

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**August 31, 2017**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JULY 2017**

Kingsley Okereke's Investment Report memo outlines the financial institutions, types of investment instruments, monthly transactions, current month interest received, and the par and fair market value of investments held for July 2017.

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

- A.** Orange County Register article "Piece of Paradise" on the ribbon cutting for Wesley Village affordable housing, published August 30, 2017.
- B.** Interstate 405 Freeway Improvement Project pre-construction alert from the Orange County Transportation Authority for the week of August 28, 2017.
- C.** Joint Forces Training Base news release on U.S. Army Aviation Unit to conduct training exercises and flight operations at Los Alamitos Army Airfield from September 4<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- D.** Updated meeting notice for public workshops on emissions from freight facilities from the California Air Resources Board.

**• 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 From: Kingsley Okereke  
Dept: City Manager Dept: Finance  
Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JULY 2017 Date: August 21, 2017

Enclosed is the July 2017 Investment Report which shows the financial institutions, types of investment instruments, monthly transactions, current month interest received, and the par and fair market value of investments held. The month-end cash in the bank and petty cash balances are also listed on the Cash and Investment Report. The pie chart (please see chart on attachment A) reflects the investment instruments as a percentage of the total portfolio.

This investment portfolio meets State guidelines and adheres to the City's investment policy. As of July 2017, the City's total portfolio is invested in:

Type of Investment	Total Investment	% of Investment
US Treasury	\$54,000,000	23.298%
Fed Home Loan Banks	\$36,250,000	15.640%
Fed Farm Credit Banks	\$37,500,000	16.179%
Fed Nat Mort Assoc	\$44,000,000	18.983%
City LAIF	\$35,837,662	15.462%
Cash with Fiscal Agents	\$24,196,158	10.439%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$231,783,820</b>	<b>100.000%</b>

The cash with fiscal agents is restricted as they are funds held and invested by an outside fiscal agent. The restrictions were set forth in the related bond indentures. As of July 2017, 10.439% of the portfolio is restricted.

In summary, the investment portfolio is secured and the City has the necessary cash to pay its bills for six months in a timely manner. Please call me at extension #5060 if you have any questions.



KINGSLEY OKEREKE  
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

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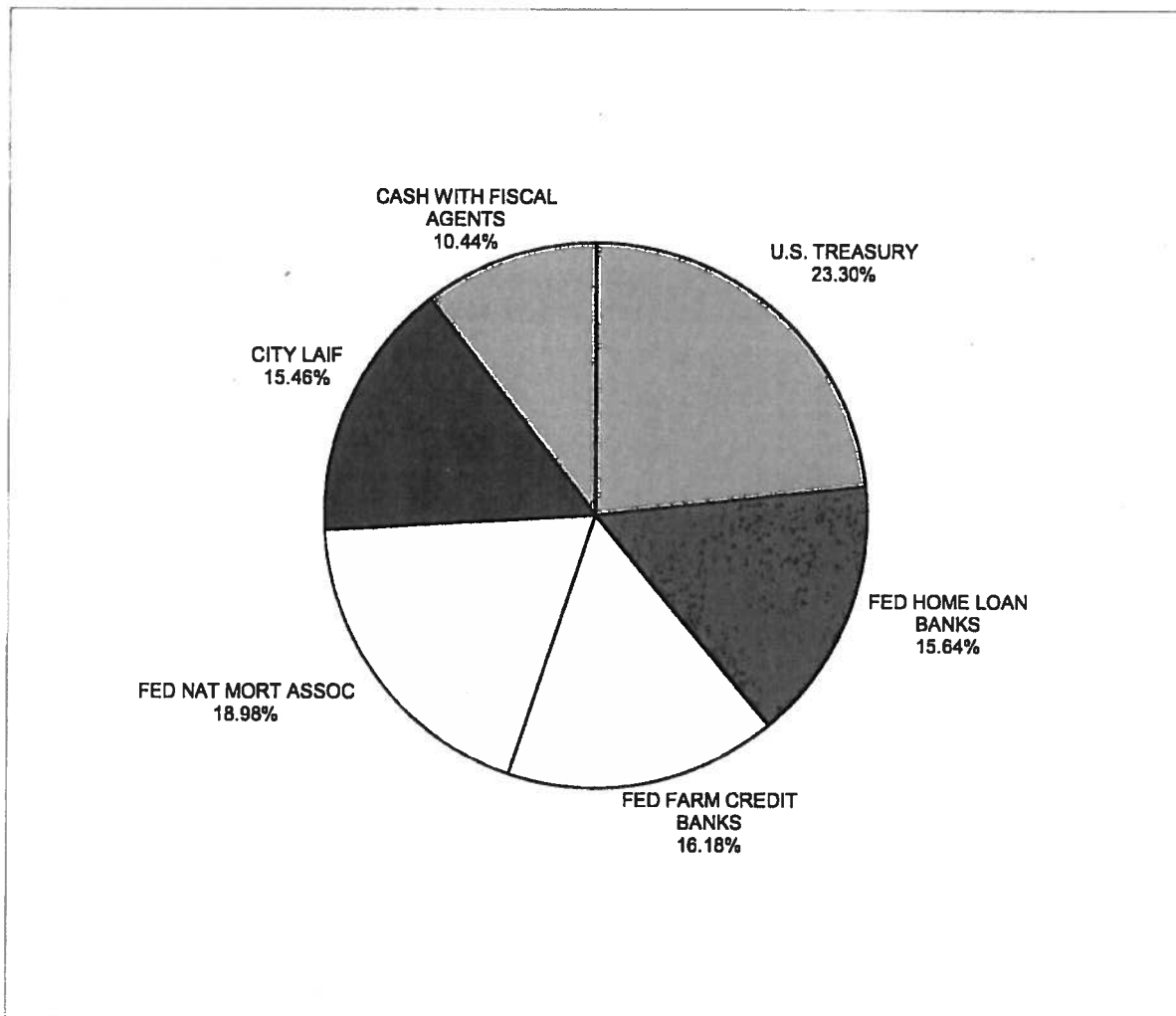
Attachments  
cc: Monica Neely

# ATTACHMENT A

## INVESTMENT SUMMARY

July 2017

<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT / FIN INSTITUTION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
U.S. TREASURY	\$ 54,000,000	23.298%
FED HOME LOAN BANKS	\$ 36,250,000	15.640%
FED FARM CREDIT BANKS	\$ 37,500,000	16.179%
FED NAT MORT ASSOC	\$ 44,000,000	18.983%
CITY LAIF	\$ 35,837,662	15.462%
CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS	\$ 24,196,158	10.439%
TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS	\$ 231,783,820	100.000%



**WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITIES**  
July 2017

Investment	Yield (Rate)	USOC Held	Amount	Date of Maturity	No. Days to Mat. 7/31/2017	Weighted Average	Weighted # of Days
			(a)		(b)	(c / total a-c)	(b x c)
<b>TREASURY</b>							
U S TREASURY	0.625	*	3,000,000	08/31/17	31	1.44517%	0.448
U S TREASURY	0.625	*	3,000,000	11/30/17	122	1.44517%	1.763
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	06/30/18	334	1.44517%	4.827
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	07/31/18	365	1.44517%	5.275
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/31/18	396	1.44517%	5.723
U S TREASURY	1.250	*	3,000,000	10/31/18	457	1.44517%	6.604
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	608	1.44517%	8.787
U S TREASURY	0.875	*	3,000,000	07/31/19	730	1.44517%	10.550
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	03/31/20	974	1.44517%	14.076
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	10/31/20	1,188	1.44517%	17.169
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	11/30/20	1,218	1.44517%	17.602
U S TREASURY	1.125	*	3,000,000	02/28/21	1,308	1.44517%	18.903
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	03/31/21	1,339	1.44517%	19.351
U S TREASURY	1.125	*	3,000,000	06/30/21	1,430	1.44517%	20.666
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	07/31/21	1,461	1.44517%	21.114
U S TREASURY	2.000	*	3,000,000	08/31/21	1,492	1.44517%	21.562
U S TREASURY	2.000	*	3,000,000	10/31/21	1,553	1.44517%	22.444
U S TREASURY	2.125	*	3,000,000	08/30/22	1,795	1.44517%	25.941
<b>CITY</b>							
FHLB	2.250	*	3,000,000	09/08/17	39	1.44517%	0.564
FHLB	0.875	*	3,000,000	03/19/18	231	1.44517%	3.338
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/14/18	410	1.44517%	5.925
FHLB	1.360	*	3,000,000	03/29/19	606	1.44517%	8.758
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	06/14/19	683	1.44517%	9.871
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/13/19	774	1.44517%	11.186
FHLB	1.750	*	3,000,000	06/12/20	1,047	1.44517%	15.131
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	07/27/20	1,092	1.44517%	15.781
FHLB	1.875	*	3,000,000	06/11/21	1,411	1.44517%	20.391
FHLB	2.375	*	3,000,000	09/10/21	1,502	1.44517%	21.706
FHLB	2.000	*	3,250,000	11/10/21	1,563	1.56680%	24.470
FHLB	1.875	*	3,000,000	11/29/21	1,582	1.44517%	22.863
<b>FFCB</b>							
FFCB	1.180	*	3,000,000	10/23/17	84	1.44517%	1.214
FFCB	0.750	*	3,000,000	02/16/18	200	1.44517%	2.890
FFCB	1.125	*	3,000,000	03/12/18	224	1.44517%	3.237
FFCB	1.020	*	3,000,000	09/08/18	402	1.44517%	5.810
FFCB	1.590	*	3,000,000	10/01/18	427	1.44517%	6.171
FFCB	1.460	*	3,000,000	11/21/18	478	1.44517%	6.908
FFCB	1.300	*	3,000,000	02/01/19	550	1.44517%	7.948
FFCB	1.300	*	3,000,000	06/06/19	675	1.44517%	9.755
FFCB	1.150	*	3,000,000	07/01/19	700	1.44517%	10.116
FFCB	2.060	*	1,500,000	08/01/19	731	0.72259%	5.282
FFCB	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/05/19	735	1.44517%	10.622
FFCB	1.520	*	3,000,000	03/02/20	945	1.44517%	13.657
FFCB	1.280	*	3,000,000	09/29/21	1,521	1.44517%	21.981
<b>FNMA</b>							
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	08/28/17	28	1.44517%	0.405
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	10/26/17	87	1.44517%	1.257
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	02/08/18	192	1.44517%	2.775
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	05/21/18	294	1.44517%	4.249
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	09/28/18	424	1.44517%	6.128
FNMA	1.625	*	3,000,000	11/27/18	484	1.44517%	6.995
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	02/27/19	576	1.44517%	8.324
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	09/18/19	779	1.44517%	11.258
FNMA	1.100	*	3,000,000	10/17/19	808	1.44517%	11.677
FNMA	1.320	*	2,000,000	10/22/19	813	0.96345%	7.833
FNMA	1.750	*	3,000,000	11/28/19	848	1.44517%	12.255
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	11/30/20	1,218	1.44517%	17.602
FNMA	1.520	*	3,000,000	07/28/21	1,458	1.44517%	21.071
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	08/24/21	1,485	1.44517%	21.461
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	10/07/21	1,529	1.44517%	22.097
<b>LAIF/REPO/COMMERCIAL PAPER</b>							
LAIF	0.500		35,837,662	07/31/17	-	17.28387%	0.000
			207,587,662		46,436	100.00000%	<b>664</b>
							<b>Wtd. Avg. Maturity</b>
<b>RESTRICTED</b>							
2008 Katella Cottages			175,649	07/31/17	-	0.72594%	0.000
2008 UBOC			2,863,538	07/31/17	-	11.83468%	0.000
2006 Sewer			-	07/31/17	-	0.00000%	0.000
2010 Water			897,604	07/31/17	-	2.88312%	0.000
2014 TARB			7,161,899	07/31/17	-	29.59832%	0.000
2015 TARB			7	07/31/17	-	0.00003%	0.000
2015A COP's			9,270,303	07/31/17	-	38.31312%	0.000
2018 TAB			4,010,873	07/31/17	-	16.57566%	0.000
2017 SEWER REF			16,484	07/31/17	-	0.06813%	0.000
			24,196,168		-	100.00000%	-
<b>Investment Total</b>			<b>231,783,820</b>				

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING JULY 30, 2017

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT RECD DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
LAIF	0.500		53,735,731.70		101,930.66		18,000,000.00		35,837,662.36	101,930.66		
			53,735,731.70		101,930.66		18,000,000.00		35,837,662.36	101,930.66		
			SHARES/UNITS HELD									
UNITED STATES TREASURY			3,000,000.00			07/31/17	3,000,000.00	07/31/17	3,000,000.00	7,500.00	3,000,000.00	07/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	0.500	06/07/16	3,000,000.00								2,999,160.00	07/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	0.625	08/07/16	3,000,000.00								2,995,110.00	02/28/17
U.S. TREASURY	0.625	08/07/16	3,000,000.00								3,003,510.00	03/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	03/27/14	3,000,000.00								3,000,000.00	06/30/17
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	06/05/14	3,000,000.00								3,003,180.00	07/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	04/02/14	3,000,000.00								3,007,140.00	02/28/17
U.S. TREASURY	1.250	06/04/14	3,000,000.00								2,998,710.00	05/01/17
U.S. TREASURY	0.875	01/05/15	3,000,000.00								3,014,430.00	03/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	11/05/15	3,000,000.00								2,972,340.00	07/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	05/12/17	3,000,000.00								2,994,390.00	03/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	1.625	12/15/16	3,000,000.00								2,981,490.00	05/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	1.125	01/25/17	3,000,000.00			11/30/20	3,000,000.00	11/30/20	3,000,000.00		3,003,510.00	02/28/17
U.S. TREASURY	2.250	03/30/17	3,000,000.00			02/28/21	3,000,000.00	02/28/21	3,000,000.00		2,946,930.00	02/28/17
U.S. TREASURY	1.125	03/30/17	3,000,000.00			03/31/21	3,000,000.00	03/31/21	3,000,000.00		3,054,350.00	03/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	2.250	12/15/16	3,000,000.00			06/30/21	3,000,000.00	06/30/21	3,000,000.00		2,935,200.00	06/30/17
U.S. TREASURY	2.000	02/18/17	3,000,000.00			07/31/21	3,000,000.00	07/31/21	3,000,000.00		3,062,340.00	07/31/17
U.S. TREASURY	2.000	12/01/16	3,000,000.00			08/31/21	3,000,000.00	08/31/21	3,000,000.00		3,032,820.00	02/28/17
U.S. TREASURY	2.125		3,000,000.00	07/07/17	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	10/31/21	3,000,000.00		3,030,600.00	05/01/17
			54,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	06/30/22	3,000,000.00		3,040,200.00	
			54,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		54,000,000.00	75,000.00	54,086,010.00	
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS			3,000,000.00			07/28/17	3,000,000.00	07/28/17	3,000,000.00	16,875.00	3,003,540.00	07/28/17
FHLB	1.125	07/29/13	3,000,000.00								2,993,700.00	03/08/17
FHLB	2.250	12/17/13	3,000,000.00								3,022,770.00	03/20/17
FHLB	0.875	08/17/16	3,000,000.00								2,998,710.00	03/14/17
FHLB	2.000	12/23/15	3,000,000.00								3,011,070.00	05/14/17
FHLB	1.360		3,000,000.00								3,036,000.00	03/13/17
FHLB	1.625	08/03/15	3,000,000.00								3,012,360.00	09/12/17
FHLB	2.000	05/07/15	3,000,000.00								3,014,940.00	06/12/17
FHLB	1.750	06/30/15	3,000,000.00								3,067,290.00	03/10/17
FHLB	1.625	05/17/17	3,000,000.00								3,237,032.50	05/10/17
FHLB	2.375	10/07/16	3,000,000.00								3,012,960.00	09/30/17
FHLB	2.000	11/10/16	3,250,000.00								3,250,000.00	
FHLB	1.875	12/13/16	3,000,000.00								3,012,960.00	
			33,250,000.00		6,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		36,250,000.00	16,875.00	36,410,912.50	

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING JULY 30, 2017

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT RECD DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
<b>FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS</b>												
FFCB	1.160	01/23/14	3,000,000.00			10/23/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,001,230.00	04/24/17
FFCB	0.750	06/07/16	3,000,000.00			02/16/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,993,100.00	02/16/17
FFCB	1.125	05/31/17	3,000,000.00			03/12/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,996,800.00	
FFCB	1.020	03/06/17	3,000,000.00			09/05/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,991,240.00	
FFCB	1.590	10/01/14	3,000,000.00			10/01/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,011,730.00	04/03/17
FFCB	1.460	06/05/14	3,000,000.00			11/21/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,006,610.00	05/22/17
FFCB	1.300	02/01/17	3,000,000.00			02/01/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,995,250.00	
FFCB	1.300	06/06/16	3,000,000.00			06/06/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,976,340.00	06/06/17
FFCB	1.150	04/20/17	3,000,000.00			07/01/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	17,250.00	3,000,000.00	2,993,800.00	07/03/17
FFCB	2.060	07/26/15	1,500,000.00			08/01/19	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00	1,516,275.00	02/01/17
FFCB	1.500	08/11/15	3,000,000.00			08/05/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,996,160.00	02/06/17
FFCB	1.520	03/02/17	3,000,000.00			03/02/20	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,999,370.00	
FFCB	1.280	10/06/16	3,000,000.00			09/29/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,916,250.00	03/29/17
			37,500,000.00				37,500,000.00	37,500,000.00	17,250.00	37,500,000.00	37,390,305.00	
<b>FED NAT MORT ASSOC</b>												
FNMA	0.875	01/16/14	3,000,000.00			08/28/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,996,520.00	02/28/17
FNMA	0.875	09/13/13	3,000,000.00			10/25/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,996,320.00	04/28/17
FNMA	0.875	01/09/14	3,000,000.00			02/08/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,994,780.00	02/08/17
FNMA	1.000	10/01/13	3,000,000.00			05/21/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,990,670.00	05/22/17
FNMA	1.825	12/19/13	3,000,000.00			09/28/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,999,250.00	03/20/17
FNMA	1.375	02/27/15	3,000,000.00			11/27/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,011,100.00	05/30/17
FNMA	1.500	07/15/15	3,000,000.00			02/27/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,002,100.00	02/27/17
FNMA	1.100	10/17/16	3,000,000.00			09/18/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,001,830.00	03/20/17
FNMA	1.320	06/03/15	2,000,000.00			10/17/19	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00	2,877,260.00	04/17/17
FNMA	1.750	05/07/15	3,000,000.00			10/22/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,993,960.00	04/24/17
FNMA	1.500	12/23/15	3,000,000.00			11/26/18	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,020,400.00	05/20/17
FNMA	1.520	07/26/16	3,000,000.00			11/30/20	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,996,630.00	05/30/17
FNMA	1.000	06/24/16	3,000,000.00			07/28/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	22,800.00	3,000,000.00	2,916,350.00	07/28/17
FNMA	1.375	10/07/16	3,000,000.00			09/24/21	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,993,850.00	02/24/17
			44,000,000.00				44,000,000.00	44,000,000.00	22,800.00	44,000,000.00	43,844,070.00	04/07/17
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			9,101,930.66		24,000,000.00		207,567,652.36	171,750,000.00	233,855.66	171,731,297.50		

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PERIOD ENDING JULY 30, 2017

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	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				

CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS

CITY RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS												
2010 WATER		07/31/17							697,604.47			
2015 Refunding		07/31/17							7.45			
2015A COP		07/31/17							9,270,303.03			
2017 SEWER REF		07/31/17							18,484.48			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>									<u>9,984,399.43</u>			
SUCCESSOR RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS												
2008 Kotella Cottages (VanKampen)		07/31/17							175,648.51			
UBOC		07/31/17							2,863,538.00			
2014 TABB		07/31/17							7,161,898.57			
2016 TAB		07/31/17							4,010,673.22			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>									<u>14,211,758.30</u>			
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>									<u>9,101,930.66</u>			
									<u>24,000,000.00</u>			
									<u>231,783,820.09</u>			

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING JULY 30, 2017

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT REC'D DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				

CASH IN BANK

COMMERCIAL BANK-Wilwrick		07/31/17	Ending Cash Balance		5,899.80		07/31/17	Ending Cash Balance				
UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA		07/31/17	Charge Back Account	2042201638	16,543.79		07/31/17	16,543.79				
General Account		07/31/17	General Account	2042850020	5,896,319.38		07/31/17	5,896,319.38				
Home		07/31/17		2042438354	-		07/31/17					
Housing Authority (Accounting)		07/31/17		2042114021	0.64		07/31/17	0.64				
Housing Authority Escrow		07/31/17		2042459436	122,381.95		07/31/17	122,381.95				
Liability		07/31/17		2042205571	75,000.00		07/31/17	75,000.00				
Workers Comp		07/31/17		2042237764	388,697.34		07/31/17	388,697.34				
Successor Agency		07/31/17		2740032316	587,177.57		07/31/17	587,177.57				
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>					7,092,020.47			7,092,020.47				

PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS

Charge Fund		07/31/17			3,680.00		07/31/17	3,680.00				
Finance		07/31/17			3,000.00		07/31/17	3,000.00				
Departments		07/31/17			3,550.00		07/31/17	3,550.00				
Police Dept-SIU		07/31/17			30,000.00		07/31/17	30,000.00				
Police Dept-Drug		07/31/17			3,500.00		07/31/17	3,500.00				
Police Dept-Reg		07/31/17			200.00		07/31/17	200.00				
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>					43,930.00			43,930.00				

GRAND TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS

					9,101,930.66			24,000,000.00		233,855.66	171,750,000.00	171,731,297.50
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SOCIAL ISSUES



PHOTOS: KEVIN SULLIVAN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wesley Village resident Mersidaranny Yin tells her story during a program celebrating the opening of the 47-unit affordable housing complex built on unused church land that's part of the Garden Grove Methodist Church campus.

# PIECE OF PARADISE

## Garden Grove church provides land for affordable housing, community services

**By Theresa Walker**  
*thewalker@scng.com*  
*@TellTheresa on Twitter*

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony this month for the Wesley Village affordable housing complex in Garden Grove, Laura Archuleta couldn't resist referencing Joni Mitchell's 1970 environmental protest "Big Yellow Taxi."

Built on underused land that's part of the Garden Grove United Methodist Church campus on Main Street, Wesley Village offered Archuleta, president of the nonprofit community organization Jamboree Housing Corp., a chance to riff on one of Mitchell's most famous lyrics. Where Mitchell sang "They paved



People walk the grounds of the senior portion of Wesley Village, the new multigenerational, affordable housing complex built in Garden Grove.

paradise/And put up a parking lot," Archuleta told about 300 people packed into the steamy church sanctuary on a hot afternoon that "Today we are going to learn how a group of dedicated organizations and individuals repurposed a parking lot and put up a paradise."

Then she and others who spoke, including a single mom with six children who now reside at Wesley Village, told how the project became reality through a unique collaboration that involved the church, Jamboree and other nonprofit groups, the city and government agencies, private financiers and ordinary people wanting to give someone in need a place to call home.

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## Village

### FROM PAGE 1

Those involved see Wesley Village as a model for similar projects in Orange County and other housing-challenged areas — and for longtime churches facing uncertain futures with congregations that become less vibrant as members grow older or move away.

“We had an aging congregation,” said Sue Spangler, who has attended Garden Grove United Methodist since the late 1960s and heads the church council. “We felt that in the future we would need to have a plan for doing things differently. So this was part of that plan.”

Under a 75-year ground lease with Jamboree, Garden Grove United Methodist received an advance payment of \$200,000 and will be paid \$50,000 annually for the next six years. After that six-year period, the church will share in the rent revenue — minus operating expenses for the property — with the city and Jamboree.

Along with an annual \$36,000 payment from Head Start for the space it uses, Wesley Village is set up to provide a reliable stream of revenue to the church.

The concept of using church land to host affordable housing is not new. Similar efforts have been undertaken by churches across the country in New York City, Portland, Oregon, and Baltimore, where the Schaefer Center for Public Policy at the University of Baltimore holds a six-month training course for faith-based organizations that want to develop affordable housing and community services.

One of the larger such projects is a recently approved \$3.5 million land deal between the city of Lafayette, Colorado, and a local church, calling for up to 500 affordable housing units with rents to be no more than 30 percent of household income. In the San Francisco Bay Area, one of the nation’s most housing-challenged areas, city officials and an East Oakland church struck a deal earlier this year to build 59 affordable apartments for low-income residents. It is unclear how common a practice it is in Southern California.

While churches long have initiated social engagement for the poor that might include running soup kitchens, holding clothing drives or offering limited shelter to the downtrodden, Wesley Village may well represent the beginning of an emerging response to a growing need to address homelessness and the region’s lack of affordable housing, said sociologist Richard Flory, senior director of research and evaluation at USC’s Center for Religion and Civic Culture.

“I wouldn’t be surprised if this kind of thing starts happening more,” said Flory, whose recently deceased father was a pastor at small churches in Los Angeles and taught for decades at Biola University, the Evangelical faith-based institution in La Mirada.

But, he said, congregations considering a project like Wesley Village face challenges.

“Churches tend to want to sort of proselytize,” Flory said of faith-based outreach that might focus more on spreading the faith and growing membership than serving the general needs of people in their communities. What’s key is “getting them to figure out that if that stuff comes, great. But if not, they are still a presence in the community.”

There’s also government bureaucracy and neighborhood concerns to deal with: “The other side of it is always zoning and permit issues from the cities, and the neighbors don’t tend to like it.”

The multigenerational Wesley Village incorporates 47 apartment units — 31 for working families and 16 for senior citizens — and on-site services for its residents and the surrounding community from such organizations as Lestonnac Free Clinic, Alzheimer’s Orange County, homeless services provider Project Hope Alliance and the local Boys & Girls Club.

The project, on 2.2 acres, includes a new home for a Head Start program that had rented space in the Sunday school building constructed decades ago but in need of repairs. The playground for the church’s own preschool also was reconfigured.

Jamboree secured a mix of public and private funding for the \$18.9 million development.

Wesley Village is named after John Wesley, the 18th century Anglican cleric who, with his brother Charles, stirred the revival movement that led to the founding of Methodism. Residents began moving into the pair of three-story apartment buildings in July.

“To have a future possible income from it and not have to sell it and also to do something that would be of benefit to the community,” Spangler said of the underused church property, “was a pretty good match.”

### From flood to paradise

Tenants at Wesley Village earn from 50 percent

to 59 percent of the area’s median family income and pay monthly rent for the one-, two- and three-bedroom units that ranges from \$818 to \$1,338, based on family size and income. That is several hundred dollars below the average rent of \$1,799 landlords sought at the end of 2016 for a vacant apartment in Orange County. Huge demand and short supply has continued to propel the upward trend here and across Southern California in 2017, in some places hitting all-time high rents.

Jamboree got 626 applicants for the 47 units; the waiting list today is at 459.

For someone like Mersidaranny Yin, who works as a tempura fry cook at a nearby restaurant, and her six children, ages 24 to 15, Wesley Village truly is the paradise from Archuleta’s frame of reference. At the Aug. 10 grand opening, Yin related the series of setbacks the family endured over the past two years before settling in at Wesley Village a few weeks ago.

Their story brought tears to the eyes of the people fanning themselves in the pews of the church. When Yin finished, many jumped from their seats to applaud.

Yin emigrated from Cambodia in 1981 at the age of 6, living with family in Louisiana and Orange County, where there is a sizable population of Cambodian refugees. Because of the cost of living here, Yin moved back to Louisiana with her children about six years ago. The family managed to get by on her \$2.25 an hour wage as a food server, living in a small town near the capital of Baton Rouge.

Catastrophic rainfall in August 2016 upended them. Yin recalled how one of her daughters asked, "Mommy are we going to die here?" as floodwater swallowed the vehicles in the streets. They lost their car and their apartment, staying with a friend until Yin saved enough for a new place. But during the move, someone burglarized what possessions they had left. That broke Yin's heart.

She drove her children back to Orange County, where they all packed into a living room they rented in Garden Grove. The Yins were desperate for better living

conditions. They weren't allowed to use the bathroom where they were staying and had to visit Target or Walmart to relieve themselves, Yin said. They got some help with social services and medical needs from her children's high school and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove. But affording another place to live seemed impossible. Then Wesley Village rose before their eyes: In November, daughter Maryanna Kim, 18, walked past stakes in the ground for the construction of one of the apartment buildings on her way to the library. She told her mother she had found their new home.

Months later, their application nearly fell through because of a false eviction charge by their last landlord in Louisiana. Yin, 42, credits the diligence and patience of Patricia Huerta of FPI Management Inc., the property manager at Wesley Village, for helping straighten it all out.

The Yins got the last available unit — a three-bedroom apartment on the third floor in the family building — when someone else canceled during construction delays. The family's excitement over moving in was tempered by the recent death of Yin's mother, but not their gratitude.

"Thank you for being an angel," Yin told Huerta as the two women hugged on the family's way back to their apartment after the grand-opening celebration.

They don't have much furniture yet, and they all share bedrooms. But they can make the rent, \$1,262, between Yin's job and her oldest daughter Cynthia Leang's position as a pharmacy technician. From her balcony, Yin can look into the courtyard below and see children romping on a play set or gaze across the tops of houses in the surrounding neighborhood, where trees and the steeple of another church nearby offer a placid skyline.

She sweeps her arm across the view with a smile on her face as wide as her gesture.

"I never had this before."

### **From an idea to reality**

Jamboree has had multiple discussions before with other churches about dedicating unused property for affordable housing.

Such failed efforts date back to 2001: talks with Shepherd of the Hills in Laguna Niguel about building senior housing and with a Long Beach Methodist church regarding affordable family housing. Since 2012, other faith communities in Orange County that have approached Jamboree's business development team include Lutheran and Presbyterian congregations.

Typically the churches have been a presence in their respective communities for decades but are seeing membership decline. Their locations — near transit

lines, schools, and other amenities — can be ideal for housing.

Some want to sell their land at full market value, "which could mean affordable housing wouldn't be all that affordable," Archuleta said. Others inquire about restricting occupancy to church members, but use of public financing wouldn't allow such exclusivity.

The notion of an affordable housing project at Garden Grove United Methodist percolated about five years ago during an ad hoc brainstorming session on the future of the church.

The congregation has worshiped since 1880 in three different buildings on the same corner of Main Street and Stanford Avenue where its current distinctive sanctuary has stood since 1967.

But with a population that peaked at 1,500 in the mid-1950s and now numbers about 275, Garden Grove United Methodist faces the same uncertainty as many other mainline churches with aging congregations.

The church holds services for a more youthful Vietnamese-speaking membership and a longtime group of Samoan congregants, along with offering space to Korean-language and east Indian faith groups. But its core Caucasian membership is declining. The church didn't want to sell its land, said Spangler, the church council chair. Instead, its members embraced what she called a "wild idea."

They saw the answer in the vacant lot where neighborhood children sometimes kicked around a soccer ball or a local Boy Scouts troop held some outdoor activity — a forlorn area that Jim Spangler, chairman of the church board of trustees, described as dominated by mowed weeds — and in a parking lot on a distant corner of the church property, rarely used except by parents dropping off children at the Head Start.

Curt Pringle, a former two-term Anaheim mayor and state assemblyman whose parents still attend Garden Grove United Methodist, proposed the idea of hosting affordable housing at the church. Pringle runs a consulting firm that deals

with land use, public relations and government affairs; Jamboree is a client of his firm, Curt Pringle & Associates.

The church approached Jamboree in 2013 and the “wild idea” took shape as pastoral leadership changed hands and plans moved through the city government process. There were delays, and concerns raised from the surrounding neighborhood over density, upkeep and just what “affordable housing” might look like.

At one community meeting, Spangler recalled, “a man stood up and said I don’t want to live in the projects.’ Well, these buildings are nice.”

The church’s community services over the years have included feeding the homeless, tutoring local schoolkids, and hosting Scout troops. It already had established relationships with groups like Alzheimer’s Orange County, founding the Acacia Adult Day services that is now located nearby, and provided space a few days a week to the Lestonnac free health clinic for several years.

Affordable housing on the premises seemed like a logical next step.

“I was all excited about this right from the beginning,” said a joyous June Stokoe, 71, who has attended Garden Grove United Methodist for four decades and met husband Charley there 33 years ago. Both came to the Wesley Village celebration.

With the model that the collaboration represents, Wesley Village has the chance to be transformative beyond its own boundaries, Archuleta told the people in the pews.

“If you didn’t think you were changing lives before, you are now.”



Resident Mersidaranny Yin and her children, from left, Jullianna Kim, 16, Mary Kim, 17, Maryanna Kim, 18, William Kim, 14, Mollyanda Kim, 17, and Cynthia Leang, 24, pose for a photo in their new three-bedroom apartment at Wesley Village in Garden Grove.

KEVIN SULLIVAN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Week of Aug. 28, 2017

## Pre-Construction Activities



**Drill Exploration, Pre-Construction Surveying and Utility Location Activities** will occur intermittently throughout the project area **Monday to Saturday, Aug. 28 to Sept. 2.**

**Drilling Exploration Activities** will be conducted during the day, between **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** and at night, between **9 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

- **Drill Exploration** is performed to obtain information on the soil and rock around a site in order to design structures. Crews will be on the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) shoulders, and on- and off-ramps of the I-405 freeway, as well as on local streets.
- **Pre-Construction Surveying** is a review of property adjacent to a site where construction activities will take place.
- **Utility Location**, also know as Potholing, is necessary to locate any existing underground utilities prior to construction.



Please see below for specific work locations.

*Please be advised that this work may be loud, and dates are subject to change based on inclement weather and other operational factors.*

### Costa Mesa

#### **Nighttime Work - 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

- NB SR-73 to NB I-405 Harbor Boulevard Exit off-ramp
- NB SR-73 to NB I-405 Connector

- SB I-405 HOV lane to SR-73

## Westminster

### **Daytime Work - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- Heil Avenue
- Landau Lane
- Milton Avenue
- Milan Street
- Bolsa Avenue near Westminster Edison municipal lot

### **Nighttime Work - 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

- NB I-405 Magnolia off-ramp
- SB I-405 outside lane McFadden Avenue to Bolsa Avenue
- SB I-405 outside lane near Goldenwest Street to Westminster SB off-ramp
- EB McFadden Avenue
- Edinger Avenue

## Fountain Valley

### **Daytime Work - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- SB Euclid Street on-ramp near the Orange County Sanitation District
- Talbert Avenue
- Starfish Road

### **Nighttime Work - 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

- SB Euclid Street on-ramp near the Orange County Sanitation District
- SB I-405 to SB Brookhurst off-ramp
- NB Brookhurst Street off-ramp

## Seal Beach

### **Daytime Work - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- Shoulder closure from 7th Street WB SR-22 to SB I-405

### **Nighttime Work - 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

- NB I-405 outside 2 lanes to I-605 connector
- SB I-405 to EB SR-22 outside two lanes

## Safety Tip



## Road Trip Safety

Going on a road trip? The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has a travel guide to help you get the most out of your journey.

The travel guide provides helpful tips such as:

- Gas-Saving Tips;
- Pre-Trip Maintenance;
- Saving Money on the Road; and
- How to Pull a Trailer

For more on road trip safety, [click here!](#)



## Community Outreach

**405  
SQUAD**

### Don't Miss the 405 Community Outreach Team in Action!

Each month, the 405 Community Outreach Team participates in community events, gives presentations and visits businesses in the project area.

In the last week we've:

- Conducted One-on-One Business Visits

If you know of or will be hosting an upcoming community event that would be great for our team to participate in, please contact us!





Want to see more? Follow us on our social media pages below!

For more information about this project, please contact the 405 Community Outreach Team.



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## JOINT FORCES TRAINING BASE

# NEWS Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Col. (CA) Richard Lalor: (562) 795-2096  
or (626) 733-1170

August 29, 2017

Release 17-12

### **U.S. ARMY AVIATION UNIT TO CONDUCT TRAINING EXERCISES AND FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT LOS ALAMITOS ARMY AIRFIELD**

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. – A visiting U.S. Army aviation unit will be engaged in training exercises at Los Alamitos Army Airfield (LAAAF) from Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> through Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Flight operations may include periods of increased air traffic.

Residents of communities located near the base may hear aircraft arriving and departing outside of normal airfield operating hours and increased aircraft noise during the hours of darkness throughout the training period.

This routine training is designed to maintain overall operational readiness and proficiency of the aviators and support personnel who are participating in the exercises. Efforts will be taken to minimize inconvenience to our neighbors during evening hours. For additional information, contact Col. (CA) Richard Lalor at (562)795-2096 (office) or (626) 733-1170 (mobile) or via email at [richard.w.lalor2.vol@mail.mil](mailto:richard.w.lalor2.vol@mail.mil)



# Air Resources Board



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Governor

August 2, 2017

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites you to participate in public workshops to begin discussing concepts for minimizing community health impacts from seaports, railyards, and warehouses/distribution centers. Transitioning to a less-polluting, more efficient, modern freight transport system is essential to meeting our public health mandates, climate goals, and economic needs.

Date and Time	Location
Tuesday August 29, 2017 1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Los Angeles</b> Junipero Serra Building 320 West 4th Street Los Angeles, California 90013
Wednesday September 6, 2017 1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Sacramento</b> California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Sierra Hearing Room 1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814 <b>Live Video/Audio Webcast Option</b> A webcast will be available at: <a href="https://video.calepa.ca.gov/">https://video.calepa.ca.gov/</a> .

Both workshops will follow the same format and present the same material. The staff presentation will be posted before the workshops on CARB's website at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/FreightFacility.htm>. This notice and the handouts for the staff presentation will also be available in Spanish.

CARB will be hosting additional meetings later in September to talk with residents living in communities near seaports, railyards, warehouses, and distribution centers about these facility concepts and regulatory actions already underway (like amendments to the ships at berth and transport refrigeration unit rules) to reduce the health impacts from freight operations. For these future community meetings, we plan to use the "World Café" format where participants can gather in smaller groups to discuss their views and raise questions with CARB staff. To receive meeting notices, please sign up for our listserve at: [https://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv\\_ind.php?listname=sfti](https://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=sfti).

These CARB freight-related activities will also support the upcoming work to implement Assembly Bill 617 (C. Garcia, Statutes of 2017), which will establish guidance for the development and implementation of community reduction plans focused on reducing exposures in the neighborhoods most impacted by pollution.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

California Environmental Protection Agency

### **Background**

In March 2017, the Board heard public testimony on the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD's) Plan and CARB's Mobile Source Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The Board adopted Resolutions 17-7 and 17-8, as well as an addendum that provided additional direction to staff, including:

*Within 12 months, "...staff shall return to the Board with concepts for an indirect source rule to control pollution from large freight facilities including ports, railyards, warehouses, and distribution centers, as well as any identified alternatives capable of achieving similar levels of emission reductions..."*

This process will involve stakeholder outreach, including formal workshops and informal meetings, to identify potential options for reducing emissions from freight facilities and to understand the relative pros and cons. CARB staff will present concepts to the Board in March 2018.

### **Special Accommodation Request**

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Monique Davis at (916) 322-7304 or email [Monique.Davis@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Monique.Davis@arb.ca.gov) as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

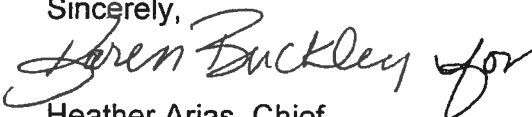
Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, favor de contactar a Stephen Cutts al (916) 323-1603 o [stephen.cutts@arb.ca.gov](mailto:stephen.cutts@arb.ca.gov) lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes de la junta programada. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

### **For More Information**

For more information, please visit: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/FreightFacility.htm>.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort. If you have questions about the workshops, please contact Ms. Monique Davis by phone at (916) 322-7304, or by email at [Monique.Davis@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Monique.Davis@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Heather Arias, Chief  
Freight Transport Branch  
Transportation and Toxics Division

**WEEKLY MEMO 8-31-17**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

**CRIME**

# Anaheim man gets 4 years in Garden Grove burglary spree

**City News Service**

An Anaheim man was sentenced to more than four years in prison and his accomplice 90 days in jail for a burglary spree in Garden Grove that netted them at least \$150,000, according to court records obtained Monday.

In a plea deal struck with prosecutors Aug. 21, Julio Pachas, 45, was given four years and four months behind bars for multiple vehicle burglaries. He was given credit for 374 days behind bars, according to court records.

His girlfriend, Michella Fuquay, 24, also of Anaheim, was sentenced to home confinement or electronic monitoring and placed on probation for three years, according to court records. On Feb. 16, police served a search warrant at two places, one in Anaheim and the other in Garden Grove, according to Lt. Carl Whitney. The search warrants stemmed from multiple vehicle burglaries in Garden Grove and neighboring cities in Orange and Los Angeles counties, Whitney said.

Police allege Pachas targeted vehicles in parking lots of busy shopping centers and would rifle through them while the owners were shopping, Whitney said. In some cases, vehicle windows were smashed in, the lieutenant added.

Purses, wallets, luggage, computers, cell phones, and sunglasses were among the items taken, Whitney said.

Police also found a "garage full" of stolen loot in Fuquay and Pachas' residence, Whitney said.

In 2013, the couple pleaded guilty to similar charges stemming from burglaries in Garden Grove, while Pachas also admitting having sex with an underage girl. Pachas was sentenced then to three years in Orange County jail for three counts of underage sex, four counts of second-degree burglary, a count of possession of a gun by a felon and a count of receiving stolen property, all felonies.

Fuquay pleaded guilty in 2013 to receiving stolen property and fraudulent use of a credit card, both misdemeanors, and was sentenced to 14 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and placed on three years of probation.

They were arrested in January 2013 following an investigation of vehicle burglaries in Garden Grove and neighboring cities, which dated back to two years earlier, police said. When police were led to Pachas' home they found "wall-to-wall stolen property," said police Lt. Jeff Nightengale. A public viewing of the stolen goods drew 200 people with 44 victims claiming 120 stolen items, Nightengale said.

Register  
Fountain Valley view  
Aug. 31, 2017

# GARDEN GROVE CROWNS A NEW 'VOICE'; SCHOOL KIDS HEAD BACK TO CLASS THIS WEEK

Back in July, Brainiac  
hipped you to the upcoming  
summer concert series in Garden  
Grove that would also include  
the annual Voice of Garden  
Grove competition for high  
schoolers



**Peter  
Larsen**  
*Brainiac*

with big voices and big  
dreams.

Well, we've got a winner  
now, announced a couple of  
weeks ago, and we'd be remiss  
if we didn't drop the answer to  
the question — Exactly who IS  
the Voice of Garden Grove? —  
on you now. In the finals, which  
were held Aug. 10 in front of  
approximately 3,500 people at  
Eastgate Park, Althessa Jones,  
who just graduated from Garden  
Grove High School, edged out  
Mya Shimizu, who attends the  
same school, the first time in  
the history of the contest that  
the top two finishers came from  
the same school

Jones sang "We Don't Have  
To Take Our Clothes Off" — that's  
right, we do not — by the young  
British singer Ella Eyre, while  
Shimizu covered an older number,  
Michael Jackson's hit "P.Y.T."

For winning, Jones picked up  
a check for \$500 and also earned  
the Garden Grove High School  
choir department led by Kari  
Galeener a \$500 check, too. As  
runner-up, Shimizu took home  
\$250, with the Gar-



PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

The annual Voice of Garden Grove competition wrapped up this month. Seen here, left to right, are Mya Shimizu, 2017 runner-up; Kari Galeener, Garden Grove High School choral director; Kayla Wandelt, 2016 Voice of Garden Grove winner; and Althessa Jones, 2017 Voice of Garden Grove winner.

den Grove High School choir  
program collecting another \$250,  
to bring the choir's total to \$750.

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Garden Grove Unified School  
District welcomed students back  
for the 2017-18 school year on  
Wednesday and, well, it's

fun getting up early, getting  
the kiddos up, driving through  
streets with lots more traffic on  
them, isn't it?

Sigh.  
But! There's a way you can  
make lemonade out of these  
back-to-school lemons, at least  
in Garden Grove. We're all taking

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photos of our kids on the first day of the new school year, yes? Garden Grove Unified wants to collect as many of those adorable photos as possible for its First Day of School Photo Contest, and if you're kid is the cutest — yes, we know he or she is — you and the young 'un can win

a nifty prize.

Here's what you do. Post your best shot on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram by Friday, and tag it with #GGUSDFirstDay. Or just e-mail the photo to [pio\\_department@ggusd.us](mailto:pio_department@ggusd.us).

The district will gather them all into a First Day

Photo Album on its Facebook page on Wednesday, Sept. 6, and visitors to the album will vote for their favorite photo for the next week. The pic that has the most "likes" or "loves" by Sept. 13, will win its poster a backpack full of brand-spankin'-new school supplies and a new Garden Grove Unified School District T-shirt. And bragging rights for a year, not that any proud parent would ever brag about their child.

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Westminster School District, meanwhile, opens a new school year on Thursday, with a handful of cool new projects already in the works.

Thanks to the \$76 million bond measure voters approved last year construction of a gymnasium and multi-purpose room at Stacey Middle School is now underway, with completion expected later in the school year.

Some of that money is also earmarked for adding air-conditioning to schools in the district, with Superintendent Cyndi Paik noting in her back-to-school press release that the district is currently conducting "an internal heat survey" at every campus in the district.

It's good to have data, but alas, it's all too easy this week to figure out what the survey is going to show: It's hot, hot, hot, so good luck students, teachers, and everyone else on campus until this late-summer heat wave breaks.

# Garden Grove district to offer Vietnamese immersion program

The program aims to strengthen cultural ties

**By Jeong Park**  
*jpark@scng.com*

Garden Grove Unified School District will be the second in Orange County to offer a Vietnamese dual language immersion program, when the school year starts today.

"We want students to be bilingual, bicultural and biliterate," said Sara Wescott, the district's assistant superintendent of elementary education.

Students in the pre-kindergarten program will be taught a half-day in English and the other half in Vietnamese. The program is meant to strengthen students' ties to the Vietnamese culture. It's arrival comes after a yearslong lobbying effort from members of the Vietnamese community who have said the program also would increase students' cognitive ability.

"We want students to be proficient in the diversity of our community," said Luisa Rogers, the district's director of English-learner programs.

Wescott estimates that 25 to 50 transitional kindergarten students — those who turn 5 between Saturday and Dec. 2 — at John Murdy Elementary School will be enrolled.

The program aims to align its Vietnamese instruction with its English education, creating a comparable track, said Natalie Tran, director of the National Resource Center for Asian Languages at Cal State Fullerton who has been helping the district develop the curriculum.

Tran said the center has gathered resources from the Vietnamese community and produced children's books, which Wescott said have been reviewed by community members.

Rogers said she hopes poetry, songs, literature, visual arts and family events will enhance the students' understanding of the Vietnamese culture.

The district's Vietnamese com-

munity started lobbying for a program in 2013, with then-GGUSD trustee Bao Nguyen's petition gathering more than 1,200 signatures. The petition sought to create the county's and the state's first Vietnamese dual immersion program, by fall 2014.

Wescott said the district started conducting its feasibility study for such a program in 2013, but began its work in earnest by the 2015-16 school year. California Association for Bilingual Education recommended that the district first build a Spanish dual immersion program. The district did so in fall 2016 through Monroe Elementary Language Academy, which Wescott said now has about 300 students.

Meanwhile, in fall 2015, Westminster School District's DeMille Elementary School started a Vietnamese dual immersion program, which now has more than 150 students, said district spokeswoman Trish Montgomery.

Wescott said GGUSD is planning to expand its Vietnamese immersion program for kindergarten students next year.



# City leaders vote to regulate parking

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## Recreation vehicles will be required to have city-issued permits

In response to community concerns regarding public safety, neighborhood aesthetics, and curbing the parking of non-Garden Grove recreational vehicles on residential streets, the Garden Grove City Council has approved an ordinance that will require recreational vehicles parked on public and private streets to have a valid city-issued permit, at no cost.

The ordinance takes effect in late September, 2017.

Pay attention, because there are strict rules.

And strict fines for those who don't follow the law.

Under the new ordinance, residents may request up to 12 non-consecutive, 72-hour recreational vehicle parking permits for the sole purpose of loading or unloading before and after travel. Residents will be able to request both loading and unloading permits at the same time.

Residents requiring longer accommodations may request  
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Courtesy photo

A recreational vehicle parked on a city street. The City Council last week OK'd an ordinance requiring such vehicles to have city-issued permits.

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weekly parking permits not to exceed seven days per permit. No more than six weekly permits will be allowed per residential address per year with at least one day in between each of the six permits.

A valid permit will only allow recreational vehicles to park in front of the address of the resident applying for the permit. The ordinance will not affect private property.

The city is developing an automated system that will streamline the process of obtaining a permit. The system will be available on

the city's website, at [www.gardengrove.org](http://www.gardengrove.org), in late September, 2017. Until then, no parking citations will be issued to recreational vehicles parked on public and private streets.

For more information, call the city manager's office at 714-741-5100 or visit [www.gardengrove.org](http://www.gardengrove.org).

# GG, WM representatives outline plans for future

Alan Lowenthal, Janet Nguyen attend Legislative Networking Mixer

By Colleen Janssen

Elected officials from West Orange County cities — including from Westminster and Garden Grove — gathered to meet with the public on Aug. 25 at the Cypress Senior Center for the annual Legislative Networking Mixer. Representatives from local, state and federal offices shared their updates and answered questions.

Congressman Alan Lowenthal, 47th District, which represents Westminster, Garden Grove and surrounding areas, shared updates on water recycling, the Joint Forces Training Base, veterans and homelessness. Additionally, he announced that his new office is opening on Main Street in Garden Grove.

"I am on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee," said

Lowenthal, who went on to discuss the expansion of the 405 Freeway. "A \$630 million TIFIA loan was signed in late June. When the work is completed, it will improve the national freight network and access to ports."

The Department of Transportation loan provides up to \$628 million in a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) at 2.91 percent with a term of 35 years after substantial completion of the I-405 Improvement Project. The TIFIA loan represents 33 percent of eligible project costs totaling \$1.91 billion.

Regarding water, Lowenthal touted the current success and future plans for the Orange County Water

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Photo by Colleen Janssen  
State Senator Janet Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove and other cities, joins in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during the opening ceremony at the Legislative Networking Mixer last week.

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District's water recycling program. He said the \$124 million loan in the 2017/2018 budget for the district is one of only 12 projects selected, and it will allow the water agency to expand water recycling from 100 million gallons/day to 130 million per day.

"Orange County is the nation's model on water recycling," said Lowenthal. "Thanks to water recycling, Orange County is almost self-sufficient and should be in a good position when there are future droughts. Orange County is always looking to the future."

Lowenthal announced the renaming of the Long Beach Veterans Affairs Hospital. It is now named for an Orange County hero and Medal of Honor recipient, Tibor Rubin. In May of 2017, the facility was renamed Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center.

Lowenthal's other areas of local interest are the Prado Dam embankment work and the problem of homeless people living on the Santa Ana River Trail.

"Residents are concerned about the Prado Dam, fixing the Santa Ana River and flood basin," said Lowenthal. Concerns for the growing homeless problem are the subject of discussion at all levels of government. No easy solution has

been found, but many agencies are working on it.

His final topic was a happy one. He was one of the people present for a recent event for Pastor Nguyen Cong Chinh who, as a Lutheran minister, had been arrested by the government in Vietnam. Pastor Chinh was sentenced to 11 years.

"I adopted Pastor Chinh as a personal project to help him get back to the U.S.," said Lowenthal. "There was a big reception in Westminster, and Mayor Tri Ta, Bishop Van Tran and others were at the event at the Lutheran Church...The people of Orange County feel that they want people to have human rights and religious rights in Vietnam."

In addition to Lowenthal, local State Senator Janet Nguyen, 34th District, was present for a short time, but had to leave early for another event, and did not have the opportunity to speak before the audience of 100 people.

Other officials included Congressman Lou Correa, 46th District, Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, 65th District, and Colin Edwards, an aide from Assemblyman Travis Allen's 72nd District office.

Representatives from the cities and chambers of commerce in Westminster, Stanton, Cypress, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Rossmore, along with representatives of the Legislative Affairs Committee of West Orange County, were present.



Photo by Loreen Berlin  
Bell Intermediate School student Gregory Jung, left, and Pacifica High School student volunteer Jennavie Dulay, assemble all of the registration paperwork into alphabetical order as it's turned in by students at Bell last week.

## Students gear up for opening day

They're getting ready to start classes today

**By Loreen Berlin**

With the first day of school approaching, Bell Intermediate School was a beehive of activity last week as 7th and 8th graders finalized registration.

The Garden Grove school's 630 students were there deliver emergency and student information, a technology contract, and their parents' approval in advance of

opening day: Aug. 30.

All of that was accomplished at one table in the library, making it a smooth process.

At a second table, students could purchase reasonably-priced and high-quality PE clothing.

They could also purchase an ASB card, which gives a discount on their yearbook and admits them to school dances free.

Principal M'Liss Patterson said last week's activities included turning in registration done through the Parent Portal online.

"On their individual registration day students bring their already filled-in form, which cuts down on standing in line," she said. "It's pretty smooth and streamlined. Once it's filled out, it's easy com-

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Photo by Loreen Berlin

PE clothing was available for purchase last week at Bell Intermediate School in Garden Grove. Principal M'Liss Patterson said the clothing is reasonably priced, but students can wear their own color-appropriate clothes to physical education classes.

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munication between the school and parent and moves pretty fast and it's all in one location."

Parents could also register their students online in the school library during last week's activities and receive school staff help if needed.

There were 20 student volunteers helping out, with two being from Pacifica High School. Twelve parent volunteers helped, as well.

Students accomplished their required steps at the first three tables and also had an option of speaking with a counselor if they had questions about their schedule.

In addition to regular classes, Bell Intermediate offers electives that include: keyboarding, library science, introduction to art, crafts, painting and drawing, peer tutoring and beginning mixed choir.

"And for 8th grade students only, we offer Spanish and TA (Teacher's Assistant)," said Patterson.

Recognizing the need for good nutrition, the district offers a reasonably-priced breakfast and lunch at the school each day, along with milk. Students purchasing school lunches are offered healthy and nutritional dishes, said Food Services Director Agnes Lally.

The district's statement reads, "We care about what we serve our students and the Food Services Department is committed to pro-

viding high quality, nutritious and cost-effective meals to ensure our students receive all the nutrition they need to succeed in school."

The district provides students with meals that include vitamins, minerals and calories they need, offering parents a convenient and affordable way to provide their children with a meal during the day.

Also, the district said it is improving the learning ability and classroom behavior among students who eat school lunches.

"Students who regularly eat breakfast are more attentive in the classroom, attend an average of 1.5 more days of school and have math scores that were 17.5 percent higher than students who don't eat breakfast," the district website states.

Quoting from former President Harry Truman, upon signing the 1946 National School Lunch Act, "In the long view, no nation is healthier than its children..."

The school year runs through June 15.

# Tidbits from around our towns

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## New business opens on Main Street; couple still missing



### Rambling Rhoades

By Brady Rhoades

Any soon-to-be-wedded ladies out there?

Take note.

Especially if you haven't chosen your wedding dress.

On Sept. 6, the Bride and E Patisserie Café will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new home on Historic Main Street in Garden Grove.

Address: 12921, to be exact.

The business – somewhat unexpected on Main Street – caters

to those looking for high-end wedding wear.

And for shoppers who happen to be hungry, the café offers pastries and tea.

Main Street, which features a host of restaurants and an eclectic mix of other stores, will become a bit more diverse, a bit more classy.

The ribbon-cutting will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting. Light refreshments will be served.

Be there to support a local business.

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At present, it's a heartbreaking story.

A month ago, Westminster resident Rachel Nguyen, 20, and her boyfriend, Joseph Orbeso, 21, went missing while hiking in extreme heat at Joshua Tree National Park. Some of their belongings were found at their hotel room. A search and rescue team discovered their footprints on the Maze Trail.



Courtesy photo

### Rachel Nguyen

Since then, nothing.

A few days ago, the parents of Nguyen and Orbeso offered \$10,000 in reward money for information leading to the couples' safe return.

To help, contact San Bernardino dispatch at 909-383-5652, and request the detective division.

Let's hope for a miracle.

### Santiago High recognized

Garden Grove Unified School District's Santiago High School is receiving positive national attention in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Back-to-School campaign.

The foundation created a video spotlighting Santiago High School for using data to improve teaching and learning and to support student gains. Santiago High School is featured as a "student-ready" school prepared to help all students succeed.

"We are pleased that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recognized all of the success that has occurred at Santiago High School to close the achievement gap

and help all students reach their full potential," said Walter Muneton, GGUSD Board of Education trustee.

The video, which can be viewed at <http://k12education.gatesfoundation.org/back-to-school>, as well as on the district's website, [www.ggusd.us](http://www.ggusd.us), and YouTube channel, features Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, Santiago High School Principal Mike Kennedy, science teacher Vickie Miller, and teacher on special assignment Tanya Avina. The video highlights the supportive culture at Santiago High School and the data-driven steps that have driven significant gains in college readiness scores.

### Chilling out

Starting earlier this week, temperatures were expected to reach 95 degrees and above in Garden Grove.

To offer relief, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center is serving as a public cooling center through today (Aug. 30) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is at 11300 Stanford Ave.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the center's air-conditioned accommodations. Food will not be available, but visitors may bring their own meals and dine inside.

For more information, call the center at 714-741-5253.

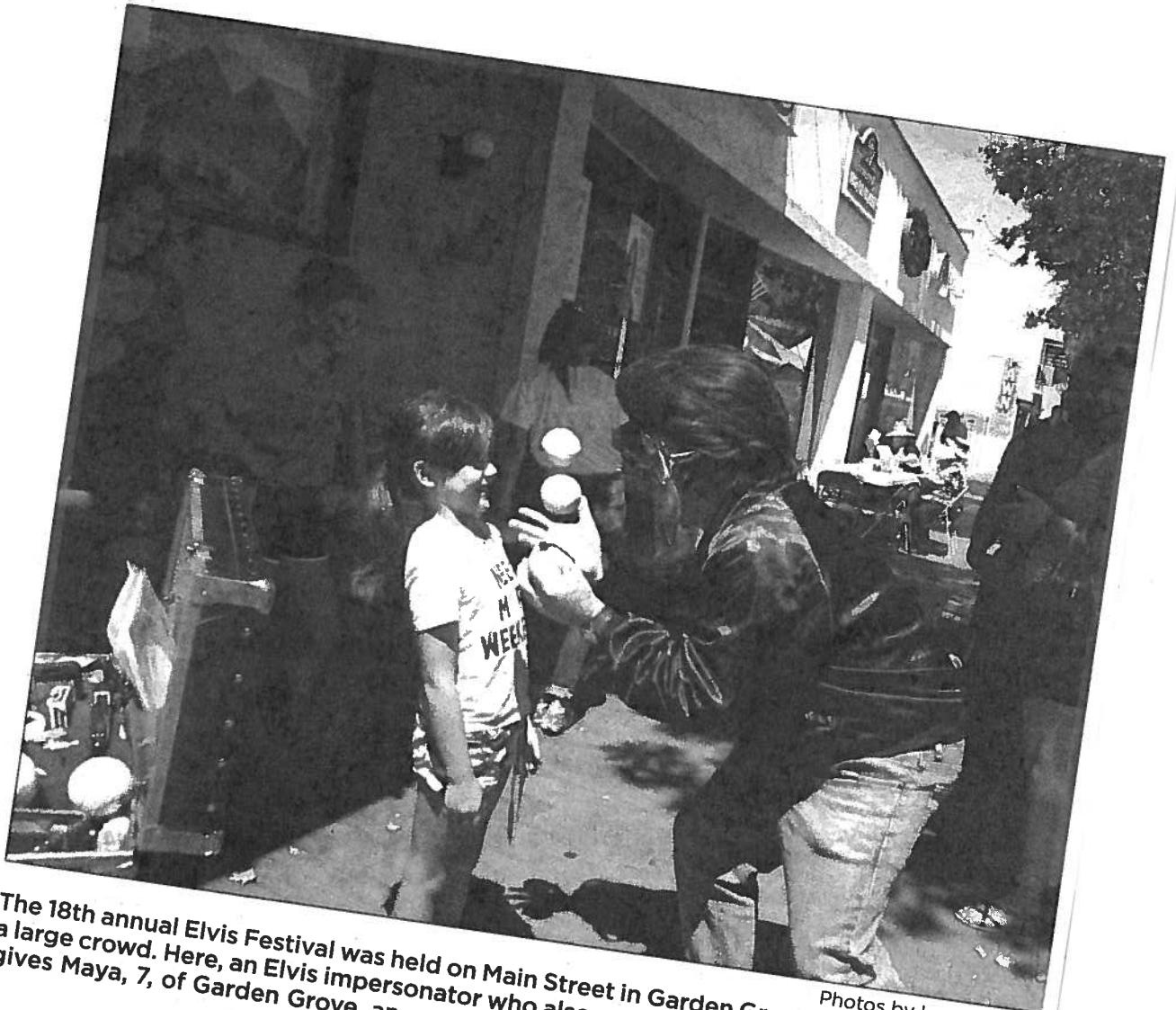


# It's the '70s, and Elvis reigns... down on Main Street

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Elvis and Priscilla... on stilts



Photos by Loreen Berlir  
The 18th annual Elvis Festival was held on Main Street in Garden Grove on Sunday, drawing a large crowd. Here, an Elvis impersonator who also goes by "Abbit the Average Magician" gives Maya, 7, of Garden Grove, an up close and personal view of magicianship.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2885

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE ADDING SECTION 10.56.115 TO CHAPTER 10.56 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance establishes parking restrictions applicable to recreational vehicles.

WHEREAS, the parking of recreational vehicles on rights-of-way raise a number of public safety concerns, including the obstruction of access to roadways during emergency response, reduction of visibility at intersections, increased opportunities for vehicular thefts and the creation of unsafe environments for persons dwelling within and around them; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to mitigate the public safety concerns associated with the parking of recreational vehicles on the City's rights-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 10.56.115 is hereby added to Chapter 10.56 of Title 10 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to read as follows:

Section 10.56.115 Recreational Vehicle Parking

A. No person shall park and leave standing on any public or private street, alley or public property any recreational vehicle, except pursuant to a permit issued by the City Manager or his/her designee as provided for in this section. For purposes of this section a "recreational vehicle" means a vehicle for the conveyance and/or shelter of persons or goods for purposes of leisure-time activities, including a motor home, travel trailer, van, truck camper, camping trailer, boat, or off-the-road vehicle.

B. The City Manager or his/her designee may issue 72-hour recreational vehicle parking permits to City residents for the sole purpose of loading and unloading before and after travel, and not to exceed 12 non-consecutive permits in any calendar year per residential address. The permit shall only allow the parking of a recreational vehicle in front of the address of the resident applying for the permit, with at least one day in between each of the 12 permits allowed per calendar year per address. No more than one permit per address shall be issued at any given time.

C. The City Manager or his/her designee may issue weekly recreational vehicle parking permits not to exceed 7 days per permit to City residents, and not to exceed 6 non-consecutive permits in any calendar year per residential address. The permit shall only allow the parking of a recreational vehicle in front of the address of the resident applying for the permit, with at least one day in between each of the 6 permits allowed per calendar year per address. No more than one permit per address shall be issued at any given time.

D. The City Manager or his/her designee shall have the authority to promulgate administrative regulations and an application process for the issuance of permits authorized by this section.

E. The City Council may, by resolution, establish fees to defray the costs of processing permits.

SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, words or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3: The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same, or the summary thereof, to be published and posted pursuant to the provisions of law and this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 22nd day of August 2017.

ATTEST: /s/ STEVEN R. JONES  
MAYOR

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
CITY CLERK

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

I, TERESA POMEROY, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on July 25, 2017, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 5 )  
BEARD, NGUYEN T., KLOPFENSTEIN, NGUYEN K., JONES

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 0 )  
NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 2 )  
O'NEILL, BUI

and was passed on August 22, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 7 )  
BEARD, O'NEILL, NGUYEN T., BUI, KLOPFENSTEIN, NGUYEN K., JONES

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 0 )  
NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 0 )  
NONE

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
CITY CLERK

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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1227

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide One New and Unused, 9,300 GVWR, Ford F-250 Utility Body Truck per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2017. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: August 30, 2017

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

• THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-109-2017**  
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. The site is at 12942 Galway Street, Suites D and E, in the GGMU3 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 3) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-110-2017**  
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 (ABC) 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 site is at 13211 Brookhurst Street #A in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on September 14, 2017. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE \* INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

• THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. GPA-003-2017  
SITE PLAN NO. SP-041-2017  
VARIANCE NO. V-016-2017  
TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. TT-18117-2017**

A request for a Site Plan approval to construct 17 attached townhouses in two (2) new buildings consisting of one Eight-Plex and one Nine-Plex; a General Plan Amendment to change the Land Use Designation from Civic/Institutional to Medium Density Residential; two (2) setback Variances, one for the separation of habitable space from the drive aisle (10'-0" required, 5' 0" provided) and the second for the separation of a unit from the active recreation areas (5'-0" required, 3'-0" provided); and a Tentative Tract Map to subdivide the property into a single parcel with condominiums. The site is at 12111 Buaro Street in the R 3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zone.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, including the initial study and all documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, are available for public review at 1) Garden Grove City Hall, Planning Services Counter, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove; 2) Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove. Electronic copies are available online at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us). The City invites all interested parties to submit written comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration during the public review period beginning on August 30, 2017, and ending on September 18, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Written comments can be mailed, faxed, or electronically submitted to:

Erin Webb  
City of Garden Grove  
Planning Services Division  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
Email: [erinw@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:erinw@ci.garden-grove.ca.us)

Please reference the case number with all correspondence.

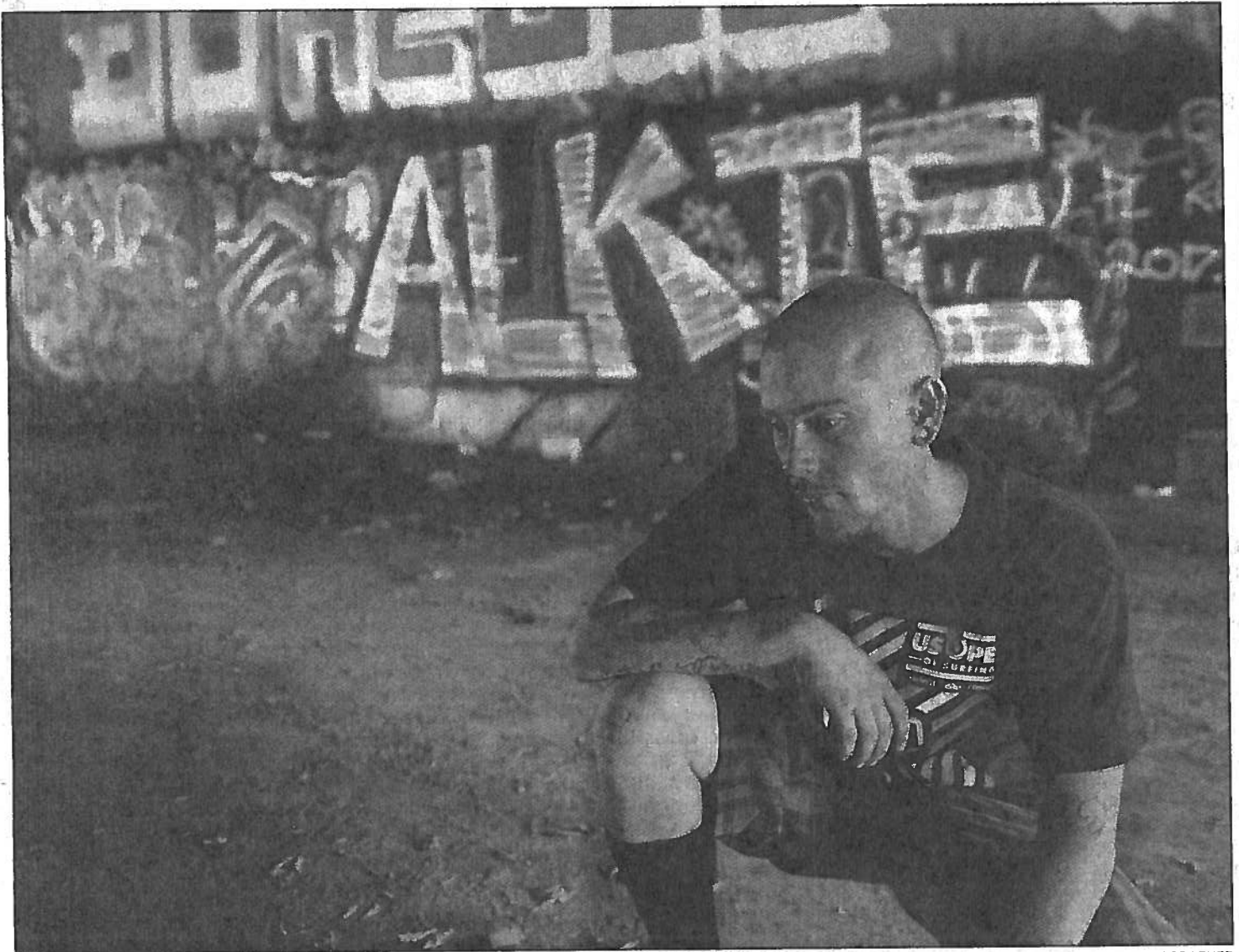
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on September 21, 2017. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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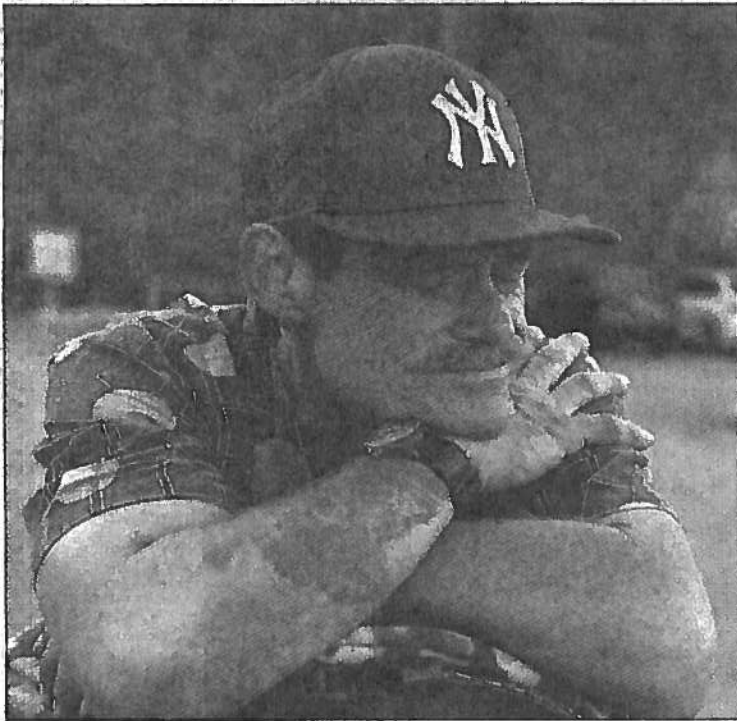
## Growing homeless population in Garden Grove has led to increased frustration among Korean business owners



PHOTOS: BILL ALKOEFER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paul Brady pauses in an abandoned structure that was under construction near Brookhurst Street and Garden Grove Boulevard. Brady is homeless and has done jail time for burglary. "When you are homeless, it just depends on your morals as a person," Brady said. "If I didn't have any food, I would steal it, but I am now paranoid to steal things. Even as a knuckle-headed person, I am learning."

# SHELTERLESS IN LITTLE SEOUL



Dana Youlin is a homeless person in Garden Grove. His heart only works at 20 percent efficiency and he is unable to work.

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By Jeong Park » [jpark@scng.com](mailto:jpark@scng.com)

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Paul Brady is “home-free,” not homeless.

“You can live on the street and be happy,” said Brady, 26, after riding his bike in the abandoned Garden Grove Galleria in Little Seoul, the city’s Korean business district.

Brady, a construction worker, said his mother has a home nearby, but that he’s not comfortable living with her and that the house — a group home — is packed with others seeking help. Brady is a part of Garden Grove’s growing homeless population — police estimate that about 300 transients live in the city — many of whom have flowed into Little Seoul.

Korean business owners and community leaders said the rising number of homeless people has created a problem for the district, including a rise in vandalism and property crimes. According to the city police crime map, between January and August, 2017, vandalism increased by 50 percent and other property crimes — such as burglary and theft — rose by 45 percent over the same period last year.

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# Little Seoul

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"They are not only roaming around the district but also sleeping and living in alleys and corners," said Wendy Yoo, president of the Orange County Korean American Health Information and Education Center, when she and other Korean community leaders met with city officials in June.

Brady served jail time for residential burglary, but he wants people to understand that those who are homeless, or "home-free," are not necessarily troublemakers.

"When you are homeless, it just depends on your morals as a person," Brady said. "Even as a knuckle-headed person, I am learning."

## Growing homeless population

Little Seoul, a 2-mile stretch of Garden Grove Boulevard between Beach Boulevard and Brookhurst Street, is filled with Korean restaurants and shops, attracting Koreans and non-Koreans day and night.

But police officers, community leaders and homeless people said the district's unlit alleyways, stretches of hidden parking lots and abandoned buildings such as the Garden Grove Galleria provide plenty of places to sleep relatively hidden.

Dana Youlin and Jennifer Pifher often sleep in parking garages around the district, waiting until Youlin starts receiving a \$1,700 monthly social security check.

Youlin said he had to quit his nearly three-decade job as a building manager because of a heart ailment and back injuries. He emptied his 401k and sold his truck, but could not afford to stay off the street. He struggles to bike to a nearby hospital where he receives treatment, he said.

"I don't like to be here," Youlin said. "(But) things kept coming."

Daryl Hoffman has often slept in the back of the industrial parks around the

intersection of Beach and Garden Grove boulevards.

Hoffman became homeless after suffering seizures and getting laid off from a Walmart in Westminster, he said. He is biding his time, he said, until his body fully recovers.

"I gotta go back 100 percent," he said.

Eric Ortiz, 23, said he has been homeless since he was 13, when his parents abandoned him. He moved recently to Garden Grove from Santa Ana, following a homeless acquaintance.

He said he often panhandles and asks for food in the district. He also finds abandoned cars — in and around the district — where he can sleep. But he said he wants to get a construction job and get off the street that he called home for a decade.

"I am not letting go," he said.

## Frustrated business, community leaders

Min Sook Cho, who manages a Korean restaurant in the district, said she is often busy sweeping her storefront in the morning to deal with the litter that accumulates overnight.

About a month ago, Cho said, her restaurant's donation jar was stolen while she was working the counter.

"I had my eyes open but still got my nose chopped," she said, using a Korean idiom.

Joseph Kim, director of the Korean Social Ministry of Orange County in St. Anselm of Canterbury Episcopal Church of Garden Grove, said the church had to reduce how often it donated food to those who are homeless.

"They needed to follow some semblance of a rule," Kim said.

Korean business owners and community leaders said they understand that the growing homeless population is a complex regional, not local, issue. Many also said they are learning to live and work together with the homeless population.

But they are also frustrated, saying they think

some of the homeless population find shelter and commit vandalism on their private properties.

Yoo said she thinks the city isn't taking the problem seriously.

"Who is going to take care of it if the city doesn't?" she said.

## Lack of reporting

Cultural and language barriers have complicated the issue in Little Seoul.

"The Korean population doesn't tend to talk," Yoo said.

The retirement of longtime Korean community liaison Yoo Tae-Kyung in 2015 left a year-long gap in that role. This led to greater reluctance among Korean business owners and staff to report to the police what they see as problems caused by the homeless population.

"They think, 'It's going to be bothersome. There's no use,'" said Sharon Baek, the newly hired Korean community liaison for the police department.

Baek said when business owners and staff do report, they often don't file the necessary paperwork that would allow the police to act.

"Rarely you have someone sign the paperwork," Baek said.

Baek is reaching out to members of the Korean community, urging them to call the police whenever they have a problem. She said most calls she has gotten have been taken care of by the police.

"If I can help you, I will try it for you," Baek said.

Meanwhile, Officer Brian Hatfield, who heads the homeless outreach team for the Garden Grove Police Department, urged business owners to secure their businesses and add lighting to the surrounding area. He also encouraged businesses to redirect those who are homeless to support services.

Hatfield said he wants the community to understand there are limitations on the actions that the police can take.

"We can't tell the homeless to go away," Hatfield said. "Simply existing is not a crime."

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# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

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

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

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

**Learn about Alzheimer's**  
The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will

take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Crystal Cathedral Arboretum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

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

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

**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. Call 714-892-7267.

**City Hall to be shuttered**  
The Westminster City Hall, at 8200 Westminster Blvd., will be closed on alternating Fridays.

**Join preschool storytime hour**  
Join the Westminster Public Library for stories, songs, and crafts at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday with your preschool-aged child. The Westminster Library is at 8180 13th St. in Westminster. Contact the children's librarian, Anna, with questions at 714-893-5057.

## Santiago High recognized

Garden Grove Unified School District's Santiago High School is receiving positive national attention in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Back-to-School campaign.

The foundation created a video spotlighting Santiago High School for using data to improve teaching and learning and to support student gains. Santiago High School is featured as a "student-ready" school prepared to help all students succeed.

"We are pleased that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recognized all of the success that has occurred at Santiago High School to close the achievement gap and help all students reach their full potential," said Walter Muneton, GGUSD Board of Education trustee.

The video, which can be viewed at <http://k12education.gatesfoundation.org/back-to-school>, as well as on the district's website, [www.ggusd.us](http://www.ggusd.us), and YouTube channel, features Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, Santiago High School Principal Mike Kennedy, science teacher Vickie Miller, and teacher on special assignment Tanya Avina. The video highlights the supportive culture at Santiago High School and the data-driven steps that have driven significant gains in college readiness scores.

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## Donald R. Wash auditorium 'is a game-changer'



Courtesy photo

School board trustees from the Garden Grove Unified School District held a ribbon cutting ceremony last week for the reopening of the renovated Donald R. Wash Memorial Auditorium, on the campus of Garden Grove High School. The board was joined by elected officials, community leaders, and district employees. Renovations include interior and exterior ADA accessible ramps, accessible restrooms, and accessible auditorium seating; air-conditioning; a new grand entrance with exterior lighting and landscaping; and new ticket booths in the lobby. "The renovated Don Wash auditorium is a game-changer for our district as it holds most of our large events and performances," said Lan Nguyen, school board president. The renovations were primarily funded by Measure A, the district's first bond measure approved by voters in 2010, as well as state modernization funds.

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### **Garden Grove**

Recreational vehicles — RVs — must have a permit to park on public and private streets, the City Council decided recently. The permit won't cost anything, and the city is working on developing an automated system for obtaining permits.

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### **Garden Grove**

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will serve as the city's cooling center until Wednesday because temperatures are expected to soar into the mid-90s. The center, at 11300 Stanford Ave., will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Information: 714-741-5253

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### **Garden Grove**

City Hall and the Senior Center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday. Trash pickup and street sweeping is also canceled for that day but those services will operate the rest of the week. Information: 714-741-5375.

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### **Garden Grove**

A 68-year-old Garden Grove resident is a finalist for a national fitness award. SilverSneakers, a 25-year-old community fitness program, honored Linda Miller, who has arthritis, this week for being a finalist for its Richard L. Swanson Inspiration Award.

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Aug. 28, 2017

### **Garden Grove**

Garden Grove High School is pre-selling tickets to the Friday, Sept. 8, varsity football game against Woodbridge High. At 6 p.m. that day, the school will dedicate the new, 4,000-seat Michael A. Monsoor Memorial Stadium, 11271 Stanford Ave., named after a Garden Grove High alum who died in Iraq in 2006 and posthumously received the Medal of Honor. Tickets are \$8 at the front desk.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Contact: Dana Saucedo (714) 741-5253  
Community Services Department

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

## **COOLING CENTER GIVES RESIDENTS A WAY TO BEAT THE SUMMER HEAT**

Rising temperatures raise City concerns for residents needing a place to stay cool especially when temperatures are forecast to reach or exceed 95 degrees Fahrenheit. To offer some relief, the Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center will serve as a public cooling center on Thursday, August 31, and Friday, September 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The center is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

On Thursday and Friday, the senior center's regular programs and activities will end at 3:30 p.m., but the facility will remain open until 5:00 p.m.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the Senior Center's air-conditioned accommodations during the extremely hot weather. Food will not be available, but visitors are welcome to bring their own meals and dine inside the Senior Center.

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

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
**NEWS**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Monica Covarrubias (714) 741-5788  
Community and Economic Development Department

Monday, August 28, 2017

**CITY HOSTS LEGAL DO'S AND DON'TS FOR BUSINESS WORKSHOP**

The City of Garden Grove's Economic Development Division will be hosting a Legal Do's and Don'ts for Business workshop, in partnership with the Orange County Small Business Development Center. The workshop takes place on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. Registration is \$25.

The workshop will cover the fundamentals of legally protecting your business. Topics include: the most common costly legal mistakes; how to determine the best legal structure; what to avoid in contracts, partnerships, and leases; hiring an employee versus an independent contractor; and how to protect your brand.

For more information or to register, please visit [bit.ly/ocsbdc83017](http://bit.ly/ocsbdc83017).

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# ORANGE COUNTY

Small Business Development Center

**08.30**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**6-8:30 PM**  
**\$25**

## LEGAL DO'S AND DON'TS OF BUSINESS

### DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS LEGALLY?

In this workshop, we will discuss:

- The most common costly legal mistakes.
- How to determine the best legal structure.
- What to avoid in contracts, partnerships, and leases.
- Hiring an employee versus an independent contractor.
- How to protect your brand
- Much more

### WORKSHOP LOCATION:

Garden Grove Community Center  
11300 Stanford Ave., Constitution Room  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

### IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



### REGISTER AT:

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Dana Saucedo (714) 741-5253  
H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Friday, August 25, 2017

**UPCOMING HIGH TEMPS PROMPT COOLING CENTER**

Starting next week, temperatures are expected to reach 95 degrees Fahrenheit and above in Garden Grove. To offer some relief, the Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center will serve as a public cooling center beginning Monday, August 28, till Wednesday, August 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The center is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the cooling center's air-conditioned accommodations. Food will not be available, but visitors may bring their own meals and dine inside.

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

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# THÔNG TIN

## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

**Để phổ biến trên các phương tiện truyền thông**  
Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Dana Saucedo, (714) 741-5253  
H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Thứ Hai, 28/8/2017

### **TRUNG TÂM H. LOUIS LAKE SENIOR CENTER MỞ CỬA ĐỂ CỘNG ĐỒNG**

#### **TRÁNH NẮNG VÀO NHỮNG NGÀY TRỜI NÓNG TRÊN 95 ĐỘ**

Vào mùa hè, khi nhiệt độ tăng cao có thể nguy hiểm đối với người cao niên và trẻ em, đặc biệt là nếu nhà không có máy điều hòa không khí. Để giúp giảm nhẹ nhiệt độ cao, Trung tâm cao niên H. Louis Lake Senior Center sẽ phục vụ như một trung tâm công cộng để cộng đồng trú nắng vào những lúc nhiệt độ được dự báo 95 độ Fahrenheit hoặc cao hơn.

Bắt đầu vào Thứ Hai, 28 tháng 8, đến Thứ Tư, 30 tháng 8, từ 8:00 giờ sáng đến 5:00 giờ chiều, Senior Center sẽ mở cửa để người dân có thể đến tránh nắng. Trung tâm này tọa lạc tại 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Mọi người ở mọi lứa tuổi đều có thể đến trung tâm khi thời tiết quá nóng. Trung tâm không phục vụ thức ăn, nhưng mọi người có thể mang thức ăn nhẹ vào.

Để biết thêm thông tin, vui lòng gọi cho Trung tâm H. Louis Lake ở số (714) 741-5253 trong giờ làm việc, 8:00 giờ sáng đến 3:30 chiều, Thứ Hai đến Thứ Sáu.

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VIỆTBÁO

**Garden Grove Quy Định Mới: Đạp Các Xe Giải Trí (Xe RV)**

25/08/2017 00:00:00

Lê Bình

*Một chiếc xe RV.*

Để đáp ứng mối quan tâm của cộng đồng về an toàn công cộng và mỹ quan khu phố, Hội đồng Thành phố Garden Grove đã phê duyệt một quy định đòi hỏi các xe giải trí (xe RV) đạp trên các đường phố công cộng và tư nhân phải có giấy phép thành phố cấp, hoàn toàn miễn phí. Phép lệnh có hiệu lực vào cuối tháng 9 năm 2017.

Theo quy định mới, cư dân có thể yêu cầu 12 giấy phép đạp xe không liên tiếp trong 72 giờ với mục đích duy nhất là sắp xếp đồ đạc (loading/unloading) trước và sau chuyến đi. Cư dân có thể yêu cầu cả giấy phép loading và unloading cùng một lúc.

Cư dân nếu cần đạp xe RV lâu hơn có thể xin giấy phép đạp xe hàng tuần không quá bảy ngày cho mỗi giấy phép. Không được xin trên sáu giấy phép hàng tuần cho mỗi địa chỉ nhà ở mỗi năm, với ít nhất nghỉ một ngày giữa sáu giấy phép.

Một giấy phép hợp lệ sẽ chỉ cho phép các xe RV đạp trước địa chỉ của người cư trú nộp đơn xin giấy phép. Quy định sẽ không ảnh hưởng đến tài sản cá nhân.

Thành phố đang phát triển một hệ thống tự động để sắp xếp quá trình xin giấy phép. Hệ thống sẽ có trên trang web của Thành phố, tại [www.garden-grove.org](http://www.garden-grove.org), vào cuối tháng 9 năm 2017. Từ bây giờ đến thời điểm cuối tháng Chín, Thành phố sẽ không phạt những xe RV đạp trên đường phố công cộng và tư nhân.

Để biết thêm thông tin, hãy gọi Văn Phòng Quản Lý Thành Phố số (714) 741-5100 hoặc ghé thăm [www.garden-grove.org](http://www.garden-grove.org).

- SINH HOẠT CỘNG ĐỒNG:
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- Tháng 5 Với Ban Văn Nghệ Thiện Nguyễn Chân Quê
- Cựu Tí Phú Nga Khodorkovsky Xin Chiếu Khán Đi Thụy Sĩ

VIỆTBÁO

**Trung Tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center Mở Cửa Để Cư Dân Tránh Nắng Ngày Trời Nóng Hơn 95 Độ**

29/08/2017 00:00:00



GARDEN GROVE – Vào mùa hè, khi nhiệt độ tăng cao có thể nguy hiểm đối với người cao niên và trẻ em, đặc biệt là nếu nhà không có máy điều hòa không khí. Để giúp giảm nhẹ nhiệt độ cao, Trung tâm cao niên H. Louis Lake Senior Center sẽ phục vụ như một trung tâm cộng đồng để cộng đồng trú nắng vào những lúc nhiệt độ được dự báo 95 độ Fahrenheit hoặc cao hơn.



*Trung tâm cao niên sẽ mở cửa để cư dân tránh nắng.*

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- Ý: Điều Trần Hồ Sơ Trốn Thuế Của Cựu Thủ Tướng Berlusconi
- Như Phong Lê Văn Tiến Ra Đi Theo Ngọn Đầu Gió Mùa Đông
- 30% Thu Nhập Của Dân Cali Để Trả Tiền Mua Và Thuê Nhà
- Dân Biểu Quốc Hội CSVN Đòi Giải Hạn Hoảng Sa Bị TQ Chiếm, Bộ Trưởng Quốc Phòng TQ Khuyên VN Tăng Cường Hợp Tác Song Phương

## Little Saigon sắp có khu thương mại xây bằng vỏ thùng 'container'

Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt

August 25, 2017



Hình dự phóng khu thương mại rộng 1.86 mẫu ở Garden Grove, sử dụng vỏ thùng thép 'container' để xây dựng. (Hình minh họa: SteelCraft cung cấp)

**GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)** – Garden Grove, một trong những thành phố vùng Little Saigon, sắp có khu thương mại đặc trưng, dùng vật liệu xây dựng là vỏ thùng thép 'container,' trên lô đất rộng 1.86 mẫu, nơi từng là địa điểm nhà hàng Black Angus, chuyên món thịt bò steak nổi tiếng, hoạt động từ năm 1988 đến 2005, ở thành phố này.

"SteelCraft Garden Grove là một dự án đầy sáng kiến, đặc biệt với các nhà hàng nổi tiếng và các dịch vụ phục vụ đời sống cư dân, đồng thời sẽ đem lại nguồn lợi tức giúp cho kinh tế thành phố Garden Grove," ông Phát Bùi, phó thị trưởng Garden Grove, nói với nhật báo Người Việt, sau buổi họp cộng đồng của thành phố cùng với công ty SteelCraft vào tối Thứ Hai, 21 Tháng Tám vừa qua.

"Dù được ủng hộ, hiện nay dự án trị giá trên \$5 triệu này vẫn còn trong thời gian thiết kế và thu thập phản ứng của cộng đồng," cô Jennifer Lê, giám đốc tiếp thị và phát triển công ty Howard CDM, nói với nhật báo Người Việt.

"Chúng tôi chưa nhận được đơn xin giấy phép xây dựng," cô Mary Medrano, nhân viên ban thiết kế thành phố, xác nhận với nhật báo Người Việt.

Gần đây, dự án này được công ty Howard CDM, một đối tác xây dựng và phát triển của công ty SteelCraft, đệ trình Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove, và được toàn thể hội đồng thông qua với số phiếu tuyệt đối trong buổi họp tối Thứ Ba, 13 Tháng Sáu.





Vị trí bãi đất (gần Southland Credit Union), trước đây là nhà hàng Black Angus. (Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

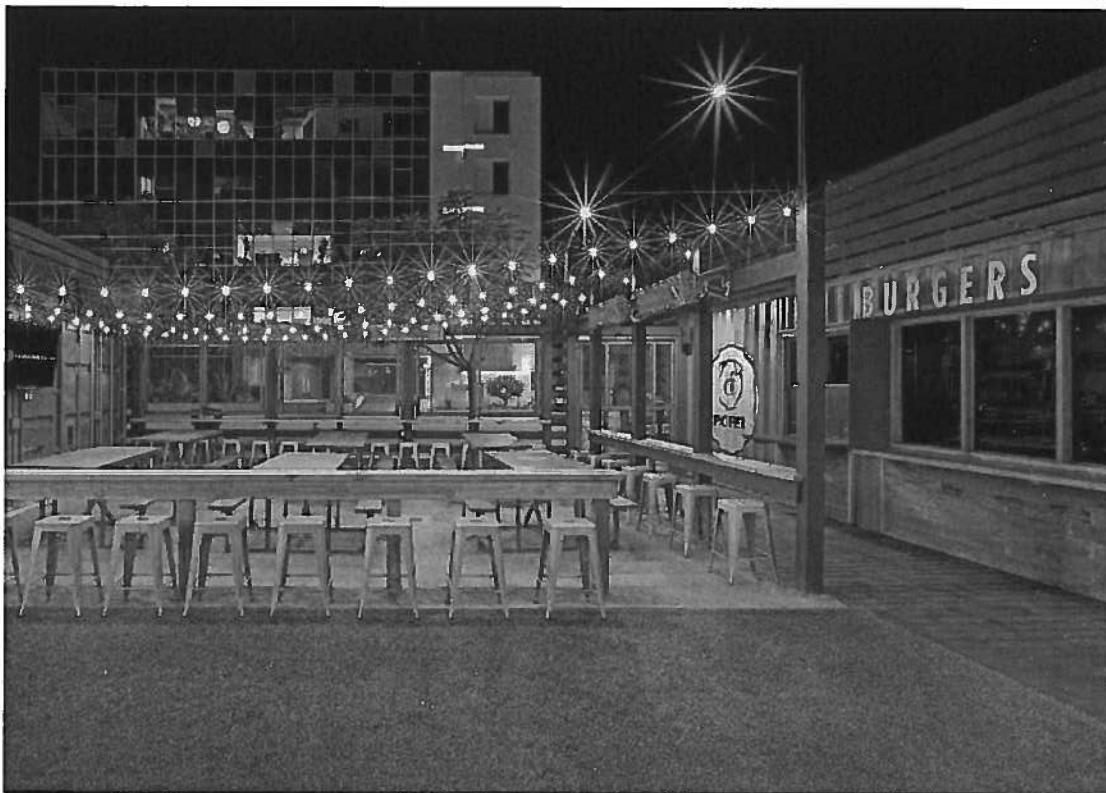
Theo thông cáo báo chí của công ty Howard CDM, dự án mới dự trù xây trên lô đất trống được thành phố mua lại của nhà hàng Black Angus vào Tháng Bảy, 2009, với khu ăn uống và chỗ cho trẻ em chơi trên tầng hai. Ngoài ra, nơi đây cũng sẽ có ít nhất 12 cửa hàng đặc biệt uy tín, được tuyển chọn để kinh doanh với tiêu chuẩn mang sắc thái Garden Grove, với các sản phẩm tốt nhất, và căn bản phục vụ cộng đồng.

Khu SteelCraft Garden Grove sẽ gồm các cửa hàng thực phẩm, cà phê, rượu vang, bia, thức ăn táng miệng, và các tiệm bán lẻ.

Trong buổi họp, ông Kim Gros, chủ tịch sáng lập công ty SteelCraft, được trích lời phát biểu: "Chúng tôi rất vui mừng và vô cùng biết ơn, được cơ hội đưa SteelCraft đến Garden Grove. Trong trái tim tôi, vâng, tôi nghĩ rằng SteelCraft sẽ phát triển thành một cái gì đó lớn hơn, nhưng trong đầu, tôi không nghĩ nó sẽ phát triển nhanh đến như vậy."

Dự án này được dự trù hoàn tất trong vòng từ 12 đến 18 tháng.

"Chỉ tiêu này rất cao nhưng chúng tôi hy vọng sẽ khai trương SteelCraft Garden Grove vào ngày này năm tới," ông Howard được trích lời nói.



Một góc của SteelCraft, Long Beach. (Hình: [www.howardcdm.com](http://www.howardcdm.com))

"Sau dự án ở Long Beach, chúng tôi bị ngập với những yêu cầu từ khắp nơi trong nước. Chúng tôi bắt đầu có những giấc mơ lớn hơn, và dự án Garden Grove thành hình chỉ trong 60 ngày," ông Gros được trích lời kể.

"Lý do SteelCraft thành công là vì đó là điểm đến của cư dân cũng như khách phương xa từ khắp nơi, muốn tham gia với những gì chúng tôi có," lời ông Martin Howard, tổng giám đốc Howard CDM, nhận xét.

Ông Gros kể đó được tiếp lời trích: "Thật là thuận tụy. Mọi người biết khi đến SteelCraft, họ được uống cà phê ngon nhất từ khắp nơi trên thế giới, bia tuyệt nhất, và thức ăn ngon nhất. Các cửa hàng mướn của chúng tôi, chủ nhân từ khắp nơi trên đất nước đến – mỗi cửa hàng có một lịch sử và một câu chuyện độc đáo. Chúng tôi mang lại một cái gì đó tươi mới trong khi vẫn giữ được bản sắc địa phương."

Các giá trị phục hồi cốt lõi của SteelCraft, vui với ngành thủ công, và sự tham gia của cộng đồng, phù hợp với sáng kiến "Re: Imagine" của Garden Grove, nhằm tập trung vào việc biến đổi khu trung tâm thành phố và khu vực hành chính. Chiến dịch quảng bá việc sử dụng không gian công cộng, đồng thời khuyến khích lối sống năng động bằng cách đi xe đạp và đi bộ.

"Garden Grove là vị trí thứ hai hoàn hảo, ngay tại trung tâm thành phố trong một khu vực đông dân cư của Orange County. Chúng tôi có thể mang lại sự kết nối với khu vực hành chính của thành phố," ông Howard được trích lời nói.

Công ty SteelCraft trước đây có một dự án đầu tiên, tương tự với Garden Grove, khai trương ở Long Beach hồi Tháng Hai, rộng 15,000 sq ft, có tám nhà hàng nổi tiếng như Desano Pizza, Lovesome Chocolate, Pig Pen Delicacy, Smog City Brewing, Steelhead Coffee, Tajima Ramen, The Fresh Shave, và Waffle Love.

Công ty SteelCraft được nổi bật, vì chuyên xây dựng các khu ăn uống ngoài trời bằng vật liệu tái sử dụng từ các vỏ thùng thép (container) dùng để đóng các kiện hàng, vận chuyển bằng đường thủy, trong lịch sử của khu kỹ nghệ vận chuyển bằng tàu tại hải cảng Long Beach.

Trong khi đó, công ty đối tác Howard CDM của SteelCraft là công ty xây dựng, trụ sở tại Long Beach, chuyên về các công trình xây dựng và quản trị trong ngành cung cấp dịch vụ ăn uống, bán lẻ và các dự án thương mại ở miền Nam California và toàn quốc Hoa Kỳ.

Trang web của công ty Howard CDM là [www.howardcdm.com](http://www.howardcdm.com).

## LỊCH SINH HOẠT CỘNG ĐỒNG



**Thứ Bảy, 28 tháng 10, 2017** - Chương trình Jack O'Lantern Jamboree dành cho các em thiếu nhi vui chơi trong dịp lễ Halloween sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 28 tháng 10, từ 2:00 đến 5:00 chiều. Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc về Ban phục vụ cộng đồng tại số (714) 741-5200.



**Thứ Sáu, ngày 11 tháng 11, 2017** - Ngày lễ Cựu Chiến Binh (Veteran's Day), Thành phố đóng cửa nghỉ lễ.

**Thứ Năm & Thứ Sáu, ngày 23-24 tháng 11, 2017** - Lễ TạƠn, Thành phố đóng cửa.



**Thứ Ba, 5 tháng 12, 2017** - Lễ Hội Treo Đèn (Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration) truyền thống hàng năm để chào đón ngày lễ Christmas, cùng một chương trình văn nghệ với các món ăn nhẹ truyền thống và chụp hình lưu niệm cùng ông già Noen. Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin gọi về số (714) 741-5200.

Để theo dõi những thông tin cập nhật bằng tiếng Việt, xin lên trang nhà tại địa chỉ:

<http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/Vietnamese>  
Mọi thắc mắc hoặc đóng góp ý kiến, xin liên lạc:

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(714) 741-5101

[kristy@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:kristy@ci.garden-grove.ca.us)

Kelly Huynh

Số Cảnh Sát Garden Grove  
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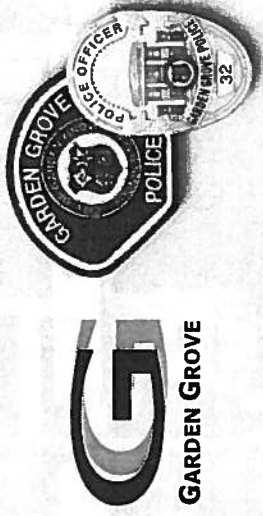
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# THÔNG TIN CỘNG ĐỒNG TỪ THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE

Fall 2017



Garden Grove là một cộng đồng đa văn hoá, với nhiều lựa chọn trong ẩm thực của các nước trên thế giới. Lần tới khi họp bạn hoặc đi ăn bên ngoài, hãy chọn những nhà hàng trong vùng và các món ăn ngon tại Garden Grove. Để biết thêm thông tin, xin lên trang mạng tại [www.garden-grove.org](http://www.garden-grove.org).



## GARDEN GROVE VỚI DỰ ÁN STEELCRAFT SẮP BẮT ĐẦU TẠI KHU DOWNTOWN

Hội đồng Thành phố Garden Grove vừa nhất trí thông qua dự án cho thuê khu downtown Thành phố với công ty SteelCraft Long Beach, LP. Khu shopping center này sẽ tọa lạc tại số 12900 Euclid Street, trong phạm vi khu downtown Thành phố.



Dự án SteelCraft Garden Grove sẽ là một khu ăn uống ngoài trời được xây dựng chủ yếu từ các thùng bằng kim loại tái chế. Dự án để xuất bao gồm 14 doanh nghiệp nằm trên địa điểm 1.864 acre. Các doanh nghiệp bao gồm các cửa hàng ăn uống, khu vực bán rượu/beer, các shop bán lẻ nhỏ, và khu ăn uống chung.

Dự án phát triển được ước tính sẽ hoàn thành trong 12 đến 18 tháng. Doanh thu dự kiến trong thuế bất động sản và bán hàng được ước tính là \$85,000 mỗi năm, với khoảng 85 đến 150 việc làm mới được tạo ra. Để biết thêm thông tin về SteelCraft Garden Grove và các cơ hội phát triển khác tại Garden Grove, xin lên trang mạng tại [www.garden-grove.org/ecodev/welcomes-steelcraft](http://www.garden-grove.org/ecodev/welcomes-steelcraft).

### THÔNG TIN CẦN THIẾT ĐỂ PHÒNG TỘI PHẠM

Sự gia tăng tội ác đang ảnh hưởng đến cộng đồng người Việt của chúng ta gần đây. Có nhiều tội phạm không được báo cáo bởi vì nhiều nạn nhân cảm thấy tội của họ quá nhỏ và không đáng báo cáo.



Sự bảo vệ an ninh của cộng đồng là việc quan tâm tuyệt đối của Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove, tuy nhiên, để thành công trong công việc bảo vệ an ninh cho cộng đồng, chúng tôi cần sự trợ giúp của quý vị qua công việc báo cáo dù là nạn nhân hay nhân chứng.

Sau đây là một vài điều giúp bảo vệ an toàn mà chúng tôi xin nhắc nhở cộng đồng:

- Nếu nhận thấy điều gì đó khác lạ xung quanh, báo cáo cho chính quyền.
- Khóa xe và nhà - tắt cả các cửa ra vào và cửa sổ.
- Không nên đi phố một mình vào ban đêm.
- Chỉ mang theo những thứ cần thiết (Thẻ ID, không mang theo thẻ an sinh xã hội)
- Luôn có sẵn chìa khoá khi tiếp cận nhà hoặc xe của quý vị.
- Không nên để lộ tiền mặt hoặc bất kỳ các đồ dùng giá trị như điện thoại di động, máy điện tử hoặc đồ trang sức đắt tiền.
- Nếu quý vị phải đến một máy ATM vào buổi tối, hãy cố gắng tìm máy ở trong một khu vực sáng sủa và nên có bạn cùng đồng hành.
- Nếu rút tiền mặt, hãy cất ngay. Không nên đếm tiền ở nơi công cộng.
- Nếu đang bị đối đầu với kẻ cướp có vũ trang và bị đòi tiền, hãy đưa tiền cho họ, để tránh bạn cướp hành hung mình bị thương.
- Các chủ doanh nghiệp không nên bỏ tiền mặt trong máy tính tiền và không nên khóa lại vào ban đêm.
- Báo cáo tất cả các sự cố tội phạm đến số cảnh sát. Trong trường hợp khẩn cấp, hãy gọi 911.



Số phone không khẩn cấp của Sở cảnh sát Garden Grove là (714) 741-5704.

## THÀNH PHỐ CẢNH BÁO VỀ BỆNH CỦA CÁC GIỐNG CÂY THUỘC HỌ CAM QUÝT



Gần đây, Bộ Nông nghiệp và Thực phẩm California và Bộ Nông Nghiệp và Thực phẩm Hoa Kỳ đã phát hiện ra bệnh Huanglongbing, còn được gọi là bệnh HLB hoặc bệnh của giống cây thuộc họ cam quýt lan tràn ở Thành phố Fullerton, La Habra và Anaheim. Các khu cách ly trong phạm vi 5 dặm đã có dấu hiệu cảnh báo, bao gồm trong Thành phố Garden Grove.

HLB giết chết cây thuộc giống cam quýt và không chữa được. Bệnh không gây hại cho người và động vật.

Để biết thêm thông tin, vui lòng truy cập [garden-grove.org/pw/citrus-greening-disease](http://garden-grove.org/pw/citrus-greening-disease).

**WEEKLY MEMO 8-31-17**

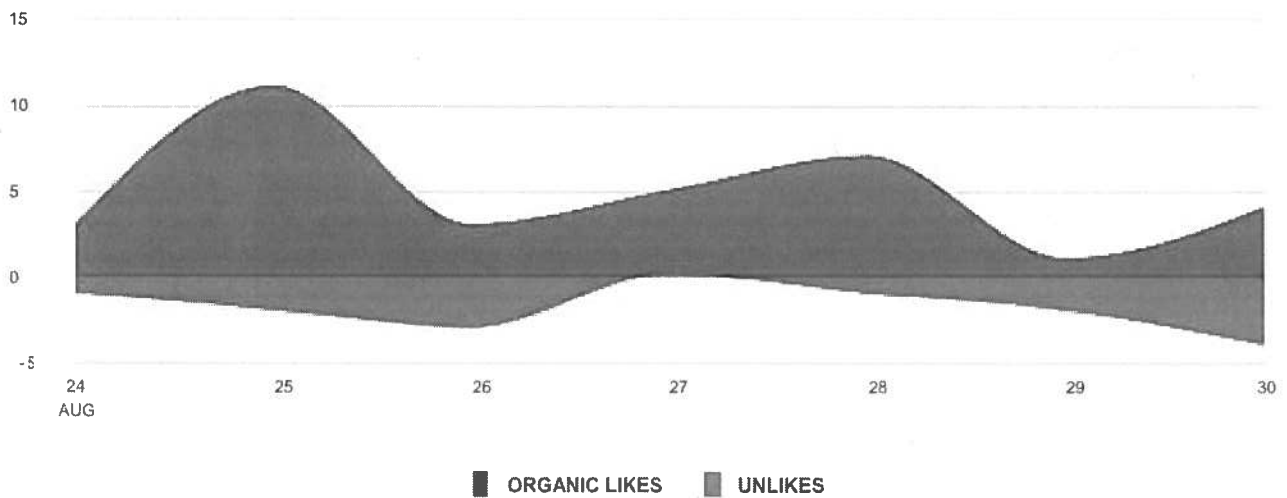
**SOCIAL MEDIA  
HIGHLIGHTS**

## Facebook Activity Overview

<p><b>126,159</b> Impressions</p>	<p><b>1,114</b> Post Engagements</p>	<p><b>1,218</b> Link Clicks</p>
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## Audience Growth

LIKES BREAKDOWN, BY DAY



Audience Growth Metrics

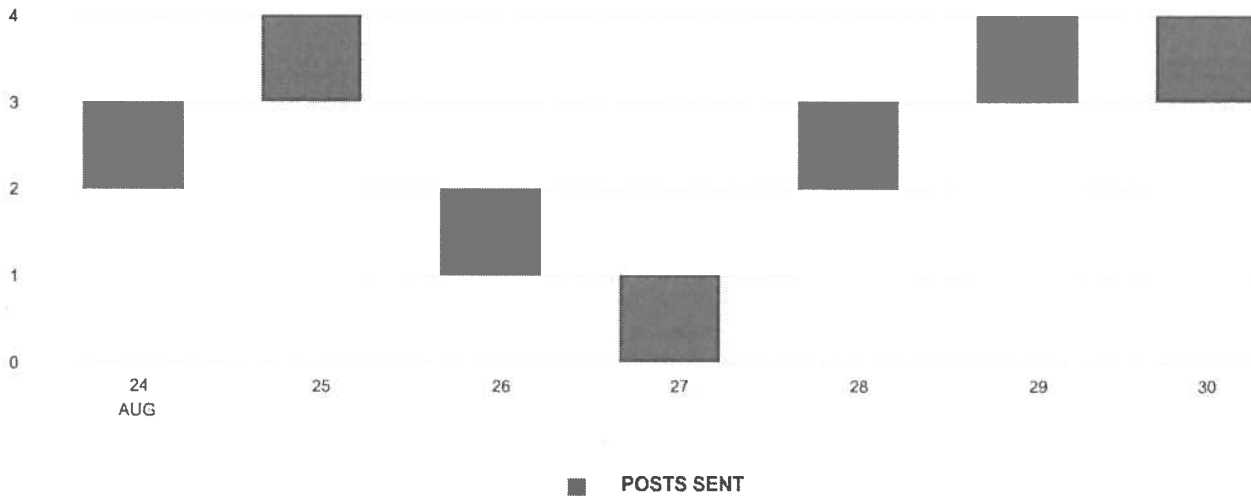
Totals

<b>Total Fans</b>	<b>8,692</b>
Organic Likes	34
Unlikes	13
Net Likes	21

Total fans increased by  
**0.2%**  
 since previous date range

## Publishing Behavior

POSTS, BY DAY









Publishing Metrics	Totals
Photos	5
Posts	16
Videos	-
<b>Total Posts</b>	<b>21</b>

The number of posts you sent increased by **16.7%**



since previous date range

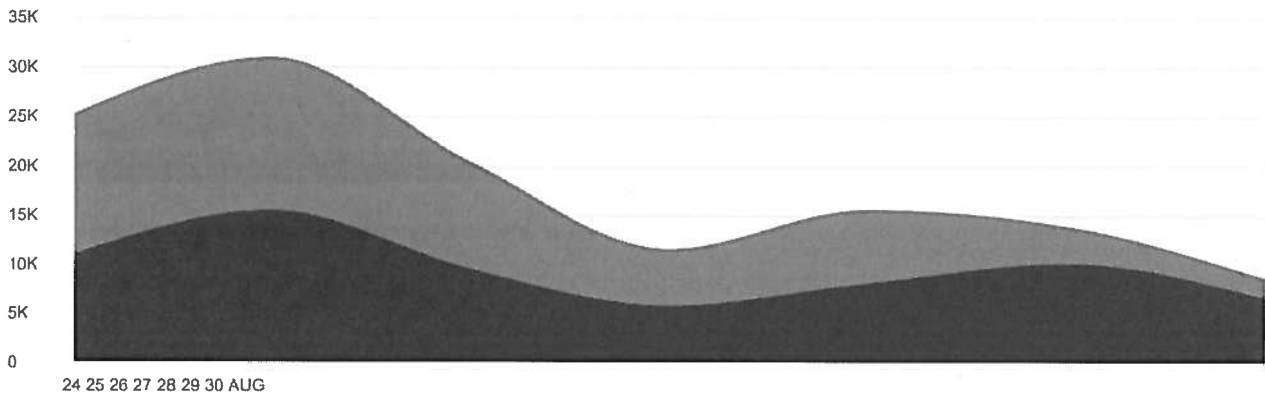
### Top Posts, by Engagement

Post	Reactions	Comments	Engagement ▼	Reach
<p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b></p> <p><b>DUI/DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKPOINT TONIGHT</b> Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be out in full force, looking for impaired drivers. <b>#DontDrinkandDrive #StayAlertGG #SafeStreetsGG</b></p>  <p>📍 <b>DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint, August 25   City of Garden Grove</b></p> <p>(Post) August 25, 2017 9:00 am</p>	221	31	11.0%	11,600
<p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b></p> <p>Garden Grove restaurant announced in the inaugural <b>#OrangeCounty Food Hall of Fame!</b> <b>#GardenGrove Brodard Restaurant OC Weekly</b></p>  <p>📍 <b>Announcing the First Class of the OC Food Hall of Fame!</b></p> <p>(Post) August 29, 2017 11:00 am</p>	10	—	9.2%	1,746
<p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b></p> <p><b>WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE</b> There are 153 WNV-positive mosquito samples in 18 cities. Check out <b>Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District's</b> post below for more information. <b>#GardenGrove</b></p>   <p>(Post) August 30, 2017 3:39 pm</p>	10	5	9.2%	1,539
<p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b></p> <p><b>SANTIAGO HIGH SCHOOL FEATURED BY THE BILL &amp; MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION</b> The video features student-ready schools, and what Santiago High School's team has done to help all students succeed! <b>Garden Grove Unified School District Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</b></p>   <p>(Post) August 24, 2017 11:31 am</p>	43	2	7.8%	2,161



## Page Impressions

PAGE IMPRESSIONS, BY DAY



■ ORGANIC ■ VIRAL

Impressions Metrics	Totals
Organic Impressions	66,289
Viral Impressions	59,870
<b>Total Impressions</b>	<b>126,159</b>
<b>Users Reached</b>	<b>46,807</b>

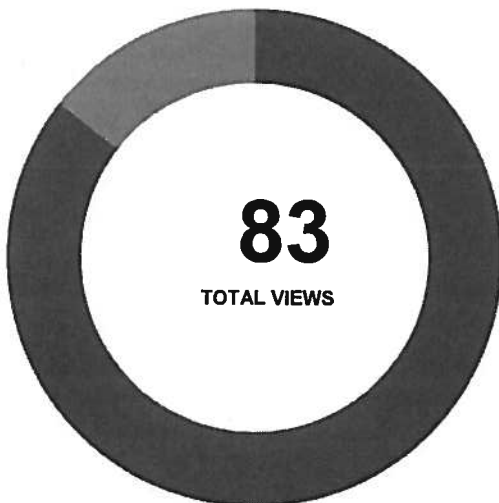
Total Impressions increased by

**74.0%**

since previous date range

## Video Performance

VIEW METRICS



**12**  
ORGANIC FULL

**71**  
ORGANIC PARTIAL

VIEWING BREAKDOWN

**100%**  
ORGANIC VIEWS

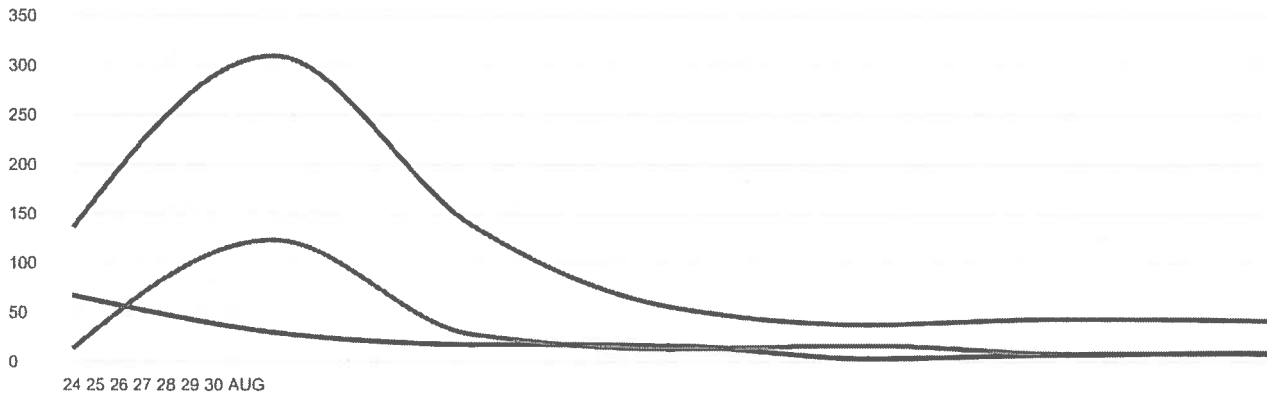
**0%**  
PAID VIEWS

**8%**  
CLICK PLAYS

**92%**  
AUTO PLAYS

## Audience Engagement

AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT, BY DAY



■ REACTIONS ■ COMMENTS ■ SHARES

Action Metrics	Totals
Reactions	759
Comments	146
Shares	209
<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>1,114</b>

Total Engagements increased by

**63.3%**

since previous date range

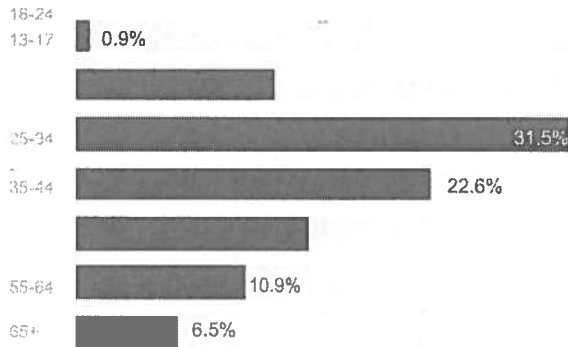
## Demographics

Page Fans

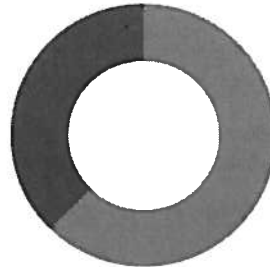
People Reached

People Engaged

### BY AGE



### BY GENDER



62.4%

FEMALE  
37.6%

MALE

Women between the ages of 25-34 appear to be the leading force among your fans.

### Top Countries

United States	8,266
Mexico	93
Vietnam	67
South Korea	18
Philippines	16

### Top Cities

Garden Grove, CA	2,976
Anaheim, CA	634
Santa Ana, CA	524
Los Angeles, CA	456
Westminster, CA	197

## Facebook Stats by Page

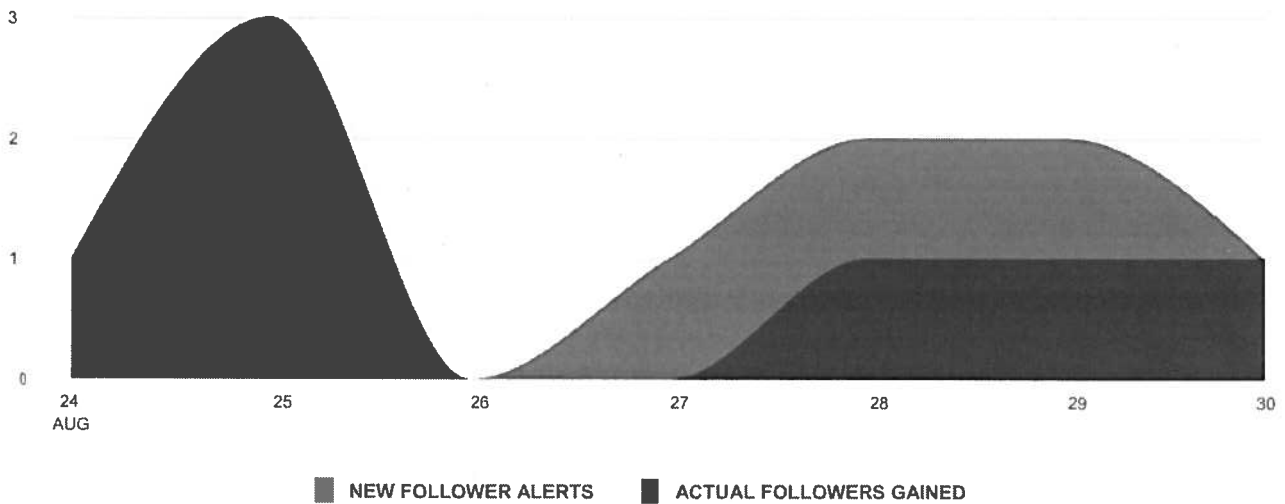
Facebook Page	Total Fans	Fan Increase	Posts Sent	Impressions	Impressions per Post	Engagements	Engagements per Post	Link Clicks
 Garden Grove City Hall	8,692	0.24%	21	126,159	6,008	1,114	53.0	1,218

### Twitter Activity Overview

 <b>10,749</b> Organic Impressions	 <b>196</b> Total Engagements	 <b>54</b> Link Clicks
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### Audience Growth

AUDIENCE GROWTH, BY DAY

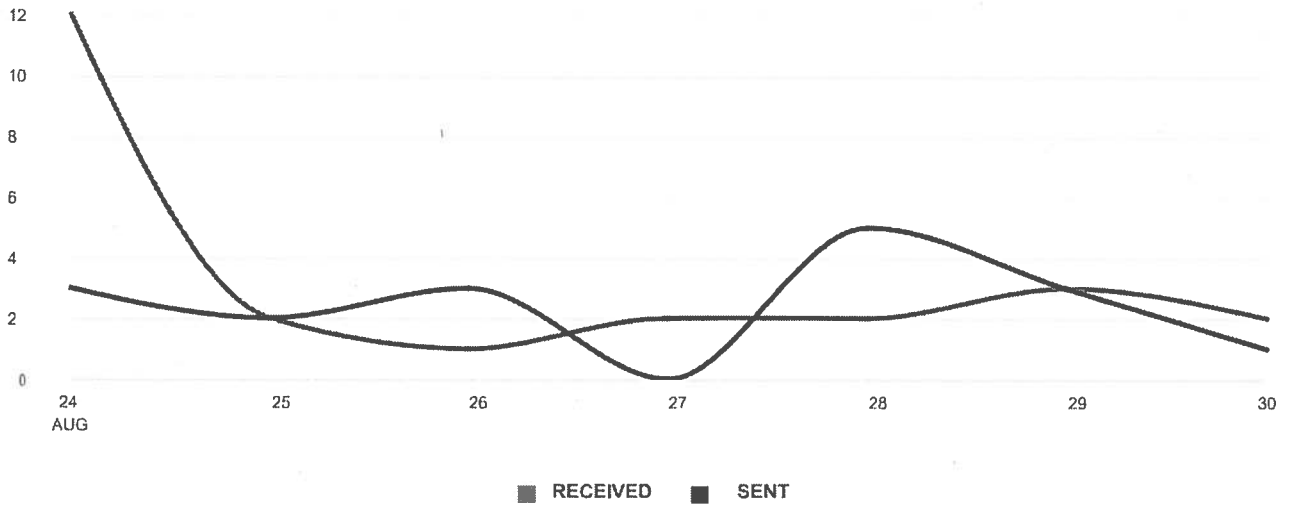


Follower Metrics	Totals
<b>Total Followers</b>	<b>2,230</b>
New Follower alerts	9
Actual Followers gained	6
People that you unfollowed	-1

Total followers increased by  
 **0.3%**  
 since previous date range

## Posts & Conversations

MESSAGES PER DAY



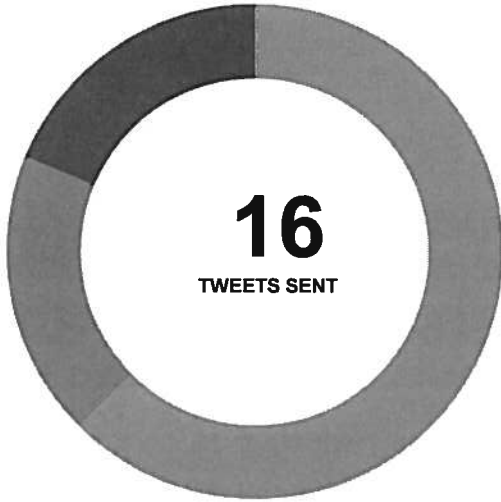
Sent/Received Metrics	Totals
Tweets sent	16
Direct Messages sent	1
<b>Total Sent</b>	<b>17</b>
Mentions received	23
Direct Messages received	1
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>24</b>

The number of messages you sent increased by **88.9%** since previous date range

The number of messages you received decreased by **4.0%** since previous date range

### Your Content & Engagement Habits

#### SENT MESSAGE CONTENT

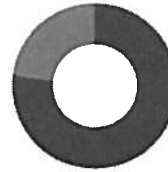


**3**  
PLAIN TEXT

**3**  
PAGE LINKS

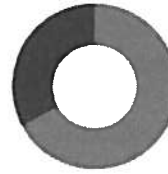
**10**  
PHOTO LINKS

#### YOUR TWEETING BEHAVIOR



**23%**  
CONVERSATION

**77%**  
UPDATES

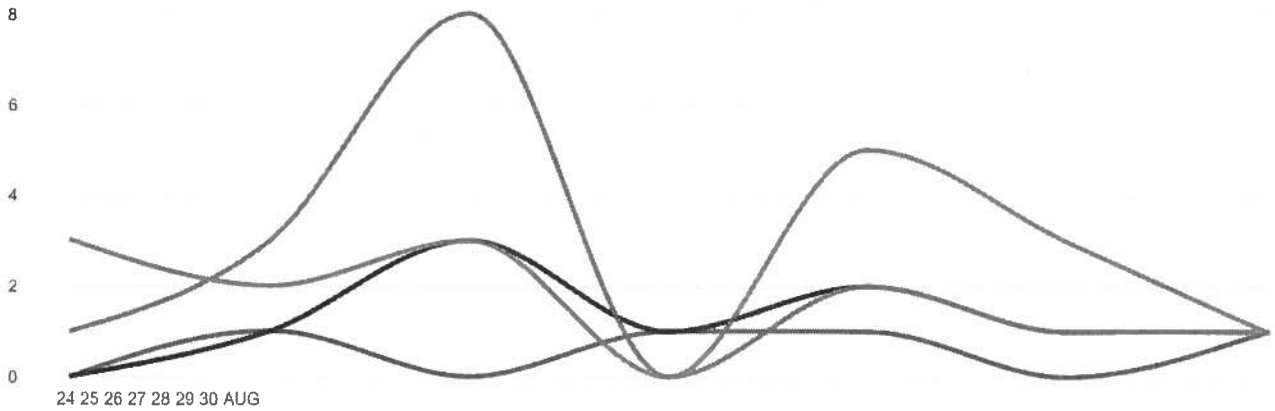


**67%**  
NEW CONTACTS

**33%**  
EXISTING CONTACTS

## Audience Engagement

### ENGAGEMENT COUNT



■ REPLIES ■ RETWEETS ■ LIKES ■ TWEETS SENT

#### Engagement Metrics

Engagement Metrics	Totals
Replies	4
Retweets	9
Retweets with Comments	2
Likes	16

The number of engagements decreased by

**-32.9%**

since previous date range

Engagements per Follower	0.1
Impressions per Follower	4.8
Engagements per Tweet	12.3
Impressions per Tweet	671.8
Engagements per Impression	1.8%






The number of impressions per

Tweet decreased by  
**-63.3%**

since previous date range

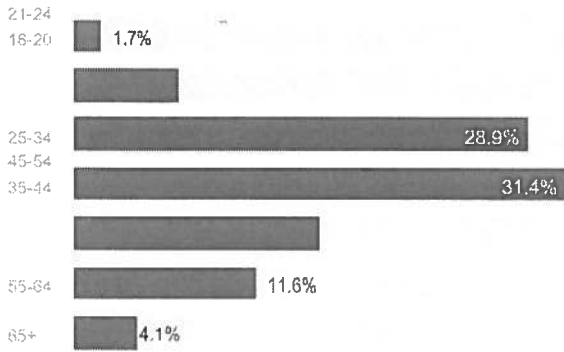


### Top Tweets, by Responses

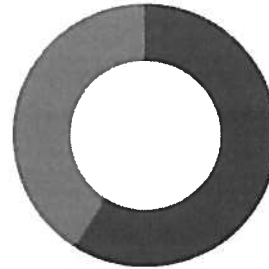
Tweet	Reach	Responses ▼	Clicks	Retweets
 <p><b>CityGardenGrove</b> Hot weather tips for your pets! #GG @GardenGroveFire @GardenGrovePD <a href="https://t.co/yisfCw8Kn2">https://t.co/yisfCw8Kn2</a> (Tweet) August 28, 2017 2:43 pm</p>	3,049	4	-	4
 <p><b>CityGardenGrove</b> Community Garden Clean-Up, hosted by Cottage Industries, is tomorrow! #GG <a href="https://t.co/PGvzuduxJe">https://t.co/PGvzuduxJe</a> (Tweet) August 26, 2017 9:00 am</p>	2,930	3	-	2
 <p><b>CityGardenGrove</b> High temps prompt cooling center next week! #GG <a href="https://t.co/jdHt3ekwrm">https://t.co/jdHt3ekwrm</a> <a href="https://t.co/KZsLkHhZZQ">https://t.co/KZsLkHhZZQ</a> (Tweet) August 25, 2017 5:00 pm</p>	4,002	1	7	1
 <p><b>CityGardenGrove</b> Check out this article by the @OCWeekly! If you're craving something sweet, be sure to try Sweet Cup. #GG <a href="https://t.co/5gS5x3UGeO">https://t.co/5gS5x3UGeO</a> (Tweet) August 25, 2017 5:00 pm</p>	3,534	1	10	1
 <p><b>CityGardenGrove</b> @GardenGrovePD's Traffic Unit will be out in full force, looking for impaired drivers tonight. #GG <a href="https://t.co/rqsybo6WGz">https://t.co/rqsybo6WGz</a> <a href="https://t.co/RsilZoZfRv">https://t.co/RsilZoZfRv</a> (Tweet) August 25, 2017 1:00 pm</p>	1,305	1	6	1

### Audience Demographics

FOLLOWERS BY AGE



FOLLOWERS BY GENDER




41%

FEMALE FOLLOWERS  
59%

MALE FOLLOWERS

Men between ages of 35-44 appear to be the leading force among your recent followers.

## Twitter Stats by Profile

Twitter Profile	Total Followers	Follower Increase	Tweets Sent	Impressions	Impressions per Follower	Engagements	Engagements per Follower	Retweets	Clicks
 <a href="#">@CityGardenGrove</a>	2,230	0.3%	16	10,749	4.82	196	0.09	9	54

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**August 31, 2017**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the September 7, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.
3. Minutes from the July 6, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "California Cities Advocates," dated August 25 and August 30, 2017.



**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1, 2017 – September 21, 2017

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Friday	September 1		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	September 4		City Hall Closed - Labor Day
Tuesday	September 5	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	September 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Saturday	September 7-9	7:30 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Pirates of Penzance", Festival Amphitheater
Saturday	September 9	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	First-Time Home Buyer and Home Improvement Programs Workshop, Courtyard Center
Monday	September 11	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Tuesday	September 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	September 13	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday			Casual Day
		9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting CMC Constitution Room
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
		11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.	Italian Lunch Fundraiser, CMC B Room
Thursday-Saturday	September 14-16	7:30 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Pirates of Penzance", Festival Amphitheater
Friday	September 15		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	September 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber



**A G E N D A**

**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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**SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

**COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE**

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

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

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.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to 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: August 3, 2017**
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)**
  - C.1. SITE PLAN NO. SP-039-2017  
TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2003-2017**

**APPLICANT: ANNA HA**

**LOCATION: EAST SIDE OF MAGNOLIA STREET, NORTH OF  
LAMPSON AVENUE AT 12412 MAGNOLIA STREET**

**REQUEST:** Site Plan and Tentative Parcel Map approval to subdivide a 24,787 square foot lot, currently developed with a single-family home, into two (2) parcels, 14,070 square feet and 10,717 square feet, to allow the construction of a new single-family home and accessory dwelling unit on the 10,717 square foot lot, with the existing house to remain on the 14,070 square foot lot. The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section Nos. 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and 15315 – Minor Land Divisions.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of Site Plan No. SP-039-2017 and Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2003-2017, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

**C.2. SITE PLAN NO. SP-040-2017**

**APPLICANT:** VINNIE TRAN  
**LOCATION:** SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE AND BROOKHURST STREET AT 9972 WESTMINSTER AVENUE

**REQUEST:** Site Plan approval to construct a new 8,235 square foot two-story, medical office building on a vacant 20,778 square foot lot, along with associated improvements, which include a parking lot and landscaping. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section No. 15303(c) – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of Site Plan No. SP-040-2017, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

**C.3. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-107-2017**

**APPLICANT:** CALIFORNIA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY  
**LOCATION:** NORTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, EAST OF EUCLID STREET AT 11277 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

**REQUEST:** Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing approximately 9,943 square foot tenant space for an adult educational institution for 58 students and 17 employees/instructors. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section No. 15301 – Existing Facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-107-2017, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

C.4. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-108-2017

APPLICANT: CHANH NGUYEN

LOCATION: NORTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD,  
EAST OF EUCLID STREET AT 11277 GARDEN  
GROVE BOULEVARD, SUITE 200

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing approximately 2,293 square foot tenant space for an adult education institution for 21 students and 12 employees/instructors. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section No. 15301 - Existing Facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-108-2017, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

E. MATTERS FROM STAFF

F. ADJOURNMENT



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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Lazenby, Truong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Salazar.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

June 15, 2017 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Brietigam Second: Lehman

Ayes: (5) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lehman, Nguyen, Salazar

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Lazenby, Truong

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-104-2017. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10195 WESTMINSTER AVENUE, NORTHWEST CORNER OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE AND DAWSON STREET.

Applicant: JMJ GOURMET, LLC.

Date: July 6, 2017

Request: To expand an existing 4,500 square foot restaurant, which currently operates 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. The site is in the PUD-108-96 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section No. 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Dina Nguyen, Tim Whitacre, Ky Ngo, Hien Nguyen, Phong Tran, Kim Ha, Lucky Dao

Action: Resolution No. 5887-17 was approved with an amendment to Condition No. 15 as follows with the 90-day probationary period to begin the first day of operation:

“Hours of operation shall be permitted only between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week. The hours of operation shall be applicable to the entire premises. The City of Garden Grove reserves the right to reduce hours of operation, by order of the Chief of the Police Department, in the event problems arise concerning the operation of this business. The applicant may request an extension in the hours of operation for consideration after a probationary period of ninety days. A request for an extension in the hours of operation that does not exceed the standard hours for an eating establishment with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type “41” (On-Sale, Beer and Wine Public Eating Place) License, 11:00 p.m. Sunday - Thursday and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, may be considered by the Community and Economic Development Director as a minor modification to the approved Conditional Use Permit. Any request to modify the permissible hours of operation that exceeds these standard hours shall require Planning Commission approval of an amendment to these Conditions of Approval.”

Motion: Brietigam Second: Lehman

Ayes: (5) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lehman, Nguyen, Salazar

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Lazenby, Truong

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Brietigam stated that the City was possibly looking into hiring six police officers and one sergeant, however, because of the great need for officers due to the homeless out of prison and more criminal

activity in general, he challenged the Garden Grove City Council and staff to increase the number of officers to 200 by the year 2020.

Chair Kanzler agreed and commented that the City should also have more community programs to give criminals something to do other than commit crimes. Kanzler then asked staff if there were strategies for a walkable connection from Main Street to the Cottage Industries area. Staff responded that the parking lots near Main Street were controlled by the schools; that Main Street's street parking supported the businesses and included the parking lot near Bar Code and the large lot on Grove Avenue; that the lot across from Doug's Downtown Grill was a private lot that the City used to rent; that connecting the two sides of Euclid Street for the downtown area was the biggest problem; and that the Steelcraft developer would also like to see a connection with Main Street as the project would be centered between the Cottage Industries and Main Street areas.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff noted that the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting would be cancelled and gave a brief description of agenda items for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:06 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, August 3, 2017 in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion:	Brietigam	Second:	Lehman
Ayes:	(5)	Brietigam, Kanzler, Lehman, Nguyen, Salazar	
Noes:	(0)	None	
Absent:	(2)	Lazenby, Truong	

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Judith Moore  
Recording Secretary

**Aug. 25, 2017**  
**Issue #63**

**IN THIS ISSUE:**

Page 4: Understanding "Bowenwork" When Regulating Massage

Page 5: Guest Piece: Vetting the Public Finance Team, Has Your Municipal Advisor Passed the Test?

### **Bills in Committee Aug. 28 – Sept. 1**

Legislators have been back since Aug. 21, which means just three weeks remain before the Legislature adjourns on Sept. 15. Gov. Jerry Brown and legislative leaders are continuing to work on a housing package while the Legislature wraps up bills in Senate and Assembly Appropriations committees for another week. The Legislature will also take up funding for parks and water projects. *For more, see Page 2.*



### **End of Session Signature/Veto Requests Webinar Scheduled for Sept. 21**

Following the conclusion of the 2017-18 legislative session, the League's legislative team will host a webinar on Sept. 21 to review top priority bills that cities will need to advocate Gov. Jerry Brown on as he reviews legislation. The legislative session ends on Sept. 15, so this will be the final opportunity for city officials to voice their support or opposition to the Governor on key bills. *For more, see Page 3.*



### **League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$12.25 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Vacaville**

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA). *For more, see Page 3.*

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.

The League has issued an update priority bill list for the end of session. Bill language and the League's position letters and sample letters can be found at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) by plugging the bill number into the search function.

Here are a number of the upcoming appropriations hearings:

**Aug. 28**

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

- **AB 503 (Lackey)** Vehicles: parking violations: registration or driver's license renewal. *League position: Oppose unless amended.*
- **AB 890 (Medina)** Land use: planning and zoning: initiatives. *League position: Seeking Amendments.*
- **Priority AB 1069 (Low)** Local government: taxicab transportation services. *League position: Oppose unless amended.*
- **AB 1158 (Chu)** Carpet recycling. *League position: Support.*

**Sept. 1**

**Assembly Appropriations, Upon Adjournment of Session, State Capitol, Room 4202**

- **SB 17 (Hernandez)** Health care: prescription drug costs. *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 21 (Hill)** Law enforcement agencies: surveillance: policies. *League position: Oppose unless amended.*
- **SB 63 (Jackson)** Unlawful employment practice: parental leave. *League position: Oppose.*
- **SB 162 (Allen)** Cannabis: marketing. *League position: Support.*
- **SB 188 (Jackson)** State lands: leasing: oil and gas. *League position: Support.*
- **SB 199 (Hernandez)** The California Health Care Cost, Quality, and Equity Atlas. *League position: Support.*
- **SB 378 (Portantino)** Alcoholic beverages: licenses: emergency orders. *League position: Support.*
- **SB 421 (Weiner)** Sex offenders: registration: criminal offender record information systems. *League position: Support.*
- **SB 541 (Allen)** Water: school facility water capture practices. *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 649 (Hueso)** Wireless telecommunications facilities. *League position: Oppose.*

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

- **AB 45 (Thurmond)** California School Employee Housing Assistance Grant Program. *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 64 (Bonta)** Cannabis: license and regulation. *League position: Oppose unless amended.*
- **AB 74 (Chiu)** Housing. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 76 (Chau)** Adult-use marijuana: marketing. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 175 (Chau)** Cannabis marketing: packaging and labeling. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 420 (Wood)** Personal income tax: deduction: commercial cannabis activity. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 570 (Gonzalez-Fletcher)** Workers' compensation: permanent disability apportionment. *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 735 (Maienschein)** Swimming pools: public safety. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 943 (Santiago)** Land use regulations: local initiatives: voter approval. *League position: Oppose unless amended.*

- **AB 1002 (Cooley)** Center for Cannabis Research. *League position: Support.*
  - **AB 1120 (Cooper)** Controlled substances: butane. *League position: Support.*
  - **AB 1127 (Calderon)** Baby diaper changing stations. *League position: Oppose.*
  - **HOT AB 1408 (Calderon)** Crimes: supervised release. *League position: Support.*
  - **SCA 9 (Glazer)** Property tax: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system. *League position: Support.*
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'Webinar' Continued from Page 1...

### Registration

The webinar is scheduled for Sept. 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. There is no cost to register for League members and League partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100.

Please register by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at [www.cacities.org/events](http://www.cacities.org/events).

For most League webinars, only one connection is offered. Due to the capacity for this webinar, the League is allowing two connections per city to provide easier access for members.

Webinar log-in information will be sent the morning of Sept. 21.

For questions about how to register for the webinar, please contact [Megan Dunn](#). For all other questions, please contact [Meg Desmond](#).

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'CSCDA: Vacaville' Continued from Page 1...

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of \$12,250,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Meadows Court/Holly Lane Apartments in Vacaville.

### About Meadows Court/Holly Lane Apartments

Meadows Court/Holly Lane Apartments is the acquisition and rehabilitation of 82 multi-family affordable housing apartments by Meadows Holly Partners, L.P. Community Development Partners (CDP) is the project sponsor. The project will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide apartments to low-income residents in Vacaville.

CSCDA and CDP partnered with Citibank and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide the \$12,250,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. It will undergo an extensive interior and exterior renovation ensuring that residents have an updated, safe, and affordable community to call home for years to come. The financing will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

### Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit [CSCDA's website](#) for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

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## **Understanding “Bowenwork” When Regulating Massage**

Over the past several years, significant changes have occurred in massage regulation and local officials have faced challenges keeping up with the laws and understanding the various massage-related disciplines. BowenUSA, a small bodywork association representing Bowenwork practitioners, recently approached the League of California Cities® to provide background information for local officials on “Bowenwork” and explain why they believe that their businesses should be regulated differently than massage practitioners by cities and counties.

### **Certification Process for Bowenwork Practitioners**

Practitioners of Bowenwork maintain that their bodywork modality is fundamentally different from massage and, therefore, should not be regulated by cities and counties in the same manner.

The American Bowen Academy (ABA) certifies Bowenwork practitioners, who must complete 340 hours of training in order to become certified, including 212 hours in the theory and practice of Bowenwork, 100 hours of anatomy and physiology, 24 hours of business and ethics and 4 hours CPR certification. Once certified, Bowenwork practitioners are required to complete 32 hours of continuing education units every two years to maintain professional registration with ABA.

Bowenwork can be defined as a gentle, relaxation technique that uses minimal touch over specific and targeted parts of the body in order to reset the autonomic nervous system and promote the body’s innate healing systems. In Bowenwork, the movements are minimal and the practitioner’s contact on the client’s body lasts a few seconds, followed by several hands-off rest periods ranging from two to four minutes, or longer. The work is performed on fully clothed clients and no heat, oils or lotions are applied to the body. Bowenwork sessions can be, and have been done in public.

The Oregon and New Hampshire legislatures have exempted Bowenwork practitioners from state massage licensing requirements. In Colorado, Arizona and Texas, non-massage therapists may practice their bodywork technique if trained by a recognized training organization that monitors and manages any complaints about a practitioner’s professional conduct.

Representatives of ABA, maintain that, to date, the Academy has never had any complaints nor cases of practitioners involved in human-trafficking, prostitution, or otherwise causing public harm.

### **Most Bowenwork Practitioners do not have CAMTC Certificates**

Since Bowenwork practitioners have their own certification process, most do not also pursue a separate voluntary certification from California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC), because they prefer to practice Bowenwork rather than massage.

### **Local Regulation of Bowenwork**

Challenges have occurred for Bowenwork practitioners when some local agencies require them to present CAMTC certification. Representatives of ABA maintain that CAMTC does not recognize Bowenwork training (as described above) as “massage” training. This has led to some Bowenwork certified practitioners needing to spend thousands of additional dollars enrolling in CAMTC-approved massage schools in order to become CAMTC certified, despite the fact that they do not intend to practice massage.

BowenUSA representatives share that Bowenwork practitioners are willing to obtain a local business license as well as present Bowenwork certification from ABA. They have no issues with regulatory oversight from municipalities that might extend beyond what is permissible to impose on massage therapists licensed by CAMTC. This could include provisional business licenses, enhanced background checks, site visits, etc. BowenUSA practitioners are willing to comply with this level of regulation if it means they are able to practice this modality unhindered.

BowenUSA representatives encourage cities to learn more about Bowenwork from the [American Bowen Academy](#) and other resources on this modality, and consider licensing Bowenwork practitioners separately from CAMTC-certified and other massage therapists.

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## **Guest Piece: Vetting the Public Finance Team, Has Your Municipal Advisor Passed the Test?**

When managing their personal finances, many people turn to financial advisors to help them make informed decisions about complex financial products and investment options. For state and local government officials responsible for managing the public's finances, specialized financial advisors called municipal advisors may be hired to provide advice regarding the issuance of municipal bonds or use of municipal financial products.

If a municipal advisor is part of your public finance team, you should know that the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) — the national regulator responsible for protecting the public interest by promoting a fair and efficient municipal securities market — has established baseline standards of professional qualification for municipal advisors. Municipal advisors must pass the MSRB's Municipal Advisor Representative Qualification Examination, or Series 50 exam, no later than Sept. 12 to continue engaging in municipal advisor activities.

If you are currently working with a municipal advisor or planning to start a new engagement, it would be prudent to confirm that the municipal advisor has passed the Series 50 exam or is planning to do so by the Sept. 12 deadline. Municipal advisors were granted a grace period of one full year from the launch of the exam on Sept. 12, 2016 to prepare for and pass the exam. Yet with less than one month remaining until the deadline, more than 100 municipal advisor firms registered with MSRB did not have at least one person qualified with the Series 50 exam or enrolled to take the exam.

[Find the names of individuals who have passed the Series 50 exam on the MSRB's website.](#) It is in your constituents' best interest to make sure that all members of your public finance team are duly qualified in accordance with federal regulations. Doing this due diligence can help avoid a disruption in the municipal advisory services you receive, including preventing a negative impact to the bond issuance process.

MSRB creates and maintains rules for municipal advisors and municipal securities dealers that underwrite and trade municipal bonds. The Series 50 exam is one element of a comprehensive regulatory framework for municipal advisors that includes rules addressing core duties to clients, disclosures and conflicts of interest. [Access more information about what to expect from your municipal advisor and how to research the background of your municipal finance professionals on the MSRB's website.](#)

### **About the MSRB**

MSRB protects investors, state and local governments and other municipal entities, and the public interest by promoting a fair and efficient municipal securities market. MSRB fulfills this mission by regulating the municipal securities firms, banks and municipal advisors that engage in municipal securities and advisory activities. To further protect market participants, MSRB provides market transparency through its [Electronic Municipal Market Access \(EMMA®\) website](#), the official repository for information on virtually all municipal bonds. MSRB also serves as an objective resource on the municipal market, conducts extensive education and outreach to market stakeholders, and provides market leadership on key issues. MSRB is a Congressionally chartered, self-regulatory organization governed by a 21-member board of directors that has a majority of public members, in addition to representatives of regulated entities, and is subject to oversight by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

*Erik Dolan is the director, Professional Qualifications, at the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, where he manages the development and maintenance of testing standards and educational programs for MSRB-regulated municipal advisors and municipal securities dealers.*

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Aug. 30, 2017  
Issue #64

## **Local Elected Leaders, Business Leaders and Community Groups Unite in Long Beach to Stop the Big Telecom Power Grab**

*Leaders from Long Beach, Cities in Los Angeles County and Others Urge Lawmakers to Reject SB 649*

Long Beach Council Member Al Austin and representatives from the Downtown Long Beach Alliance, the Belmont Heights Community Association and the American Public Works Association of Southern California today urged the Legislature to reject SB 649 (Hueso). Opposed by more than 215 cities and dozens of counties, this legislation would virtually eliminate cities and counties' authority to negotiate with telecommunications companies on the siting of wireless equipment in the public right of way and on public infrastructure. SB 649 would also cap the lease rates far below market rate, on public infrastructure. The group held a press conference this morning in Long Beach at Pierpoint Landing. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Expo Highlights at the 2017 Annual Conference**

This year, the League of California Cities® Annual Conference Expo will draw in over 255 cost-saving services and state-of-the-art products, including 80 first-time exhibitors. Attendees may want to begin planning their conference schedule now to make sure they can participate in all the sessions and additional opportunities. The League's [Annual Conference webpage](#) has information on speakers, sessions and more. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **League Board Will Consider Endorsements for NLC Board and NLC Second Vice President Positions**

Each year the League of California Cities® board of directors invites membership interested in running for National League of Cities (NLC) board of directors or for second vice president of the NLC board of directors, to apply for endorsement from our League board of directors. Only city officials in direct member cities of NLC may apply for its board or board officer position (second vice president). The League board will endorse all membership interested in applying for NLC board, but only one member interested in applying for NLC second vice president. *For more, see Page 2.*

Cities support advances in technology, unique and diverse neighborhoods, businesses and closing the digital divide. Cities also have the authority to work with telecommunication companies to advance modern technology through an established discretionary permitting process, and many are doing so. Cities are responsible for updating local zoning codes to reflect land use changes, based on the evolution of local neighborhoods and residents' needs. Discretionary control of local land use decisions is critical to preserving and supporting the unique identities of California's diverse communities. The bill has widespread opposition because it erodes local land use control, and subsidizes the telecommunications industry at the expense of local neighborhoods.

SB 649 would give the wireless giants virtually limitless ability to install antennas, wireless boosters, and other equipment. The bill would shortchange taxpayers by capping lease rates of public infrastructure statewide. Meanwhile, Californians would still pay the same high prices for their wireless services.

Each of the speakers urged the Legislature to listen to the opposition and reject SB 649.

Long Beach Council Member Al Austin: "SB 649 would nearly eliminate Long Beach's, and every other local government's ability to manage the way in which telecommunications equipment is deployed in neighborhoods and around businesses, just so the telecommunications industry can have their equipment permitted more rapidly throughout California," said Council Member Al Austin. "Our unequivocal opposition to SB 649 is 100 percent consistent with our support for diverse communities, well designed urban spaces, and modern technologies."

Austin Metoyer, a policy and research manager with the Downtown Long Beach Alliance raised concerns on the legislation's impact: "The Downtown Long Beach community has spent over two decades working with the city to redevelop the area into the vibrant destination it has become. Our community includes tourist attractions, such as hotels, restaurants and entertainment venues and a wide range of businesses and industry. We have worked hard to transform this area and our efforts have created a unique asset to Long Beach. SB 649 would leave communities like ours, and the elected officials who represent us, without any ability to determine how wireless technology equipment is integrated into our public infrastructure.

"We support new technology, increased bandwidth and connectivity — these are key building blocks of successful businesses. However, we must also recognize local land use decisions, such as design standards of infrastructure in the public right-of-way, on street lights, or hanging off of, or rather not hanging off of telephone wires, is equally key to the success of businesses."

Sydney Simon, Belmont Height Community Association board member, says that this bill is a "giveaway" to the telecommunications industry at the expense of Long Beach residents. "If this bill passes, we could potentially see cell antennas and associated equipment of up to 21 cubic feet on our utility poles."

James Biery, legislative chair of the American Public Works Association of Southern California, spoke about the impact this equipment would have on municipal infrastructure.

The speakers were joined at the podium by elected city officials from throughout Los Angeles County including:

- Artesia Mayor Ali Taj;
- Bellflower Council Member Juan Garza;
- Artesia Council Member Victor Manalo;
- La Habra Heights Council Member Kyle Miller;
- Pico Rivera Council Member Gustavo Camacho;
- Lakewood Council Member Diane DuBois;
- Montebello Council Member Vivian Romero, President, Independent Cities Association;
- Signal Hill Council Member Larry Forester;
- Signal Hill Council Member Lori Woods;
- Bell Council Member Ana Maria Quintana, Member, League Board of Directors;

- Culver City Council Member Jim Clarke;
- Palos Verdes Estates Council Member Jennifer King;
- Palos Verdes Estates City Planner Elizabeth Corpuz;
- Alhambra Deputy Director of Public Works Melissa Ramos; and
- Dr. Jonathan L. Kramer, Local Government Attorney and Wireless Engineer, Telecom Law Firm, P.C.

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### **Grand Opening Expo Hall and Host City Reception**

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, join other conference attendees and meet exhibitors inside the League's 40th Annual Expo. The city of Sacramento welcomes the delegates with an opening night host reception and a selection of hors d'oeuvres. The reception will take place at the Sacramento Convention Center. A registration badge is required to access the event.

### **U.S. Communities Zones and Grand Prize Giveaway**

U.S. Communities, the League-sponsored cooperative government purchasing program, returns this year and has expanded to two zones on the expo floor. Discover products and solutions for your city in the general U.S. Communities Zone on 7th street aisle. Also be sure to visit the U.S. Communities Emergency Preparedness zone on 2nd street aisle which will feature suppliers with resources to help your city quickly respond to all types of emergencies.

One lucky city will win the Grand Prize Giveaway this year — a \$3,000 voucher giveaway that may be used for products or services from any one of the exhibiting U.S. Communities suppliers. Entry details can be found inside the two U.S. Communities zones.

The 2017 drawing will be held Friday, Sept. 15, during the Closing General Assembly. A city representative must be present to win.

### **Speaker Theater Series**

The speaker theater sessions can also be found on the expo floor — highlight successful examples of public/private partnerships. Learn about case studies of innovative projects and programs that have worked in California cities. Hear from elected officials, city staff and industry experts that have found creative solutions to some of the challenging problems that cities face.

Some of the topics this year include:

- Hot Topics in Municipal Revenues, Budgeting and Finance;
- New Methods in Online Civic Engagement;
- Strategic Facility Management; and
- Protecting Your Professional Reputation Online.

### **On-Site Registration Is Available**

While online registration has officially closed, there is plenty of opportunity to register for the Annual Conference on-site at the Sacramento Convention Center.

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Please note that this is not an application to NLC board, nor is it an application for NLC second vice president. This is only an *endorsement* from the League of California Cities board.

### **Endorsement Application Process**

Submitted endorsement applications will be distributed to members of the League's 2017 Board Nominating Committee. If more than one person is interested in seeking endorsement for NLC

second vice president, the committee will interview all candidates to select one prior to the League's Annual Conference, which is scheduled for Sept. 13-15.

The recommendations will then be submitted to the League board for approval when it meets on Thursday, Sept. 14, during Annual Conference.

Endorsement applications are due to the League of California Cities by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1.

### **Application Forms**

- [Board of Directors Endorsement Application for NLC Board](#)
- [Second Vice President Endorsement Application for NLC Board](#)

Please submit endorsement applications via [email](#), fax (916) 658-8240 or mail to:

Attn: Mimi Sharpe  
1400 K Street, 4th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Individuals who are elected to the NLC board of directors automatically obtain a seat on the League board of directors for the period of the NLC board term.

### **NLC Board Application Deadlines**

Applications for the NLC board and second vice president will be available in late August or early September and will be due sometime in October. Please contact [Carla Smith](#), NLC senior coordinator to obtain an application for NLC board of directors or NLC 2nd Vice President and obtain pertinent deadlines.

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