrant who built the Hotel Ramada in Garden Grove, said he was not ready to comment on Bolsa Row just yet. But Steve Jones, the mayor of Garden Grove who is working with Pham, described the project in glowing terms.

"There's no financial need for him to open the hotel," Jones said. "He wants to give back to the community."

In mid-March, Jones and two Vietnamese-American entrepreneurs had a breakfast meeting at the Coffee Factory in Westminster. The business owners – Tam Nguyen, who runs Advance Beauty College, started by his father; and Sonny Nguyen, owner of Seven Leaves Café, a burgeoning chain that is hoping to become the Vietnamese Starbucks – are part of the so-called 1.5 generation. Both were born in Vietnam, but came to America when they were so young that they don't remember much about their native country.

Over coffee, eggs and baguettes, they discussed the generational shifts of the Vietnamese community in Orange County, and how those changes figure to reshape Little Saigon. .

"The first generation came here with nothing. They opened businesses like dry cleaners and liquor stores to provide a better life for their children," Tam Nguyen said. "The second generation became doctors and lawyers. The third generation, like my children, have more freedom to become artists or entrepreneurs."

Successive generations, they and others said, no longer need Little Saigon to serve as an enclave that provided a cultural safety net to those who didn't speak English and were unaccustomed to American life. To many younger Vietnamese-Americans, Little Saigon can't provide a visceral reminder of Vietnam they never knew.

Many second- and third-generation Vietnamese have moved away from Little Saigon, to places like Fountain Valley, which is now a suburb of the enclave. Like their millennial hipster brethren, they enjoy high-end food and nightlife options that Little Saigon mostly lacks. They are more educated than their first-generation elders, with many holding advanced degrees in business or medicine.

And, critically, younger Vietnamese Americans have non-Vietnamese friends and spouses, creating a need to blend Vietnamese and American cultures.

"They are looking to do things differently," Sonny Nguyen said. "They are going from surviving to thriving."

The result among the business-minded in Little Saigon, Sonny Nguyen said, is an effort to adapt and attract a diverse clientele.

"A lot of our drinks," he said as an example, "are formulated from Vietnamese but are fashioned to attract American people."

And so to sustain itself, Little Saigon must change along with its community.

"I've always had this goal for Vietnamese-Americans to go mainstream," said Frances Nguyen, who in 2009 was the first Vietnamese-American woman to become president of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce. "I want everyone to feel comfortable coming to Little Saigon."

In 1987, Frank Jao, one of the most successful real-estate magnates in the county, opened his pièce-de-résistance: the two-story, pagoda-like Asian Garden Mall. Twenty years later it remains the anchor of the Bolsa commercial district, attracting Vietnamese tourists from other enclaves in San Jose and Houston, hosting the popular Summer Night Market, and blanketing the sky with a cloud of smoke during the Lunar New Year Firecracker Celebration.

But Jao, in semi-retirement, and his daughter Felicia Jao, the heir apparent, are working on another development they hope will infuse Little Saigon with new life: a 20,000 square-foot food hall similar to the popular Anaheim Packing House, about 11 miles to the north.

The development's details are still weeks away from going public (Bridgecreek, Frank Jao's company, is waiting for its architect to return from traveling abroad), but Bridgecreek has a concept plan and Jao said the project should open by the end of 2018.

He and city officials described it as a place that would attract a young, diverse crowd, bringing Little Saigon into the trend of multi-ethnic mingling.

"Little Saigon is moving in that direction, but we are always a little behind," Frank Jao said on Wednesday afternoon, taking a break from vacationing overseas to talk business. "But we hope this is the time to catch up."

The food hall would replace a strip mall to the east of the Asian Garden Mall, currently occupied by a hodgepodge of restaurants and lounges, pharmacies and hair salons that cater primarily to Vietnamese speaking locals.

Frank Jao said the goal is to help relocate some of those businesses and incorporate others.

Christopher Crum, who came to Orange County from Vietnam when he was 17 and spent years in Little Saigon before moving to Orlando, Florida, returned to Westminster last year to open a restaurant.

Lau Xanh Grill, which opened a few months ago in the strip mall, encapsulates the trend of fusing Vietnamese and American culture, said Crum, who is half-Vietnamese and half-British.

It has a large seafood and steak menu that Crum described as Asian fusion. He isn't worried about the food hall displacing him – he cares more about attracting customers.

"We want to make the restaurant an attraction," Crum said. "The area needs to be updated for the younger generation."

Felicia Jao said the food hall is being designed with a similar goal. "We want to provide something to the second and third and upcoming fourth generation that can provide a sense of community, a place everyone can enjoy."

Not everyone is enchanted by the idea. The effort to lure non-Vietnamese speaking visitors could, in the eyes of some, "whitewash" the district.

If so, it'll be a stark change. On any given weekday, a tour of Bolsa highlights how insular the community remains: aging businesses patronized by scores of first-generation Vietnamese Americans who gather at patio tables, smoke cigarettes and chat with friends in Vietnamese. Many elderly still go to Little Saigon's shops for eastern medicine, familiar food and a sense of comfort they can't find in other communities.

"We want to attract the younger generations but at the same time, we have to recognize the contributions of the first generation that came here after the fall of Saigon," said Westminster Mayor Tri Ta. "I want to see balance. Something that satisfies seniors and creates more opportunities for younger people."

Last month, the City Council appointed Ta and newly elected Councilwoman Kimberly Ho to form an ad-hoc committee to figure out how to create a Little Saigon walk of fame. The early concept is to have the names of nominated community members go before a committee to judge whether they are worthy of getting their own star, and then having those selected foot the bill – much the same way the Hollywood Walk of Fame works. The walk would run on the north side of Bolsa.

"It will be a great attraction for the city," Ho said recently. "It will help build tourism."

Linda Vo, an expert in Asian American studies at UC Irvine, said even though she sees a change in the community toward more openness she doubts Little Saigon will turn into another Little Tokyo, which she said has lost younger generations of Japanese-Americans. Vo pointed out that Little Tokyo is in downtown Los Angeles, and most original families in the area have moved away.

Vo said the suburban nature of Orange County, where a move from Little Saigon to Irvine or Fountain Valley doesn't make it hard for a visit to the old neighborhood. She also said the fact that Orange County is home to the largest concentration of Vietnamese outside Southeast Asia helps Little Saigon maintain its cultural authenticity.

"Demographics are so huge," Vo said. "That is a huge advantage to maintaining the ethnic identity."

On May 20, in the Asian Garden Mall parking lot, designers will unveil another possible tourist spot — the Courage to Rebuild monument.

The 16-foot totem pole-like structure, surrounded by seating and plants, is called "Of Two Lineages." Designed by Cerritos artist James Dinh, it was inspired, in part, by a Vietnamese legend about a king from the lowlands in Vietnam who marries a princess from the highlands and has 100 children.

It is, in short, the origin story of Vietnam, but it also represents Little Saigon's success.

"The continuation of Little Saigon is what we are trying to accomplish with this art project," said Alicia Jao, Frank Jao's other daughter, who spearheaded the Courage to Rebuild initiative and plans on bringing her infant daughter to the unveiling. "We want great public art that will tell the story of our culture and history but also connect us to the future."

Arlene Ho, of Tustin, hopes to be part of that future. The 23-year-old UC Irvine graduate works at a medical office and is preparing to move to western Michigan in the fall to attend medical school.

In college, she made it a point to learn about and cultivate her heritage, hanging out in Little Saigon and being the chairwoman of February's Tet Festival, hosted by the Union of Vietnamese Student Associations. As chairwoman, Ho said her goal was similar to what community leaders are pushing now in Little Saigon — bringing in more non-Vietnamese visitors.

Though she goes to Little Saigon at least once a week, she said the enclave needs to adapt to the needs of her generation and non-Vietnamese-Americans, many of whom are her friends.

"There are still a lot of businesses that don't embrace that change and some of them may be OK with that," she said.

"But we're still a young community," she added. "Things will adapt more to American culture and letting people into our little world."



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Community Services Department

Thursday, April 26, 2018

### **ATLANTIS PLAY CENTER TEMPORARY CLOSURE EXTENDED**

Atlantis Play Center's temporary closure, originally scheduled for Monday, May 14 through Thursday, May 31, 2018, has been extended to Monday, May 14 through Friday, June 15, 2018, as phase two of the park renovation is completed. Atlantis Play Center is located at 13630 Atlantis Way, in Garden Grove Park.

Earlier this month, the center experienced a two-week closure as an outdated, 60-foot wooden shade structure covering picnic tables near the front entrance was demolished. During phase two, plans call for the installation of an industry standard, high-quality structure that will provide full-shaded coverage to the area.

Opened in 1963, Atlantis Play Center is an enclosed, 4-acre site that features eight different play areas with fantasy-themed playground equipment, including a 40-foot dragon slide, pirate's ship, and a maritime splash pad. The play center has been recognized as the best playground in the Orange County Register's Best of Orange County 2010 and 2013.

For more information about Atlantis Play Center, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**April 26, 2018**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the May 3, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.
3. Minutes from the April 5, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," dated April 20-26, 2018.



**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 26, 2018 – May 9, 2018

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Thursday	April 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday-Sunday	April 26- April 29		One More Productions presents "Always Patsy Cline", Gem Theater
Friday	April 27		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
		4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for CTS Cement Manufacturing Corp., 12442 Knott St.
Saturday	April 28	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative Pill Disposal at the Garden Grove Police Dept. 11301 Acacia Parkway
		11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Magnolia Park Family Resource Center's 18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Celebrating Everyday Heroes 11402 Magnolia St.
Wednesday	May 2	5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Titan Tutors 8744 Garden Grove Blvd.
Thursday	May 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	May 3- May 6		One More Productions presents "Always Patsy Cline", Gem Theater
Tuesday	May 8	4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Grove College Graduates Celebration, CMC B Room
		6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	May 9	9:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Grove Community Foundation and Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Willowick Golf Course
		2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber



## A G E N D A

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### REGULAR MEETING

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MAY 3, 2018

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

#### REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBER

ROLL CALL: CHAIR BRIETIGAM, VICE CHAIR TRUONG  
COMMISSIONERS KANZLER, LAZENBY, LEHMAN, NGUYEN,  
SALAZAR

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

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

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 19, 2018
- C. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - C.1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-127-2018

APPLICANT: VERIZON WIRELESS

LOCATION: TWENTY-FIVE (25) CITY-WIDE STREET LIGHTS IN  
PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OWNED BY SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA EDISON

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the citywide installation of twenty-five (25) small wireless telecommunication facilities disguised as street lights along with a meter pedestal to be installed below finish grade or within the new street light. Each of the existing street lights, owned by Southern California Edison in the public right-of-way, will be removed and replaced with the new street light wireless telecommunication facility. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-127-2018, subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

D. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

D.1. SITE PLAN NO. SP-052-2018  
TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2017-141

APPLICANT: ROSELL SURVEYING & MAPPING, INC.

LOCATION: NORTHWEST CORNER OF IMPERIAL AVENUE AND GILBERT STREET AT 9241 IMPERIAL AVENUE

REQUEST: Site Plan and Tentative Parcel Map approval to subdivide an existing 18,470 square foot lot, improved with a single-family home, into two (2) parcels. Lot 1 will have a lot size of 9,387 square feet, and Lot 2 will have a lot size of 9,035 square feet. The existing single-family home will be demolished to accommodate the proposed subdivision, and a new, two-story, single-family home will be constructed on each lot. Also, a minor land deviation to exceed the required number of bathrooms and allow an additional half-bath on Lot 1. The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Sections 15315 – Minor Land Division and 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-052-2018 and Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2017-141, subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

- E. ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION
  - E.1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2017 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT
- F. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- G. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- H. ADJOURNMENT

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Council Chamber, Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 5, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Brietigam  
Vice Chair Truong  
Commissioner Kanzler  
Commissioner Lazenby  
Commissioner Lehman  
Commissioner Nguyen  
Commissioner Salazar

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Kanzler.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

March 15, 2018 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Truong Second: Lehman

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Lehman, Nguyen,  
Salazar, Truong

Noes: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-050-2018 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
NO. CUP-128-2018. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13731 HARBOR BOULEVARD,  
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HARBOR BOULEVARD AND WOODBURY ROAD.

Applicant: JARED HARDIN  
Date: April 5, 2018

Request: Site Plan approval to demolish an existing 2,747 square foot accessory building on a lot improved with an existing main building of 21,708 square feet and to construct a new, approximately 5,485 square foot addition with site improvements to the parking lot, landscaping, lighting, service office and canopy, offices, and display areas, in conjunction with a request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the operation of

a motor vehicle sales and maintenance facility. The site is in the C-3 (Heavy Commercial) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Chad Peterson

Action: Resolution No. 5916-18 was approved with two amendments.

Motion: Lazenby Second: Kanzler

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Lehman, Nguyen, Salazar Truong

Noes: (0) None

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS: Commissioners reviewed and acknowledged the Code of Ethics governing the Planning Commission.

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Kanzler Second: Truong

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Lehman, Nguyen, Salazar, Truong

Noes: (0) None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Lehman stated that he would be absent from the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Chair Brietigam mentioned that City Council voted to send the Commission a Code Enforcement review regarding commercial property maintenance issues. The Chair recommended that Commissioners take the opportunity to be involved and suggested a staff-initiated field trip to observe the properties and the organization of a three-person committee to meet regularly with staff. Staff responded that the City's Building Official would be taking steps to review the City's property maintenance code and to contact neighboring cities in matters relating to their codes. The effort would culminate in a late summer study session. Staff explained that during the economic downturn, the focus was not on businesses, however, that vision was changing beginning with the move of Code Enforcement to be under Building and Safety. Together, staff would work in tandem on abatement. However, with limited Code Enforcement staff, whose work was reactive via complaints, in order to be proactive, the number of Code officers would need to be increased. Staff then explained that for multi-tenant shopping centers, a singular tenant application requires conditions which focus on improving the tenant's area only, and the tenant is not responsible for improving the entire shopping center.

Commissioner Lazenby pointed out the unfairness to a new tenant being held to a standard that the remainder of the shopping center was not being held to.

Chair Brietigam commented that the property maintenance code seemed outdated, for example, regarding clotheslines, however, staff clarified that though certain requirements were directed toward apartments, especially those with balconies, the code covers both residential and commercial properties.

Chair Brietigam then challenged the City Council to increase the size of the Police Department to 200 sworn by the year 2020. Commissioner Kanzler added that the number of Code Enforcement officers should increase as well.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff gave a brief description of future agenda items for the next regular Planning Commission meeting and that a CEQA 101 Study Session would be agendized soon.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:34 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion:	Lazenby	Second:	Salazar
Ayes:	(7)	Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Lehman, Nguyen, Salazar, Truong	
Noes:	(0)	None	

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Judith Moore  
Recording Secretary



# Bills in Committee and Other Legislative Hearings of Interest, April 23–May 1

Bills in Committee and Other Legislative Hearings of Interest, April 23–May 1

*April 20, 2018*

April is a very busy month in the Capitol with a full agenda of legislative policy committees and the Governor's May Budget Revise set to be released in just a few weeks.

In addition, April 27 is the last day for policy committee to hear and report to fiscal committees on fiscal bills introduced in their house of origin.

Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the [California Channel](#).

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

## April 23

**Assembly Natural Resources, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447**

- **AB 2411 (McCarty)** Solid waste: use of compost: planning. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2923 (Chiu)** San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: transit-oriented development. *League position: Oppose.*

**Senate Appropriations, 10 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203**

- **HOT SB 833 (McGuire)** Emergency alerts: evacuation orders: operators. *League position: Support.*

**Assembly Transportation Committee, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202**

- **AB 2363 (Friedman)** Vehicles: speed laws. *League position: Support.*

## April 24

**Assembly Judiciary, 8:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 437**

- **HOT AB 1912 (Rodriguez)** Public employees' retirement: joint powers agreements: liability. *League position: Oppose.*

**Senate Judiciary, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 112**

- **SB 998 (Dodd)** Discontinuation of residential water services: urban and community water systems. *League position: Oppose Unless Amended*

## April 25

### Assembly Appropriations, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **HOT AB 1775 (Muratsuchi)** State lands: leasing: oil and gas. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1959 (Wood)** Telecommunications: universal services programs. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 2491 (Cooley)** Local government finance: vehicle license fee adjustment amounts. *League position: Support.*

### Assembly Local Government, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- **AB 2880 (Harper)** Political Reform Act of 1974: local enforcement. *League position: Support.*

### Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 3191

- **SB 1399 (Wiener)** Renewable energy: shared renewable energy tariffs. *League position: Support.*

## April 26

### Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 2040

- Commission on State Mandates
- Local Government Financing

## April 30

### Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development, 12 p.m., State Capitol, Room 3191

- Informational Hearing: Update on the Regulation of Massage Therapy in California: Business Oversight and Best Practices

## May 1

### Assembly Judiciary, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 437

- **AB 2123 (Cervantes)** District-based elections. *League position: Support.*

## May 8

### Senate Judiciary, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **SB 1244 (Wiecokwski)** Public records: disclosure. *League position: Oppose.*

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# SB 827 Fails to Pass First Committee Vote, AB 1912 Moves to Judiciary Committee

## Update on League Hot Bills

*April 20, 2018*

Legislative policy committees are in full swing in the Capitol and last week a number of League hot bills moved through committee hearings.

SB 827 (Wiener), one of the highest priority bills this year, failed to pass out of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. The measure would have effectively rezoned all land within one-half mile radius of a “major transit stop” to accommodate buildings up to seven stories tall. Although the measure is not moving forward this year, the issue will remain part of ongoing discussions on how to create legislation that strikes a balance between community-based planning and state goals.

Another League hot bill, AB 1912 (Rodriguez) also had its first policy committee hearing. The Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee passed the measure, which will be heard on April 24 in the Assembly Judiciary Committee. AB 1912 would apply retroactive and prospective joint and several liabilities to each originating agency of a JPA for all retirement-related liabilities. It would also mandate that a retirement agency sue each originating agency of a JPA for full liability damages, including attorney fees. Even with recent amendments, this bill remains very problematic for cities. The measure still conflicts with provisions in the California Constitution, creates funding and operational impairments, contributes to the downgrading of an agency's credit rating and will likely limit cities' ability to use JPAs as a tool to provide services.

Below is a list of additional League hot bills and an update on their progress through the Legislature.

### **SUPPORT**

#### **HOT AB 1775 (Muratsuchi) State Lands: Leasing: Oil and Gas.**

Prohibits the State Lands Commission (SLC) or local trustees from entering into new lease agreements, or renewing, expanding, or modifying existing agreements that would result in increased oil or natural gas from federal waters. Status: Passed out of Assembly Natural Resources and will next be heard in Assembly Appropriations.

#### **HOT AB 2268 (Reyes) Local Government Finance: Property Tax Revenue Allocations: Vehicle License Fee Adjustments.**

Restores funding to approximately 140 cities that had annexed inhabited territory in reliance on previous financial incentives, then suffered significant fiscal harm when those funds were swept away due to the passage of SB 89 (2011). Offers similar incentives to support future annexations of inhabited

territory to improve services to affected residents consistent with the state Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) policies. Status: Passed out of Assembly Local Government and will next be heard in Assembly Appropriations.

**HOT AB 2812 (Limón) Data Storage and Protection Standards: Local Agencies.**

Incentivizes public-private partnerships by establishing the Office of Local Cloud Migration and Digital Innovation under the purview of the California Department of Technology (CDT). The Office of Local Cloud Migration and Digital Innovation will help guide cities and provide resources to modernize IT infrastructure. Status: Passed out of Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection and will next be heard in Assembly Appropriations.

**HOT AB 3162 (Friedman) Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery Or Treatment Facilities.**

Assists in maintaining residential neighborhoods as a therapeutic environment for the social integration of disabled persons, including recovering alcoholics and addicts. Reforms outdated regulations for the licensing of residential drug and alcohol treatment facilities to enable the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to ensure compliance with existing licensing laws. Status: Passed out of Assembly Health and will next be on the Assembly Floor.

**HOT SB 833 (McGuire) Emergency Alerts: Evacuation Orders: Operators.**

Requires Cal Office of Emergency Services (OES) to ensure each city & county office of emergency management is a registered federal Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) operator and has all the software, hardware, and training to operate that system. Also requires “Red Alerts” for evacuations. Status: Passed out of Senate Governmental Organization and will next be heard in Senate Appropriations.

**HOT SB 834 (Jackson) State Lands: Leasing: Oil and Gas.**

Prohibits expanded offshore oil and natural gas production off the California coast. Would prohibit the State Lands Commission (SLC) or local trustees from entering into new lease agreements, or renewing, expanding, or modifying existing agreements that would result in increased oil or natural gas from federal waters. Status: Passed out of Senate Natural Resources and Water and will next be heard in Senate Appropriations.

**OPPOSE**

**HOT AB 3121 (Kalra) Evidentiary Privileges: Union Agent-Represented Worker Privilege.**

Establishes union-agent represented worker privilege for a new standard of evidentiary privilege. Inhibits an agency’s ability to conduct thorough investigations into allegations of misconduct. Status: Passed out of Assembly Judiciary and will next be heard on the Assembly Floor.

For more information regarding legislation, please visit the [Bill Search](#) page on the League’s website.

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# League-Sponsored U.S. Communities Program Holding Lunch & Learn on May 9 in El Cerrito

*April 20, 2018*

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is hosting a free regional event on May 9 in El Cerrito.

This free event will be an opportunity for public agencies to learn how to save time and money through the U.S. Communities program.

During this event, participants will be able to:

- Learn about new solutions and the latest innovations in procurement;
- Network with other local agencies using cooperative purchasing and hear what is working for their agency;
- Meet the local U.S. Communities program manager; and
- Connect with U.S. Communities suppliers to learn about and receive their lowest overall government pricing for these products and services:
  - Facilities
  - Fleet
  - Office and school solutions
  - Technology
  - Parks and recreation
  - Public works
  - Safety and fire
  - Specialty

This educational event will be of special interest to:

- Assistant city managers;
- Public safety officials;
- Parks and recreation officials;
- Public works directors;
- Facilities managers;
- Procurement officers; and
- IT directors.

## **Summit Event Details**

Wednesday, May 9, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

7007 Moeser Lane  
El Cerrito

Register online. Lunch will be provided.

### **About U.S. Communities**

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

Learn more about U.S. Communities at [www.uscommunities.org/lcc](http://www.uscommunities.org/lcc).

For additional information or please contact [Rob Fiorilli](#) with U.S. Communities or [Amanda Cadelago](#) with the League of California Cities.

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# Call for Conference Session Proposals for 2019 City Managers is Now Open

Submit Ideas by June 8

*April 20, 2018*

The League of California Cities® is taking submissions for session proposals and speakers for the 2019 City Managers Department Meeting, which is scheduled for Feb. 13–15, 2019 in San Diego.

The call for proposals is an opportunity to share best practices, innovative approaches, as well as research and information with managers at their largest annual gathering in California.

This three-day conference that includes general sessions, workshops, and networking, is geared toward California city managers and others in the profession. For 2019, managers are asking to hear on topics that includes homelessness solutions, working fluidly with community groups and councils, pension, infrastructure, and leadership in touch times.

The last conference, held in January 2018, featured a wide range of sessions on a wide variety of topics including succession planning, pensions, high-performing councils, and tools for addressing homelessness.

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome. The Program Planning Advisory Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information.

Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind. Ideas need to be fully completed and submitted through the online proposal form by Friday, June 8 to be considered by the committee.

There is a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. We recommend you write your proposal in a word-processing program first, and paste the final version into the online form.

Visit [www.cacities.org/citymanagersproposal](http://www.cacities.org/citymanagersproposal) for additional information and to submit ideas.

For questions, please contact Katie Pebler at (916) 658-8251.

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# League Board Elects Grass Valley City Council Member Jan Arbuckle First Vice President, Murrieta Council Member Randon Lane Second Vice President Grass Valley

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The League of California Cities® board of directors held a special election in conjunction with its April 19 Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento to fill officer vacancies.

Grass Valley Council Member Jan Arbuckle was elected first vice president to serve the remainder of a vacated term. Murrieta Council Member Randon Lane was elected second vice president to complete the term vacated by Council Member Arbuckle. They will term both hold their positions until the League's Annual Conference in September 2018. South San Francisco Council Member Rich Garbarino continues to serve as president and Lodi Mayor Pro tem JoAnne Mounce remains immediate past president.

Council Member Arbuckle thanked the board after the election. "California cities have much at stake this year in the Legislature, ballot box and even the courts. Being elected first vice president is an opportunity to serve our cities and work with my colleagues throughout the state on the most significant issues facing California local governments. I became active in the League because of the strength of this organization and its voice in the Capitol and I remain committed to contributing my efforts with the League to advocate for policies that improve our cities and strengthen neighborhoods," said Council Member Arbuckle.

Arbuckle became locally involved in public service through two consecutive terms on the Nevada County Civil Grand Jury. In February 2007, she was appointed to the Grass Valley City Council. Elected in November 2008 to a four-year term on the Grass Valley City Council, her colleagues on the council selected her as vice mayor. The Grass Valley City Council selected her as mayor in 2010, a position she held for two years until 2012, the same year she was re-elected to the council. Arbuckle was re-elected again in 2016.

Long active in the League, Council Member Arbuckle has served the organization in numerous capacities. She chairs the Public Safety Committee, and has served as president of League Women's Caucus, co-chaired of the League-California State Association of Counties Joint Homelessness Task Force and has served as Sacramento Valley Division president twice. In addition, Arbuckle was the first women to chair the League's Public Safety Policy Committee and previously served as chair of the League's former Administrative Services Policy Committee.

Professionally, Arbuckle served for almost two decades with the Sacramento County Sherriff's

Department where she was a deputy sheriff. She remains a reserve deputy and participates in the department's Peer Support Program.

"Council Member Arbuckle brings years of leadership and expertise to the League. She is a dedicated public servant for her city of Grass Valley and all California cities. As first vice president, she moves into a new leadership role where she will continue to focus on protecting local government authority and advocating on the issues that matter most to cities," said League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman.

Council Member Lane also thanked the officers and directors for their support. "It is an honor to be selected to serve as the League's second vice president and to assume a leadership role in an organization that is the leading voice for California cities. We have many opportunities and challenges at the local level and it is more important than ever to ensure that statewide and federal policies support California cities." said Council Member Lane.

First elected to the Murrieta City Council in 2008, Lane served as mayor in 2011 and 2016. He became involved in local government when he joined the Murrieta Planning Commission in 2003. In addition to serving his city, Council Member Lane is active regionally, serving the Riverside Transit Agency, the Southern California Association of Governments and the Western Riverside Council of Governments.

Engaged with the League in a number of capacities, Council Member Lane served on the League Board of Directors from 2011–2015 and starting again in 2017. In addition, he has been a member of the League's Public Safety Policy Committee since 2009. Council Member Lane served on the National League of Cities Board of Directors from 2011–2013.

Professionally, Council Member Lane has a background in business and has worked in both the public and private sectors including several Fortune 500 companies. In 2006, he joined the staff of Assembly Member Kevin Jeffries, gaining valuable experience, and working with local residents on important issues.

"As second vice president, Council Member Lane will continue to be a leading voice for his city and cities across the state by advocating for policies that strengthen our communities. He brings his expertise in local government, experience working with a member of the Legislature and background in business to his new role serving the League," said League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman. "California cities have a great deal at stake this year and I know Council Member Lane will make a valuable contribution to our team of leaders, working hard to advance policy solutions to help maintain the vibrancy of our local communities."

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# Coalition Forms to Oppose Big Soda and Corporate Special Interest-Backed Initiative to Decimate Local Services

League Joins with SEIU California, AFSCME CA, California Professional Firefighters and PORAC to Lead Charge to Defeat Measure

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The Committee to Protect Our Communities formed on April 18 to oppose the “Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act,” a misleading named and dangerous initiative sponsored by the American Beverage Association (ABA) and the California Business Roundtable.

Proponents are currently gathering signatures to qualify the measure for the November 2018 ballot. The coalition opposing this measure comprises local governments, working families, labor groups, concerned individuals and business groups.

“Libraries, parks, medical emergency response, garbage and sewer, police, fire, streets and roads. These are the essential services that would be devastated by this proposed measure that puts corporate interests over the needs of local communities and our residents. Interfering with our cities’ ability to raise revenues to pay for local services is a far overreach that will hurt California’s quality of life for generations to come,” said Carolyn Coleman, chair of the Committee to Protect our Communities and League executive director.

To date, ABA has put \$4.1 million dollars into the committee in support of the initiative – well over 80 percent of the money raised so far by the proponents.

Joining the opposition coalition are a number of widely respected organizations, including the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, California (AFSCME), the California Professional Firefighters (CPF), and the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

The “Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act” would drastically limit local revenue authority. In part, it eliminates local authority to impose a tax for general purposes by majority vote and instead requires all local proposed tax increases subject to a two-thirds vote. This proposal also requires two-thirds approval of all members of the local legislative body before a tax can be placed on the ballot. It also requires that a tax contained in a regulation adopted by a state agency must be approved by two-third vote of the Legislature. For cities and other local agencies, it applies retroactively and may void some local measures approved by local voters on or after Jan. 1, 2018.

Proponents have until June 28 to qualify their initiative for the ballot.

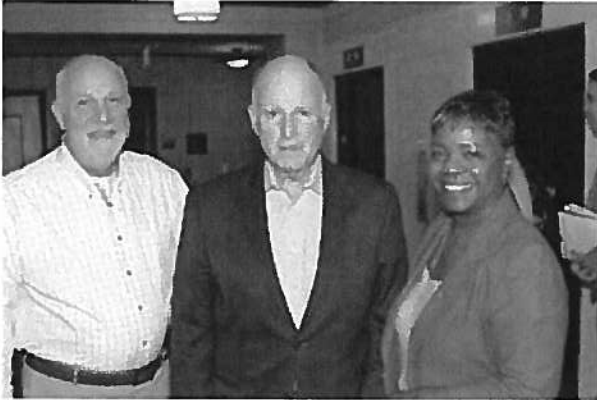
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# Governor Brown Engages League Board in Policy Discussion on City Priorities

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Gov. Jerry Brown met with the League Board of Directors on April 19, in a productive meeting that touched on many of the most significant challenges for cities, including housing and homelessness, pensions and public safety.



The Governor, who is in the final months of his historic

four terms leading California, shared the perspective that he has gained in five decades of public office and acknowledged the importance of the local-state relationship. In keeping with his emphasis on fiscal responsibility, the Governor urged careful and strong stewardship of municipal resources.

League President Rich Garbarino thanked the Governor for his leadership on a number of issues including championing transportation funding and his commitment to fighting any attempt to repeal it. The Governor also recognized the complexities of issues at the local level and in reminiscing about his tenure as Oakland mayor, he remarked that things may be more difficult for today's city leaders.



# Legislative Action Day Brings Hundreds of City Officials to Sacramento to Lobby on City Priorities

Senate President pro Tem Atkins and Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry Brief City Officials Prior to Capitol Meetings

*April 23, 2018*

City officials descended on Sacramento on April 18 for the League's annual Legislative Action Day to advocate on issues facing California cities this legislative session.

In his remarks to the group, League President and South San Francisco Council Member Rich Garbarino said, "Our 120 year history as an organization and effectiveness reflect generations of dedicated California city leaders who have been inspired by public service and come together as this League to advocate for policies that strengthen our cities. Thank you for your advocacy to improve the quality of life in your city and all California cities."

President Garbarino discussed pressing city issues including affordable housing and the homelessness crisis, rising pension costs and the need for greater investments in infrastructure. He also gave an update on June and November statewide ballot measures, including the announcement about the formation of the Committee to Protect our Communities, a coalition of local governments, working families, labor groups, concerned individuals and business groups.

The coalition formed to oppose "Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act," a misleading named and dangerous initiative sponsored by the American Beverage Association (ABA) and the California Business Roundtable that would devastate essential city services such as libraries, parks, emergency medical response, garbage and sewer, public safety and roads. Proponents are currently gathering signatures to qualify the measure for the November 2018 ballot.

Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) spoke with League members about her priorities as leader and the important work of California city officials. She stressed the fact that city officials gain deep expertise in the most pressing issues facing California including housing, homelessness, infrastructure, public safety and energy efficiency. The former San Diego council member reflected on her experience serving her city's residents directly.

"I love this work and I know you love this work too," said Atkins.

The passage of SB 1 last spring, which has doubled the amount of revenues cities receive for street and road repair, remains an important priority for the Senate President pro Tem. "Priority number one is to make sure we do not lose funding for infrastructure," she told the audience.

Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, the former mayor of Winters, shared how her experience as a member of a League policy committee, as well as the League Board, was instrumental in preparing her for serving in the Assembly and as chair of the Assembly Local Government Committee.

"You don't want to forget where you came from," said Aguiar-Curry.

Before the city officials headed to the Capitol for meetings with their legislators, the League's lobbyists provided the city officials with updates on the League's strategic goals and other major issues.

### **League Officers, City Manager Department Leaders Meet with CalPERS Officials**

In a meeting with CalPERS leadership, President Garbarino outlined the challenges cities are facing with increasing retirement contributions and shared the League's Retirement System Sustainability Study with CalPERS CEO Marcie Frost, Board of Administration President Priya Mathur and Bill Slaton, the Board's local government representative.

Joining President Garbarino in the meeting were League First Vice President Jan Arbuckle, League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman, Jim Lewis, president of the League's City Managers Department and Pismo Beach city manager, Tony Dahlerbruch, Board director for the City Managers Department and Palos Verdes Estates city manager, and Sarah Lamnin, chair of the League's Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations Policy Committee and Hayward council member, and Dane Hutchings, League Legislative Representative.

President Garbarino called on the CalPERS Board and executive leadership to work with the League collaboratively, specifically finding ways to communicate with state and local employee groups to find common ground. "There are no easy choices for CalPERS or California cities," said Garbarino "It's important that the cities and CalPERS leadership are communicating the same message to our employee partners and to the public about the fiscal difficulties cities face – only then can we begin to find collaborative solutions to the challenges ahead."

### **Legislative Panel Discussion on California's Housing Challenges and Homelessness Crisis**

Following meetings with their legislators, city officials returned to the Sacramento Convention Center for a panel discussion, moderated by Oakland Council Member Abel Guillén, on California's housing challenges and homelessness crisis. The League's five diversity caucuses, the African-American Caucus, Asian-Pacific Islander Caucus, Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender Local Officials Caucus, Latino Caucus and Women's Caucus sponsored the session.

The panelists who shared their perspectives were:

- Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose), chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee;
- Assembly Member David Chiu (D-San Francisco), chair of the Assembly Housing Committee;
- Assembly Member Mike Bloom (D-Santa Monica); and
- Sen. Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg).

As the Legislature's leaders on housing legislation, they have been instrumental in shaping related bills. They all expressed their strong desire to pursue additional housing and land use legislation that address California's affordable housing crisis. Sens. Bell and McGuire reiterated their commitment to work on legislation to increase density around certain types of transit. The League has pledged to work with them in the next six months to try to draft legislation that strikes the right balance between community-based planning and state goals.

"California cities accomplished a lot of great work during Legislative Action Day. The relationships city officials have and build with their legislators are key to ensuring they understand and consider the effect their decisions have on our communities. The League appreciates that so many of our members took time to travel to Sacramento to contribute to our collective efforts to bring the voices of our cities in the Capitol," said Executive Director Coleman.

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# Call for Session Proposals is Open for the 2019 Public Works Officers Institute

Submit proposals by July 31

*April 26, 2018*

The League of California Cities® is now accepting submissions for the 2019 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo, being held April 3–5 at the Paradise Point Hotel in San Diego.

The Public Works Officers Institute & Expo will bring together approximately 475 California public works directors and leaders in April 2019 for a three-day educational and networking event. The event is a joint effort between the League and the County Engineers Association of California.

Currently, the two organizations are soliciting session proposals on topics of importance to these professionals including but not limited to; storm water, public-private partnerships, SB 1, use of technology, essential leadership skills, emergency response, pavement, and bridge topics.

The League encourages all individuals with an interest in participating to consult the materials from previous years' for ideas on topics of interest, and submit a final proposal by Tuesday, July 31.

## **Session Proposal Submission Guidelines**

- Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome
- Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind.
- The planning committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information when selecting proposals that will move forward into the program.

For more information on the agenda from 2018, please email Katie Pebler.

For more information, please visit <http://www.cacities.org/PWProposal>.

# ILG Hosts Public Engagement Training in San Diego June 5–6

*April 26, 2018*

To help cities improve their public engagement efforts, the Institute for Local Government (ILG) will be hosting a [TIERS Public Engagement Learning Lab](#) June 5–6 in San Diego at The Point.

This training addresses the needs of local governments that are applying a variety of public engagement strategies and approaches to issues ranging from land use and budgeting to climate change and public safety.

The TIERS Public Engagement Learning Lab is an interactive, results-oriented program that provides participants with pre-training consultation, an immersive two-day training, customized implementation coaching, 'open lab' calls for problem solving and much more. This program will help cities build and manage successful public engagement in order to better support their work, manage stakeholder input and increase project success.

## **Registration**

For registration, please email [publicengagement@ca-ilg.org](mailto:publicengagement@ca-ilg.org) or call (916) 658-8221.