

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
September 1, 2016

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

**A. REVIEW OF PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM
OPTIONS FOR THE CITY**

Lisa Kim's memo provides results regarding the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs in order to determine an appropriate number of programs for residents and businesses to ensure a competitive marketplace.

• 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

Attachment I. A.
Mgrs. Memo 09/01/16

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept: City Manager
Subject: REVIEW OF PROPERTY ASSESSED
CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM
OPTIONS FOR THE CITY

From: Lisa Kim
Dept: Community and Economic
Development
Date: September 1, 2016

OBJECTIVE

To convey results regarding the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs in order to determine an appropriate number of programs for residents and businesses to ensure a competitive marketplace.

BACKGROUND

PACE is a means of financing energy efficiency upgrades or renewable energy installations for residential and commercial buildings. Municipal governments offer a specific bond to investors and then loan the money to consumers to put towards an energy retrofit.

Since 2014, the City supported and adopted three (3) highly recommended PACE programs: HERO, Ygrene Works, and CaliforniaFIRST. All three (3) programs have been successfully utilized by the community in which 1,034 applications have been approved, and a total amount of \$11.2M funded to date. Please see Attachment 1: Summary of PACE Applications, Projects Complete, and Savings.

DISCUSSION

There has been interest by other PACE program providers seeking City consideration to join their programs. In light of these requests, a survey was conducted by Association of California Cities Orange County (ACC-OC) which included a total of 14 cities. The average number of PACE programs joined in Orange County cities was slightly under three (3). Please see Attachment 2: ACC-OC PACE Program Survey Summary.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that continuation with the current number of three (3) PACE programs is sufficient. City Council was in support of adopting the existing programs as they approached the City early on. Staff believes that we have provided residents with a menu of PACE options that allows for competitive pricing. Therefore, until further evaluation is requested, staff does not find it necessary to add additional programs at this time.



Lisa Kim
Community and Economic Development Director

By: Alana Cheng
Senior Analyst

Attachment 1: Summary of PACE Applications, Projects Complete, and Savings
Attachment 2: ACC-OC PACE Program Survey Summary

Summary of PACE Applications, Projects Complete, and Savings									
PACE PROVIDER	Applications	Projects Complete	Jobs Created	Energy Saved (kWh)	Water Saved (gal)	Emissions Reduced (tons)	Funded Amount	Reporting Range	
HERO	906	660	75	41.3M	30.5M	11.1K	\$8.80M	2 years	
CaliforniaFIRST	33	10	5	25,327	4,206	22.39M	\$1.1M	6 months	
Ygrene	95	46	20	9.1M	5.8M	1615M	\$1.3M	6 months	
Total	1034	716	100				\$11.2M	2.5 years	

ACC-OC PACE Program Survey Summary

Question: Which PACE program does your city participate in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
HERO	100%	13
Ygrene Works	46.15%	6
CaliforniaFIRST	61.545	8
Figtree	46.15%	6
Alliance NRG	7.69%	1
PACE Funding Group	7.69%	1
Spruce Financing	0%	0
Other (Open PACE)	7.69%	1
	Answered question	13

Question: How many PACE programs does your city participate in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1	23.07%	3
2	7.69%	1
3	38.46%	5
4	30.76%	4
	Answered question	13
	Skipped question	1

WEEKLY MEMO 9/01/16

NEWS ARTICLES

Gang officers talk shop at conference in Garden Grove

International law enforcers learn from one another on best ways to fight crime.

By **JOSHUA SUDOCK**
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • Law enforcement from around the world gathered at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Aug. 16 to discuss gang enforcement during the 25th annual California Gang Investigators Association conference.

More than 700 gang officers from 163 agencies, 22 states and four countries assembled in a hotel ballroom and listened as a panel of top brass from various Southern California agencies welcomed them to the four-day seminar.

Officers discussed best practices and

tried to enrich one another through guided conversations and workshops.

They explored various gang cultures by ethnicity, intelligence-gathering techniques, data analysis, human trafficking, ethics, personal safety and prison gangs.

"There are people in this room who have tried very creative means to solve cases and, in addition to the litany of (classes) and first-rate instructors, that's where the value is," Anaheim Deputy Chief Julian Harvey told participants. "Talk to these people during the breaks. That's the value of this conference."

While speakers were quick to note that crime rates in Orange County pale in comparison to places such as Los Angeles, many noted an uptick in gang-related activities and violence in recent years, citing the

SEE OFFICERS • PAGE 4



NICK KOON, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens speaks on the opening day of the 2016 California Gang Investigators Association conference in Garden Grove on Aug. 16.

OFFICERS

FROM PAGE 1

passage of laws such as AB109, which shortens jail time for nonviolent criminals, and Proposition 47, which reduces certain drug-possession felonies to misdemeanors.

"Over the past 20 months, gang violence in Orange County has surged, with the city of Santa Ana leading the way," Garden Grove police Chief Todd Elgin told the group. "In 2016, the city of Santa Ana experienced 55 gang shootings in the first 50 days of the new year.

"In Garden Grove, gang assaults have increased 30 percent over the previous year,

and we are seeing a resurgence in gang-recruitment activities in our neighborhoods," the chief said.

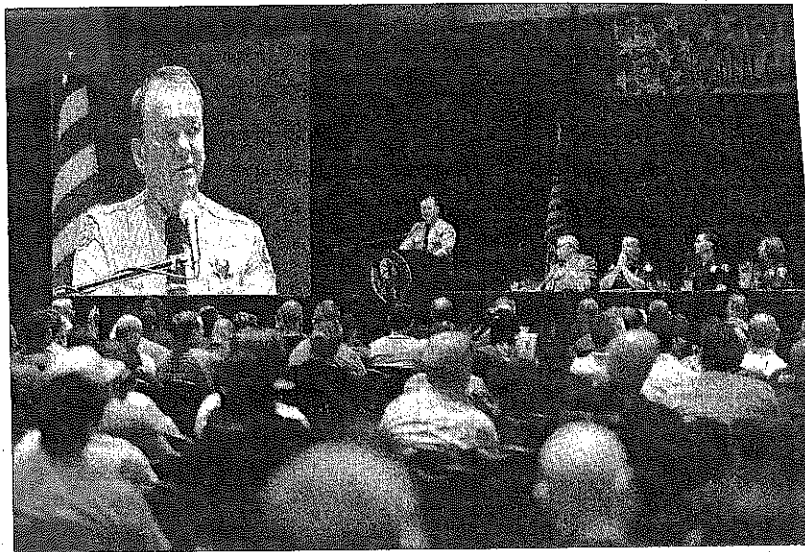
"Today's gang members ... utilize social media and technology to assist in their criminal activities," Elgin said.

Still, Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens told the group she was optimistic about law enforcement's ability to keep pace with - and even get ahead of - evolving trends in gang activity.

"I am inspired every time I address a group like this," Hutchens said. "With all of the obstacles placed in your way, you still step up to do the job, and our communities are safer because of you."

CONTACT THE WRITER:

714-796-7802 or jsudock@ocregister.com



Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell speaks to a large group of attendees during the 2016 California Gang Investigators Conference in Garden Grove on Aug. 16.

NICK KOON,
STAFF
PHOTOGRAPHER

It's back to school for GG students

District leaders are proud to announce a slew of new programs

Garden Grove Unified School District is ready to welcome back more than 45,000 students on Sept. 1, the first day of the 2016-2017 school year.

The new year brings exciting new instructional programs, curriculum roll-outs, modernized school sites, increased access to technology, and community partnerships that all share the same goal of improving student success.

Thousands of teachers attended Super Week August 22-26 hosted by the district's Instruction Office to fine-tune their skills in state standards, instructional technology and classroom management as well as many curriculum-specific areas.

"We look forward to the first day of school when our classrooms are filled with that familiar buzz of students who are excited to learn," said George West, Board of Education president. "This year, GGUSD will offer a whole host of new learning opportunities."

Among the new programs, the district is launching full-day kindergarten and full-day transitional kindergarten for the first time in district history. Approximately

3,500 kindergarten and transitional kindergarten students will benefit from a full day of robust curriculum and enhanced hands-on exploration through science discovery, art, and dramatic play.

Also new this year, more than 170 kindergarten and first grade students will take part in the district's first-ever Dual Language Immersion Academy at Monroe Elementary School. The students have made a multi-year commitment in the K-6 dual language immersion program and will learn to think, read and write in both English and Spanish.

Other new highlights of the 2016-2017 school year include:

- English Language Arts/English Language Development textbook implementation in all K-12 schools
- Expansion of GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) instruction at elementary and intermediate schools including implementation of GATE PreAP in history and science at eight intermediate schools to prepare students for the rigor of advanced placement courses in high school
- Seventy six new teachers join the district this year and are enrolled in the new teacher support program
- Technology updates including new 10 Gigabit to and from schools and wireless connectivity
- Expanded College and Career Mentoring Program for sixth graders at 14 elementary schools, up from eight schools last year. District graduates and college students lead the after-school programs to help sixth graders both academically and personally
- STEM enrichment programs for seventh and eighth grade students funded by OC United Way
- Implementation of Live Ink grant in partnership with UC Irvine which provided \$1 million toward new Chromebooks and iPads in 7-8 ELA classrooms
- Launch of CTE STEAM lab course at five intermediate schools which help students strengthen problem-solving skills using technology, scientific-inquiry and hands-on project-based learning activities.

Orange County News
Aug. 31, 2016

Students excel on standardized state tests

Sixty six percent of district student met or exceeded standards

Garden Grove Unified School District students demonstrated significant growth and exceeded state averages at all grade levels in both math and English on the state's Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC) test, according to results released by the state Department of Education last week.

This is the second year of results from the SBAC test, which is administered as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress.

An impressive 66 percent of district students met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts in 11th grade and 54 percent of third graders met or exceeded

standards in math.

Of the 25 largest school districts in California serving a free/reduced lunch percentage of 65 percent or higher, Garden Grove's district has the highest percentage of students who met or exceeded standards on ELA and math for the 2016 SBAC.

"Our students continue to meet high academic expectations and demonstrate mastery of rigorous curriculum and critical thinking skills," said Linda Reed, district Board of Education trustee. "We know that our impressive performance on the SBAC test is due to our strong instructional program and our dedicated teachers and support staff."

District scores on the 2016 SBAC improved across all grade levels from 2015. Students who met or exceeded standards grew from 38.7 percent to 45.6 percent in math and from 49.3 percent to 54.9 percent in English Language Arts. In sixth and eighth grade math, the district outperformed the county average and in seventh, eighth and 11th grade ELA, district students met the county-wide average of students who met or exceeded state standards.

To view results, visit <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/>. According to the Department of Education, individual student results are scheduled to be sent to parents at the end of September.

OC Streetcar project moves forward

There's good news for Westminster Avenue and the City of Garden Grove.

And Orange County at large.

The planned OC Streetcar received a big boost last week – a \$28 million state grant that could in turn elevate its position for crucial federal funds.

Orange County Transportation Authority, the lead agency developing the OC Streetcar, was among 14 recipients of \$390 million in competitive grants from the California State Transportation Agency's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. The program, funded through

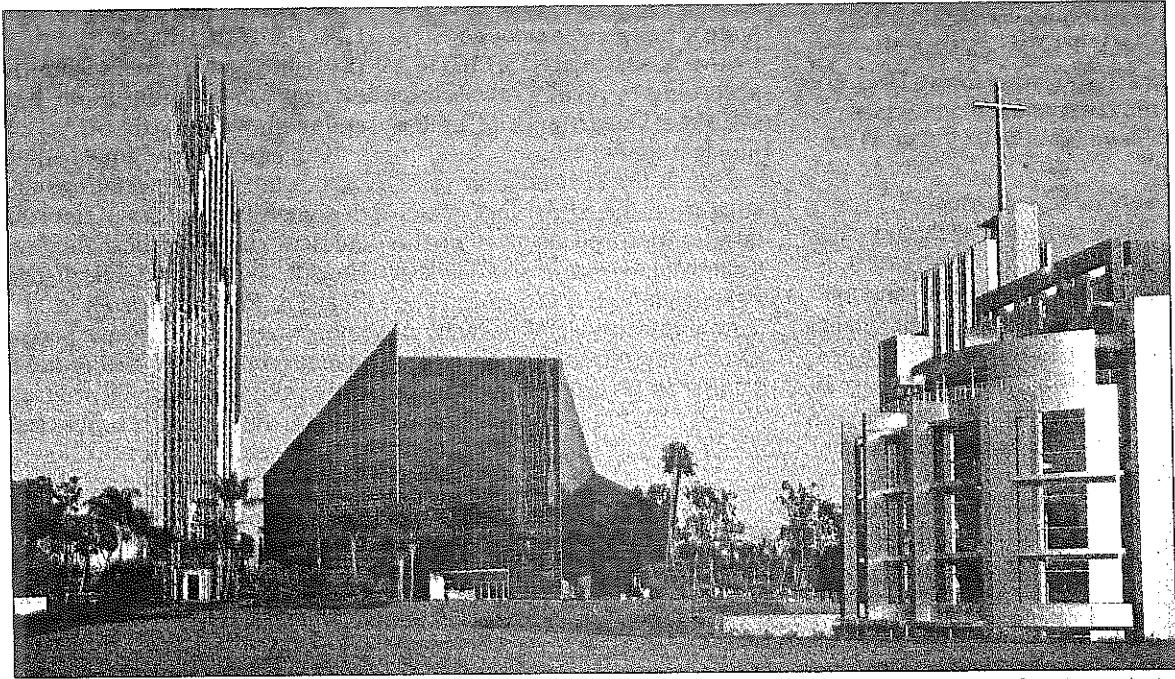
the state's Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds, is aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions through rail and transit investments.

President Barack Obama in February included \$125 million in his budget for the streetcar, designed to run 4.1 miles from the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center to a new transit hub at Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove. An OCTA board member said the state grant "is only going to strengthen our position" for federal New Starts program funds. President Barack Obama in February included \$125 million

in his budget for the streetcar, designed to run 4.1 miles from the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center to a new transit hub at Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue.

Statewide, 41 applicants competed for funds. The 14 projects selected are valued at \$3.8 billion and will reduce more than 4.1 million tons of carbon dioxide, according to the state transportation agency.

The OC Streetcar project "provides a clean mobility option through some of the most populated areas of the county," state transportation agency Secretary Brian Kelly said.



Courtesy photo

Christ Cathedral

Christ Cathedral to hold celebration

Event prompted by 40-year anniversary of Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

On Sept. 18, the Christ Cathedral, at 13280 Chapman Ave., will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange with several community events held throughout the day.

During the festivities, heavy traffic is anticipated in the immediate area. Motorists are asked to plan accordingly to avoid delays.

A 5K walk/run morning race on Chapman Avenue, starting from the Christ Cathedral to Pio-

neer Park, will cause temporary road closures between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Streets affected are Chapman Avenue, from Lewis Street to Willowbrook Lane, and north and southbound traffic at the intersection of Chapman Avenue and Haster Street.

No vehicles will be allowed to park on eastbound Chapman Avenue, from Lewis Street to Willowbrook Lane, the evening of Sept. 17 through Sept. Any vehicles found on the street will be

towed and impounded. Residents in the surrounding area have been notified in advance.

A free 40th anniversary Mass, community fair, and music festival will follow the 5K. For event information, visit www.rcbo.org.

For more information on street closures, call the Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit at 714-741-5252 or contact the Diocese of Orange, Office of Communications at 714-282-3045.

Community Calendar

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out Chamber holds Friday meetings The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the 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 Christ Cathedral, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social

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

Eco-friendly storytime

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

GG Kiwanis to meet

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

Cartoonist lessons offered

Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

Holiday closures

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5.

Trash pick-up and street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday. Trash pick-up and streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days.

For more information on street sweeping, call the Public Works Department at 714-741-5375.

Upcoming meeting

The Garden Grove City Council, Housing Authority, Successor Agency and the Sanitary District meetings, which were cancelled earlier, have been rescheduled for Sept. 6.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 714-741-5040.

Orange County News
Aug. 31, 2016

GG teams hope to make it a fantastic fall



File photo
Prep sports is upon us. That means, of course, Friday night football but also water polo, volleyball and other sports. Garden Grove teams are chomping at the bit to get started (some already have). And, of course, there are those who cheer them on. Here, the Rancho Alamitos High cheer squad performs a difficult maneuver before a football game last season. For more on prep sports, including a game story on the Garden Grove High football team's opening game, see Page 12.

Orange County News
Aug. 31, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Orange County News
Aug. 31, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden Grove City Council will hold a Public Hearing at their meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, to consider the adoption of a Resolution establishing and amending fees charged for various City services. The proposed action includes the addition, increase, or revision of various fees related to animal control services, community development planning and building services, community services, fire inspection, and police. The proposed fee changes and the data indicating the amount of cost or estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee is levied will be made available to the public for review ten (10) days prior to the Public Hearing during normal business hours in the City Clerk's Office, on the second floor of City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California.

If you challenge the decision of the City Council 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 City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Written comments can be mailed to the City of Garden Grove, Attn: City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92842-3070, or faxed to (714) 741-5205, or personally delivered to the City Clerk's Office at the address noted above. If you have any questions regarding this Notice or the proposed action, or would like more detailed information, please call Ann Eifert in the City of Garden Grove Finance Department at (714) 741-5058.

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC
City Clerk

Date: August 18, 2016
Publish: August 24, 2016 and August 31, 2016
Orange County News
16-51459
Publish Aug. 24, 31, 2016

City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1200

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: Furnish all Materials, Equipment, Tools and Labor for On-Call Saw Cut Services for Concrete and Asphalt at Various Locations in the City of Garden Grove 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 3, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: August 31, 2016

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840
Orange County News
16-51482
Publish Aug. 31, Sept. 7, 2016

Mosquito virus is back after 30 years

St. Louis encephalitis was found in a sample in Garden Grove this month.

BY COURTNEY PERKES
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in 30 years, Orange County mosquitoes have tested positive for St. Louis encephalitis, a disease that can be transmitted to humans, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District announced Monday.

The mosquitoes were trapped this month in Garden Grove, said district spokesman Jared Dever.

St. Louis encephalitis is related to West Nile virus, which so far this year has sickened five Orange County residents and been found in mosquito samples from 25 local cities.

Orange County has not seen a human case of St. Louis encephalitis since 1984. Symptoms of the two illnesses are very similar, although West Nile virus is deadlier, Dever said.

"These findings are significant in that there's been an absence for so long," Dever said. "It's not significant because we're finding massive quantities of virus out there in these mosquitoes or that there's an emergent public health risk, but clearly something is going on."

This year, the disease has been found in four other counties statewide: Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino

Orange County News
Aug. 30, 2016

VIRUS

FROM PAGE 1

and Kern. In most places, 2016 was the first year of reemergence, Dever said.

Mosquitoes contract West Nile virus or St. Louis encephalitis after feeding on an infected bird. With the introduction of West Nile to California in 2003, prevalence of St. Louis encephalitis dropped drastically.

The immunity a bird develops after exposure to West Nile appears to offer protection, Dever said.

But Dever said the resurgence in California and other Western states is spurring research, including whether either virus has mutated in a way that has affected bird immunity.

Still, he said West Nile virus is a much greater concern, with more than 30 percent of mosquito samples testing positive this season.

Aerial spraying of pesticide is not under consideration, Dever said; but the district is carefully monitoring mosquito activity through the height of the breeding season.

The Garden Grove mosquitoes tested positive for St. Louis encephalitis on

St. Louis encephalitis

The symptoms are very similar to those of West Nile virus.

Most people bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus will not have symptoms, according to the California Department of Public Health. Others will develop mild flulike symptoms, including fever and headache. More serious symptoms, which can sometimes lead to death, include stiff neck, confusion and altered level of consciousness. Elderly people and those with weakened immune systems are more at risk for developing severe symptoms of the disease.

The illness is diagnosed through a blood test or spinal fluid test. There is no treatment.

Aug. 17. A week later, a trap at the same location, on public property, caught yellow fever mosquitoes, which can carry the Zika virus, Dever said.

Dever said the same precautions to prevent breeding and bites apply to West Nile, Zika and St. Louis encephalitis.

"Any quantity of water on your property is putting not only your family at risk for West Nile virus, but you are threatening the public health of the entire community," he said.

Mother, son jailed in Garden Grove fatal shooting

By **SCOTT SCHWEBKE**
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • A mother and son have been arrested in connection with the slaying of a woman shot Wednesday night outside of a Garden Grove residence, police said.

Sandy Liscano, 44, and Adrian Liscano, 18, were arrested Thursday night in the 13300 block of Stephens Avenue.

They were booked Thursday night into Orange County Jail on suspicion of murder, Garden Grove police Lt. Bob Bogue said in a statement.

Sandy Liscano is being held on \$1 million bail. Adrian Liscano is being held without bail, according to jail records.

A 19-year-old man, who was not identified and is believed to be the gunman in the death of Kellie Louise Nichol, 31, of Trabuco Can-



A. Liscano



S. Liscano

yon, remains at large, Bogue said.

Sandy Liscano and Adrian Liscano are suspected of fighting with Nichol in the front yard of a residence in the 13500 block of Purdy Street late Wednesday night. Police responded and found Nichol with gunshot wounds. She died at the scene.

A handgun used in the shooting has not been recovered. Police have not released a motive for the shooting.

Anyone with information about the slaying is asked to contact Garden Grove detectives at 714-741-5800.

GARDEN GROVE

Bike money: The city will receive \$1.1 million from the Orange County Transportation Authority for its Bicycle Corridor Improvements Project, which will design and construct 6.5 miles of new bikeways and update 8.3 miles of existing paths. Garden Grove's portion was part of \$19.5 million the authority recently handed out to cities for such projects.
Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

Register
Aug. 26, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Road closures: The 40th anniversary celebration for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange will cause temporary road closures around Christ Cathedral on Sept. 18 and the evening before, especially along Chapman Avenue from Lewis Street to Willowbrook Lane, and north-south traffic at Chapman and Haster Street. Information: 714-741-5252
Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

Register
Aug. 27, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

State scores: At Garden Grove High School, 67 percent of 11th-grade students met or exceeded state standards in English on the 2016 Common Core testing, according to results released last week by the California Board of Education; 35 percent reached proficiency in math. The scores ticked up 1 percentage-point each from 2015.
Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

Register
Aug. 29, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Commemorative tees: The city is selling T-shirts to commemorate Garden Grove's 60th anniversary. The shirts are blue with the 60th anniversary logo on the left breast. They come in crew neck and V-neck. Regular sizes are \$10. Shirts bigger than extra large are \$12. To order, go to the city's website. Information: 714-741-5290.
Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

Register
Aug. 30, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

New officers: The Police Department has sworn in two new officers, Joshua Behzad and Phillip Pham. The two recently graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Regional Training Academy. Photos of the swearing-in ceremony are highlighted on the city's and Police Department's Facebook pages.
Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

Register
Aug. 31, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Library improvements: The renovations of the Tibor Rubin Library, formerly known as the Garden Grove West Library, cost \$219,300, according to a staff report on the project's completion. The original estimate was \$199,400. The renovation included making the restroom compliant with the American with Disabilities Act.
Chris Haire, 714-796-6979
chaire@ocregister.com

Register
Sept. 1, 2016

The King lives! Elvis Festival

Orange County News
Aug. 26, 2016
1 of 2

to take place on Main Street

Elvis Presley "left the building" for the last time 39 years ago, but he has never left the hearts of his many admirers.

Since 1999, near the date of his death on Aug. 16, 1977, local devotees have gathered to celebrate his life and music.

They are preparing to do it again when the 17th annual Elvis Festival themed "The King Lives On" on Sunday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. comes to Historic Main Street in Garden Grove.

It is presented by the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association and also held in conjunction with the Local Harvest Farmers Market.

The day long festival will feature musical performances by Elvis tribute artists including Kirk Wall of Anaheim, the event's ambassador since its inception. Wall will greet attendees, pose for photos, and perform an Elvis medley to kick off the stage shows at 10:30 a.m. followed later at 12:30 pm with an Elvis concert bluegrass style when he is joined by his band Krazy Kirk and the Hillbillies, regulars at the Birdcage Theater at Knott's Berry Farm.

Other performances include Lil Joe Banelos, who has been performing as Elvis since age 10, now 22. Along with his Burnin' Love

Band his show will be a focus on Presley's hits from the 1950s and 1960s and starts at 11:15 a.m.

A former Elvis performer at Dollywood, a theme park owned by Dolly Parton in Tennessee, and previous Elvis singing contest winner, Martin Anthony, sings at 11 a.m. which will include gospel, the only music genre for which Presley won a Grammy Award.

A dozen Elvis singers will take over the stage when they compete in KaraokeFest 2016 Crème de la King Finals at 3:15 p.m. All of them are finalists selected from previous qualifying rounds and will vie for the winning spot along with cash awards and prizes.

Other activities include a King of Cadillacs Car Show, stilt walking Elvis and Priscilla, the Ace the Rockabilly Illusionist strolling magic, Abbit the Average Elvis, Pop Up Elvis Trivia Contest presented by Gaslamp Popcorn, opportunity drawings including a private dinner concert with "an" Elvis for up to 20 people, the Jailhouse Rockers of California fan club activities including Elvis Bingo, Elvis memorabilia and collectibles for sale including the final blowout of the Mr. Potato Head Jumpsuit Elvis character and key chains by PPW Toys under license by Elvis Presley En-



File photo

From left, former Azteca Restaurant J.J. Jauregia, an Elvis statue, current Azteca owner Jennifer Stewart an Elvis impersonator gather on Main Street recently.

terprises and Hasbro, a caricature artist and instant photo booth.

Restaurants on Main Street are joining in the festivities by featuring special Elvis themed food items including a Memphis Mafia Pulled Pork Sandwich and Love Me "Chicken" Tenders from Doug's Downtown Grill; The King's Waffle made with peanut butter and bananas topped with ice cream, caramel, crushed potato chips and bacon bits concocted by Louie's on Main; and a special spiced up Speedway Burrito from Azteca Restaurant.

In addition, Mama Connie's Egg Roll Company, one of the Farmers Market food conces-

sions, will prepare The King's Fool's Gold which is a deep fried peanut butter and banana egg roll with ice cream.

Other food items will be available from the restaurants and Farmers Market vendors.

Your Pad or Mine?, an arts and crafts store on Main Street, will offer an Elvis themed Make and Take Greeting Card making project.

The Farmers Market runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. while the festival continues until 6 p.m.

The festival on Historic Main Street is between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway in Garden Grove. Use the address

of 12911 Main St., Garden Grove on GPS or other map/directions locators.

Festival admission is free, along with free parking available at the nearby Coastline College and Concorde University lots off of Acacia Parkway and Garden Grove Boulevard and at the lot off of Grove Avenue just off Garden Grove Boulevard.

More information is available on Facebook by locating the 17th Annual Elvis Festival page, by sending an email to elvisfestival@yahoo.com, by calling 714-267-4657 or by checking the website www.mainstreetgardengrove.com.

Gem Theater prepares for biggest production to date

By Angela Hatcher

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is coming to The Gem Theater and this murderous musical may be one of the tastiest treats ever to grace its stage.

Presented by One More Productions, "Sweeney Todd" will run from Sept. 29 through Oct. 13 – just in time for a little pre-Halloween "fright night" celebrating.

As one of Southern California's leading musical theater companies, OMP's Co-owner and Artistic Director Damien Lorton says, "This is the biggest budget for any production that we have ever had, and we are going all out for 'Sweeney Todd.' On top of our \$100,000 budget for lighting design, we have added an additional \$100,000 – and that's just for lights! Designed by our award-winning set designer, we will be featuring an unbelievable two-story revolving set that literally extends over

the audience. The sound design includes new body mics that will bring out the vocals of the magnificent singers in our cast... Can you tell how excited I am about this production? We already have our nine-piece live orchestra in place as well, and I can't wait to share this special 1979 thriller with our audience."

This dark, bloody, and deliciously funny Tony award-winning melodrama tells the tale of an ordinary barber in the Victorian era who was wrongfully sentenced to life in prison by a corrupt judge.

The barber returns with vengeance in his heart, and his new life becomes anything but ordinary. Once he partners up with Mrs. Lovett and her struggling pie shop, the successful pair make a killing!

Sondheim's stunning musical score has been called Sondheim's "most perfect score," and this soaring musical is one of the best "to

die for" theatrical moments ever presented on stage.

A special Q & A session will directly follow the performance on Friday, Oct. 7 with some of the lead cast members and the production crew. There will also be a special preview on Friday, Sept. 7 exclusive to season ticket holders.

General admission prices are \$28 each, Seniors (age 60 and up) \$23, and children (age 12 and under) \$18. Student Rush tickets at \$15 each are available for Thursday and Friday performances only. Opening Night Gala Event tickets for Saturday Night, Oct. 1 are \$40 each and season ticket holders receive an exclusive invitation to attend the post-show Catered Champagne Gala with the cast.

For more information or to purchase tickets, Call One More Productions at 714-741-9550, ext 221 or visit www.onemoreproductions.com.

Just call her The Voice... of Garden Grove

Pacifica High School student belts out "House of the Rising Sun" to win contest

At Garden Grove's final summer concert last week, the winner of The Voice of Garden Grove was chosen among five Garden Grove Unified School District high school students.

Kayla Renee Wandelt, a junior from Pacifica High School, was announced The Voice of Garden Grove 2016 and awarded a \$1,000 prize, half of which will go to Pacifica High School's Choir Department. The winning song was "House of the Rising Sun" by The Animals.

Caitlin Doan, from Rancho Alamitos High School, was announced runner-up and received a \$500 prize, half of which will go towards Rancho Alamitos High School's Choir Department. Doan performed "Can't Help Falling in Love" by Elvis Presley.

The students were scored on a 100-point scale by six volunteer judges including professional singers and vocalist trainers.

The Voice of Garden Grove is a preshow to the free Summer Concert Series hosted by the Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF), held at Eastgate



Courtesy photo
Garden Grove local Kayla Renee Wandelt belts out "House of the Rising Sun" in her final concert performance recently at Eastgate Park.

Park, 12001 St. Mark St., during the months of July and August. The Voice of Garden Grove is a way for GGCF to support education and the arts in the community, and provide performance and scholarship opportunities to local high school students.

For more information, visit www.ggcf.com or call 714-741-5200.

Orange County News
Aug. 26, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
2015-16 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

The City of Garden Grove, Community and Economic Development Department, in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, has prepared its Draft FY 2015-16 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The report describes and assesses the housing, economic, and community development activities undertaken by the City over the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

On September 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., the Garden Grove Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission (NICC) will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, to consider the FY-2015-16 CAPER.

On September 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council will also hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers to consider the FY 2015-16 CAPER.

The Draft CAPER will be available for public review and comment from September 9, 2016, through September 27, 2016 during regular business hours at the Community and Economic Development Department, located in City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. All comments received during the comment period and Public Hearings will be included and responded to in the Final CAPER, which will be submitted to HUD by September 28, 2016.

To review, ask questions, or submit comments about the CAPER, please visit or contact: Allison Mills, Neighborhood Improvement Manager, via telephone to (714)-741-5139, email to allisonj@ci.garden-grove.ca.us or mail to the City of Garden Grove, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 8/24/16
Publish: 8/26/16

Orange County News
16-51470
Publish Aug. 26, 2016



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT:
Timothy Throne (714) 741-5789
CalHOME Program Administrator

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

Matt Callahan (562) 391-6453
Southern California Partners in Home Ownership

Thursday, September 1, 2016

FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

The remaining First-Time Home Buyer Workshops for 2016 are on Saturday, September 24, and Saturday, December 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. The two, 8-hour workshops are offered for those interested in the First-Time Homebuyer Program for low-income applicants purchasing their first home in Garden Grove.

To qualify for the program, the applicant must attend a First-Time Home Buyer workshop; meet the program income requirements; purchase a manufactured home in Garden Grove for under \$120,000; occupy the manufactured home throughout the life of the loan; and cannot have owned a home in the past three years.

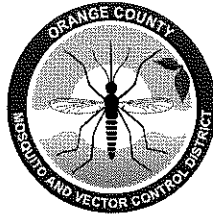
The City is also offering a Home Improvement Program that assists low-income applicants to rehabilitate their manufactured home. To qualify for the program, the home must be a manufactured home in Garden Grove; the applicant must occupy the home throughout the life of the loan and meet program income requirements.

Both programs are funded by CalHOME through the California Department of Housing and Community Development and will continue until October 1, 2017 or until funds are expended.

For more information and to sign up for a workshop or program, please call (714) 741-5789 or visit www.homeingardengrove.org.

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

For Immediate Release
Monday, August 29, 2016



Contact:

Jared Dever, Director of Communications
Phone: (714) 971-2421 Fax: (714) 971-3940
E-mail: jdever@ocvcd.org

Saint Louis Encephalitis Found in Orange County Mosquitoes

Garden Grove, CA. For the first time since 1986, Saint Louis encephalitis virus has been found in adult mosquito samples in Orange County. The mosquito samples were collected in Garden Grove on August 9, 2016 and tested positive for St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLE) on August 17, 2016. SLE is a native arbovirus in the same virus family as West Nile virus (*Flaviviridae*). SLE is similar to West Nile virus in that both viruses require a bird reservoir to maintain the virus in nature. In 2016, SLE has been found in Los Angeles, Riverside, Kern, San Bernardino, and now Orange County.

The last recorded human infections of SLE in Orange County occurred in 1984. SLE was occasionally found in mosquitoes across the United States until the year 2000. Detections of SLE were reduced significantly after the introduction of West Nile virus around that time. SLE infection results in an immune response and antibody development in birds that is very similar to the immunity resulting from West Nile virus infection. This cross-immunity in birds is believed to be responsible for SLE's disappearance.

SLE is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. The viruses share the same symptoms: fever, headache, nausea and fatigue. Approximately 80% of those infected will show no symptoms of disease.

Preventative measures to avoid being infected with SLE are the same as they are for West Nile virus and Zika:

- Eliminate any standing water around your house.
- Make sure all window and door screens on your house are in good repair.
- Wear a repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR 3535.
- Contact the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District to report dead birds or neglected pools. 714-971-2421 or 949-654-2421 or www.ocvector.org



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

Contact: Mark Ladney (714) 741-5382
Public Works Department

Thứ Tư, 31/8/2016

CITY HALL ĐÓNG CỬA NGHỈ LỄ LAO ĐỘNG

Thành phố Garden Grove và Trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center
sẽ đóng cửa vào Thứ Hai, ngày 5 tháng 9, 2016 nhân dịp lễ Lao Động (Labor Day).
Phục vụ quét đường và lấy rác sẽ không làm việc vào ngày lễ mà được dời vào những
ngày khác.

Để biết thêm chi tiết về việc quét đường, xin gọi ban Public Works tại số
(714) 741-5375.

#

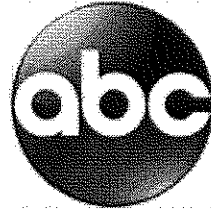
WEEKLY MEMO 9/01/16

**SOCIAL MEDIA
HIGHLIGHTS**



City of Garden Grove

Today will reach high of 82°F/low of 57°F. Cool off by grabbing a scoop of ice cream at [Baskin-Robbins](#) for \$1.29/SCOOP!



17th Annual Elvis Festival

August 24 - 27, 2012

[Like Page](#)

Spinal Tap On Main Street!

When Spinal Tap is going to be performing we hear the Elvis method music. Mexican Restaurant this Friday with Channel 740ABC done...

Like this

1,450 people reached



Like Comment Share

Lindsay Torres, Lucas Herber and 12 others

Chronological

View 2 more comments

Daisy Flores Brenda Flores
Like Reply Message August 24 at 11:48am

The King LIVES On in #GardenGrove this Sunday!

Elvis Presley "left the building" for the last time 39 years ago, but he has never left the hearts of his many admirers. This Sunday, local devotees will gather on historic Main Street Garden Grove, CA to celebrate #Elvis's life and music. The event is free and open to all! For more information, visit <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/ehs-festival-on-main>.



17th Annual Elvis Festival

August 24 - 27, 2012

[Like Page](#)

Spinal Tap On Main Street!

When Spinal Tap is going to be performing we hear the Elvis method music. Mexican Restaurant this Friday with Channel 740ABC done...

Like this

1,450 people reached



Like Comment Share

Lindsay Torres, Lucas Herber and 12 others

Chronological

View 2 more comments

Daisy Flores Brenda Flores
Like Reply Message August 24 at 11:48am



City of Garden Grove

It's Thursday which means it's almost Friday! Enjoy today's weather reaching a high of 86°F & a low of 66°F. #GG



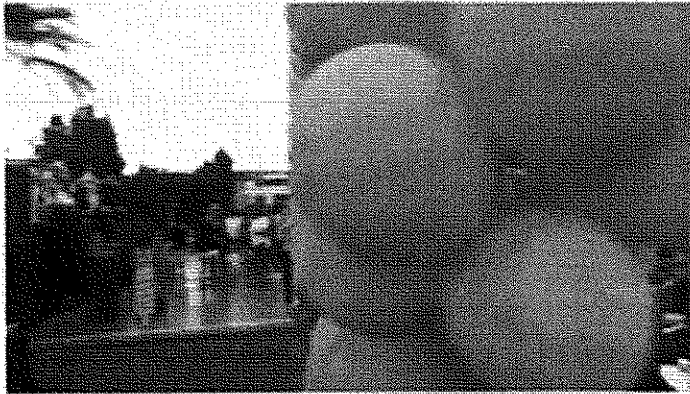
City of Garden Grove

Wishing our Garden Grove Unified School District students a great school year! #GardenGrove

GGFD PIO @GardenGrovePIO

#School starts today & the @GGUSD. Be safe around school zones. Have a great year #Students & teachers! @GardenGrovePIO @CityGardenGrove

What was your favorite part of the City of #GardenGrove's 60th Anniversary event? Comment below! #GGStamps60



2,824 people reached

Like Comment Share

Card Garcia, Brenda Morales and 29 others

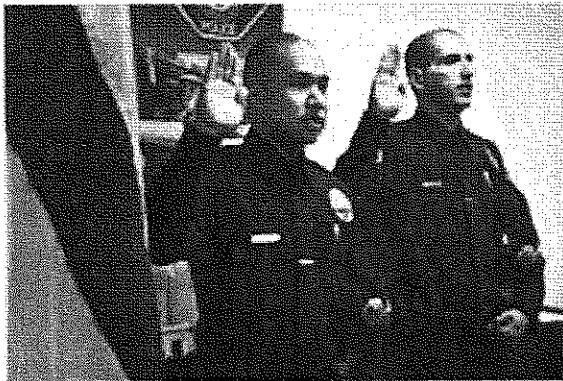
View 4 more comments

Anna Pulido Why not? Omg when did this happen
 Like Reply Message August 20 at 8:58 AM

Rocio Ramirez When is this event?
 Like Reply Message August 20 at 10:00 AM

Garden Grove City Mail | All Rights Reserved. The event will be held on...

...positive for St. Louis encephalitis, a disease that can be transmitted to humans. The mosquitoes were trapped earlier this month in Garden Grove, said district spokesman Jared Dever. For more information, please click the attached link. #GardenGrove



Get More Likes, Comments and Shares
 This post is performing better than 80% of other posts on your Page. Boost it to get more great results.

2,817 people reached

The City of #GardenGrove Commemorative 60th Anniversary T-shirts are now for sale! T-shirts are \$10 each and come in either a crewneck or V-neck style. You can place an order by visiting the City's website at <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/>...#60th-anniversary-t-shirt...

Also, don't forget to check out the new 60th Anniversary video, produced by Garden Grove's very own award-winning Garden Grove TV 5, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fG6elAb0Lk&list=PL>.



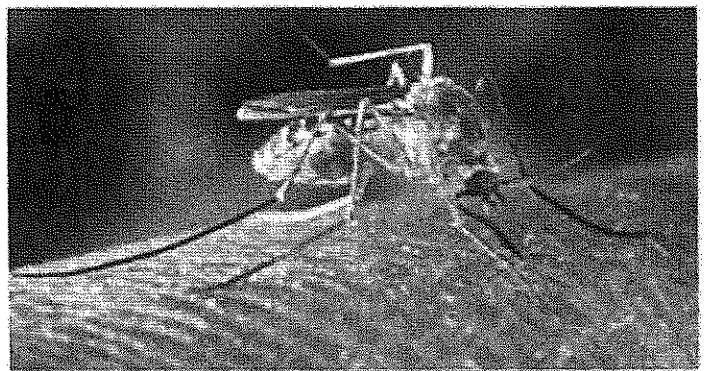
1,249 people reached

Like Comment Share

Brenda Atarogu, Cecar Corrae and 29 others

...positive for St. Louis encephalitis, a disease that can be transmitted to humans.

The mosquitoes were trapped earlier this month in Garden Grove, said district spokesman Jared Dever. For more information, please click the attached link. #GardenGrove



Encephalitis is newest virus in mosquito arsenal in O.C.

For the first time in 30 years, Orange County mosquitoes have tested positive for St. Louis encephalitis, a disease that can be transmitted to humans, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District announced Monday.

4,817 people reached

Like Comment Share

Brenda Atarogu, Cecar Corrae and 29 others



Garden Grove City Hall

Powered by Garden Grove Public Works (714) 761-1414

Wishing our Garden Grove Unified School District students a great school year! #GardenGrove

Don't forget to share your first day of school photos with #GGUSD by hashtagging #GGUSDPride!



Garden Grove Unified School District

GGUSD Ready to Welcome Students Back for 2016-2017 School Year Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) is ready to welcome back more than 45,000 students on September 1, the first day of the 2016-2017 school year. The new year...

GGUSD-16

223 people reached

Boost Post

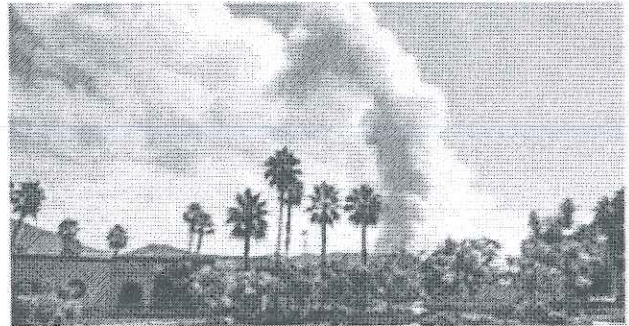
Like Comment Share

Lucas Rennie, Barbara Duffy (barman) and 8 others

UPDATE (9/1/16): The County of Orange has deactivated the Emergency Operations Center and its Public Information hotline. Emergency Operations Center staff will continue to monitor Holy Jim as firefighters continue working to contain the fire currently burning in the Cleveland National Forest.

Members of the public who have questions related to the Holy Jim Fire may call the US Forest Service hotline at (951) 736-1811 or visit www.OCEmergencyNews.com.

See More



155-acre brush fire burning near Holy Jim Canyon in Cleveland National Forest; voluntary evacuation orders issued

UPDATE (9/1/16): The County of Orange has deactivated the Emergency Operations Center and its Public Information hotline. Emergency Operations Center staff will continue to monitor Holy Jim as firefighters continue working to contain the fire currently burning in the Cleveland National Forest.

3,396 people reached

Boost Post

Like Comment Share

Anna Pablo, Wyatt, Erin Hernandez and 10 others

3 shares



City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Aug 29

Good Morning, #GardenGrove! Today will reach a high of 89°F & a low of 66°F.



City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Aug 28

Elvis Festival Ready to Shake, Rattle and Roll on Main Street this Sunday. ci.garden-grove.ca.us/elvis-festival...



City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove · Aug 25

**UPDATE on the Street Improvement Project on Knott and Valley View in #GardenGrove -- > ow.ly/xMhg303CBL

Garden Grove Police Department

Like Page

This investigation is ongoing. If anyone has information, please call the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704. #GGPD



Updated: Teen in critical condition after shooting outside Garden Grove restaurant

GARDEN GROVE - A 15-year-old boy was critically hurt in a shooting Monday night outside Alberto's Mexican Food in Garden Grove, authorities said.

Source: USA Today (7/16/2011) [View article](#)

3,782 people reacted

Share Post

Like Comment Share

Kathi Wierke, Mary Goussios and 41 others

Chronological

View 10 more updates

60

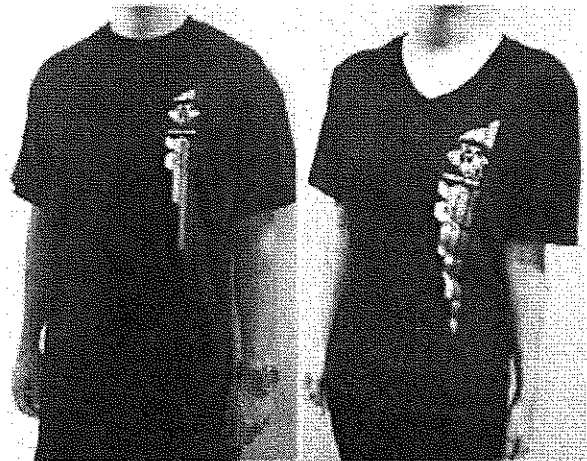
Today will reach a high of 87°F & a low of 67°F. Great weather for some tacos, #GardenGrove!



City of Garden Grove

60

City of #GardenGrove Commemorative 60th Anniversary T-shirts are now for sale! Place order @ ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commissary/60th



60

City of Garden Grove

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone w/ information, call @GardenGrovePD at (714) 741-5704. #GGPD



Breaking: Police responding to shooting at Garden Grove restaurant
GARDEN GROVE - Police are responding to a reported shooting at Alberto's Mexican Food at 12521 Harbor Blvd. in Garden Grove, according to...

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

September 1, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Zoning Administrator Meeting agenda for the Thursday, September 8, 2016 meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated August 24, 26, 30 and 31, 2016.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1, 2016 – September 13, 2016

	September		City of Garden Grove Food Drive Donation Box Locations: City Hall (1 st Floor) Fire and Police Departments Municipal Service Center and Senior Center
Thursday	September 1		Casual Day Garden Grove Unified School District First Day of School
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Friday	September 2		City Hall Closed
Monday	September 5		City Hall Closed
		6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Tuesday	September 6	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC B Room
Thursday	September 8	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting CMC Constitution Room
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Saturday	September 10	Noon	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Hitia O Te Ra Polynesian Dance Festival" Festival Amphitheater
Sunday	September 11	7:30 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "15 th Anniversary Observance of 9/11" Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	September 13	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Valley View Indian Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, CMC A Room
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, CMC A Room



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

Thursday, September 8, 2016
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

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

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

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Hall Third Floor Training Room at the time of the meeting.

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. MINOR MODIFICATION TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-333-11

APPLICANT: Mai Khuong
LOCATION: 12072 Knott Street #A

REQUEST: A Minor Modification to Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-333-11 to modify the approved floor plan from nonpermanent walls to permanent walls, and to modify the approved hours of operation to the existing 2,400 square foot tenant space. The site is in the PUD-105-71 Rev. 90 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT



Aug. 26, 2016
Issue #74

No Place Like Home Program Analysis

Gov. Jerry Brown on July 1 signed into law the No Place Like Home program ([AB 1618](#), Chapter 43, Statutes of 2016). This program will distribute \$2 billion dollars among counties as deferred payment loans to finance capital costs of permanent supportive housing for persons who are eligible for services under Proposition 63 (2004) and are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness. The Legislature intends that that the loans will not have to be repaid. *For more, see Page 2.*



Helpful Clean Up to Last Year's CRIA Law Goes to Governor *Cities Encouraged to Send Signature Request Letters on AB 2492*

The Assembly on a bipartisan vote on Monday passed [AB 2492 \(Alejo and Garcia\)](#). This League-sponsored measure contains helpful clean up to facilitate implementation of last year's [AB 2 \(Alejo and Garcia\)](#), which authorized Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs). *For more, see Page 3.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$11.5 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing Apartments in Fresno

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 4.*

This funding program is critical to aid in the effort to end homelessness. California has an estimated affordable housing shortage of more than one million homes. Funding provided by the state for the development and preservation of affordable homes dropped by 79 percent, from approximately \$1.7 billion annually to nearly nothing today. The No Place Like Home program marks the state's first effort to reinvest dollars into housing for the homeless in recent history.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will administer the program in consultation with an advisory committee. This committee comprises directors of various state departments including HCD and Health Care Services Department as well as county administrative officers, a representative of an affordable housing organization and an administrative officer of a city. The committee will assist and advise the department in the implementation of the program. It will also review and make recommendations on the department's guidelines and review the department's progress in distributing funds and lastly provide advice and guidance more broadly on statewide homelessness issues.

The funding will be divided into a competitive program (\$1.8 billion) and a non-competitive program (\$200 million) for counties. HCD will develop final guidelines, however, the bill includes requirements for the general outline of the programs as described below.

Competitive Program (\$1.8 billion)

For the competitive loan program, counties will be grouped into four categories based on total population, within which they will compete for funding: Los Angeles County, large counties with a population greater than 750,000, medium counties with a population between 200,000 and 750,000, and small counties with a population less than 200,000. HCD will distribute funding among the groupings based on a calculation that includes the number of homeless persons residing within each county and considers minimum funding levels necessary for a permanent supportive housing development.

Criteria for the competitive program include:

1. A county may apply as the sole applicant if it is the development sponsor or jointly with a separate entity as development sponsor.
2. Funded developments must integrate the target population with the general public.
3. Funded developments must utilize low barrier tenant selection practices that prioritize vulnerable populations and offer flexible, voluntary, and individualized supportive services.
4. The guidelines can provide for alternative housing models, such as shared housing models of fewer than five units. Integration requirements may be modified in shared housing.
5. Funds will be offered as deferred payment loans to finance capital costs including acquisition, design, construction, rehabilitation, or preservation, and to capitalize operating reserves of, permanent supportive housing for the target population.
6. Guidelines adopted by HCD must include establishing income and rent standards.

The small county category is guaranteed access to at least 8 percent of the total funds. There is also the option of an "alternative process" for the counties with more than 5 percent of the statewide homeless population to access funding directly, but this option limits the amount of funding an alternative county may access to their proportionate share of the homeless count. If money is left over in any of the tiers, it reverts back to the overall fund and will be made available to other counties. AB 1618 requires a minimum of four competitive funding rounds which will occur over five years. If additional funding is available at the end of the four rounds, further rounds of funding may be provided. Additional rounds are not required to comply with the competitive groupings, small county set aside, or alternative process.

Non-Competitive Program (\$200 million)

In order to jumpstart the program, HCD will distribute \$200 million in initial "over the counter", non-competitive, funding to finance construction, rehabilitation, or preservation, and to capitalize

operating reserves, of permanent supportive housing for individuals in the target population with a priority for those with mental health supportive needs who are homeless or at risk of chronic homelessness. Funds will be made available to all counties within the state and are proportionate to the number of homeless persons residing within each county with a minimum funding level of \$500,000. Funds not awarded within 18 months following the first allocation will revert to the competitive program.

Technical Assistance and Reporting Requirements

The proposal also includes \$6.2 million for the department to provide technical and application preparation assistance to counties based on size and allows up to 5 percent of funds to be used for state administrative costs.

Counties receiving funds are required to provide an annual report to HCD including information on the funded supporting housing development. Additional reported information must include location of projects, number of units assisted, occupancy restrictions, number of individuals and households served, related income levels, and homeless, veteran and mental health status. The department also must report to the Legislature annually on the processes established for distributing funds, the distribution of funds among counties, and any recommendations as to modifications to the program for the purpose of improving efficiency or furthering the goals of the program. Lastly, the department is required to hire an outside contractor for overall program evaluation.

The Legislature also authorized a \$1 million General Fund loan to support program implementation prior to the receipt of bond funds. Specifically, the loan is to allow the department to begin program activities, including, but not limited to, drafting program guidelines and regulations.

Bond Financing Cleanup Bill and Next Steps

While the Legislature has adopted the policy framework in AB 1618, an additional measure is pending (AB 1628, Committee on Budget) that outlines the bond financing and mechanics of how it will be taken from Prop. 63 revenues. This measure would facilitate and authorize the issuance of bonds by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) for the purposes of establishing a loan program for counties to develop and administer permanent supported housing for homeless. The measure establishes a framework for the provision of housing through authorized service contract, address loans to be made by CHFFA for supportive housing, specifies the use for funds for projects across the state, and provides administrative structure for the program. Additionally, AB 1628 provides for direct funding from this program for the few cities that currently provide mental health services and are already eligible for Prop. 63 funding.

What Cities Need to Be Doing

Prop. 63 provides funding to counties and cities providing mental health services that were grandfathered into the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act. Therefore, the No Place Like Home program cannot provide direct funding to cities with a few exceptions. However, there is already some indication that the No Place Like Home program guidelines may reward counties that have an active partnership with their cities. In order to be best positioned for funding to be used in their jurisdiction, cities should be working with their county and other community based organizations now to provide for the development of supportive housing and services for the homeless.

'AB 2492' Continued from Page 1...

Now on Gov. Jerry Brown's desk, AB 2492 in brief:

- Clarifies the ways to calculate employment and crime data, based on input from the Employment Development Department and Department of Justice;
- Authorizes CRIAs to access several additional forms of financing that are available to Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts;
- Allows countywide and citywide income data to be used when designating areas, in addition to statewide income data, in recognition of regional income differences; and

- Allows state designated disadvantaged communities to more easily use the CRIA tool, which aligns economic development efforts with statewide objectives to reinvest in struggling communities and improve their environments.

The League thanks Assembly Members Luis Alejo (D-Salinas) and Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) for their continued leadership in helping restore this tool to revitalize disadvantaged areas within local communities. Cities are encouraged to submit signature request letters on this measure. A sample letter is available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging AB 2492 into the search function.

'CSCDA: Fresno' 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 \$11,555,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for El Cazador Apartments in Fresno.

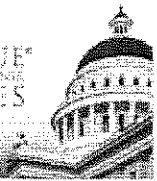
About El Cazador Apartments

El Cazador Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 100 affordable housing apartments by El Cazador, LP. The project sponsor is Redwood Housing Partners. El Cazador will become 100 percent affordable and provide one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments to low-income residents in Fresno.

CSCDA and Redwood Housing Partners partnered with Citibank to provide tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for El Cazador. The rehabilitation will include the following: new roof coating system, upgraded HVAC systems, upgraded boilers, modernized landscaping, construction of a new community building (including management office, computer lab, library and fitness room), new security camera system, upgraded lighting, upgraded unit interiors and upgraded appliances. The financing of El Cazador 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.



Aug. 30, 2016
Issue #75

SB 1069 Erodes Local Control and Fails to Provide True Solution to State's Need for More Affordable Housing Bill Returning to Senate for Concurrence and on to Governor

There is no arguing that California has a housing problem. Rent and housing costs continue to increase and California's affordable housing stock is not sufficient to meet the needs of the state's residents, especially in some of the most congested areas. California needs more policies that provide affordable housing funding and unfortunately legislation that is purported to help the housing crisis, in fact would do little to alleviate the problem. The measure has one more step before being sent to Gov. Jerry Brown and cities should be ready to submit veto request letters to him. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Removes Opposition to Development Bonus Legislation

The League last week removed its opposition to AB 1934 (Santiago), legislation on development bonuses. Assembly Member Miguel Santiago's (D-Los Angeles) legislation creates a development bonus when a commercial developer enters into an agreement with an affordable housing developer to contribute to a project to develop affordable housing. The legislator recently accepted a number of League-offered amendments that are designed to make the law more workable at the local level. *For more, see Page 2.*



HUD Announces Grant to Help Communities Support Needs of Homeless Youth *Nov. 30 is Deadline to Apply*

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will select up to 10 communities to participate in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) to develop and execute a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. *For more, see Page 2.*

'SB 1069' Continued from Page 1...

SB 1069 (Wieckowski) seeks to further restrict local governments' authority to impose requirement on second units (aka granny flats). The bill, which renames these accessory dwelling units (ADUs), requires that these units be approved ministerially under certain conditions.

Cities would be prohibited from imposing parking standards on units that are:

- Located within one-half mile of public transit (which is undefined and there is no guarantee that this transit has to be frequent and reliable commuting transit);
- Located within an architecturally and historically significant district;
- Part of an existing primary residence;
- When on-street parking permits are required but not offered to ADU occupant; and
- When the ADU is within one block from a car sharing vehicle.

In addition, the measure places confusing restrictions on water and sewer connection and capacity fees that will require re-calculation of existing fees.

The League has long advocated for policies that truly address California's epic affordable housing crisis. In fact, this is one of the organization's top strategic priorities for 2016. No Place Like Home will help homeless and men, women and children at risk of homelessness get into supportive housing. This is the type of legislation that will make a difference.

SB 1069 fails to adequately address the wide variety of factors and infrastructure, including parking, utilities, neighborhood character, spillover effects on adjacent areas, etc. necessary to expand housing units in communities. Nor does it recognize the transportation and parking needs of different individuals and families. The measure just further erodes local governments' ability to approve housing and will likely lead to more restrictive housing policies at the local level.

Next Steps

The Assembly passed SB 1069 on a 42-17 vote on Monday, Aug. 29. The bill now returns to the Senate for concurrence before reaching Gov. Jerry Brown's desk. The League will be requesting a veto. An action alert has been posted online at www.cacities.org/billsearch. Plug in AB 1069 into the search function to access the alert. The veto letters will be added when drafted.

'AB 1934' Continued from Page 1...

AB 1934 offers a new system for commercial developers to get bonuses on their commercial development projects if they agree to contribute to an affordable housing development. It requires a three-way agreement between the local governments and the developers before any project would be approved. This could be a beneficial program that will lead to more affordable housing in communities struggling to provide affordable options to their residents. There is also a five year sunset and reporting provisions in the law to help the state track the effectiveness of the program.

'Grants' Continued from Page 1...

The purpose of the YHDP is to learn how communities can successfully approach the goal of preventing and ending youth homelessness by building comprehensive systems of care for young people rather than implementing individual or unconnected projects that serve populations. In order to effectively implement a system that addresses the needs of youth experiencing homelessness, Continuum of Care must understand the subgroups of unaccompanied youth, including pregnant and parenting, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ), and minor age youth experiencing homelessness and the unique challenges they face within their communities.

Deadline and Application

All applications for this program are due by Nov. 30.

For more information, please visit the [Funding Opportunity Announcement via Grants.gov](#).



Aug. 24, 2016
Issue #72

IN THIS ISSUE:

- Page 4: AB 1217: The Opening Wedge to State Take-Over of Joint Powers Authorities
- Page 5: DOF
Make Plans to Attend the Speaker Theater during Annual Conference
- Page 6: High-Speed Broadband in California Public Libraries

Demographics are Destiny and Costly

A Wave of New Employees will follow the Silver Tsunami, Rapidly Retiring Generation

AB 2835's (Cooper) estimated \$350 million annual cost will only grow as new employees become the new norm. Cities will face workforce demands as baby-boomers turn retirement age. Workforce supply issues will be amplified by proposed burdensome and costly requirements for new employee orientations. The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) has reported that large numbers of Californians are reaching retirement age. *For more, see Page 2.*



Bill Protecting Code Enforcement Officers Heads to Governor

Cities Urged to Request Governor's Signature on League Co-Sponsored Legislation

Legislation establishing the Code Enforcement Officers Standards Act is now on Gov. Jerry Brown's desk. Co-sponsored by the League and the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers, Assembly Member Ken Cooley's (D-Rancho Cordova) AB 2228 directs the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers to develop and maintain standards for the various classes of Certified Code Enforcement Officers. Standardized training will ensure consistent enforcement, improve officer safety, in addition to reducing potential local agency liability. This measure promotes such training without imposing a mandate of any kind. *For more, see Page 3.*

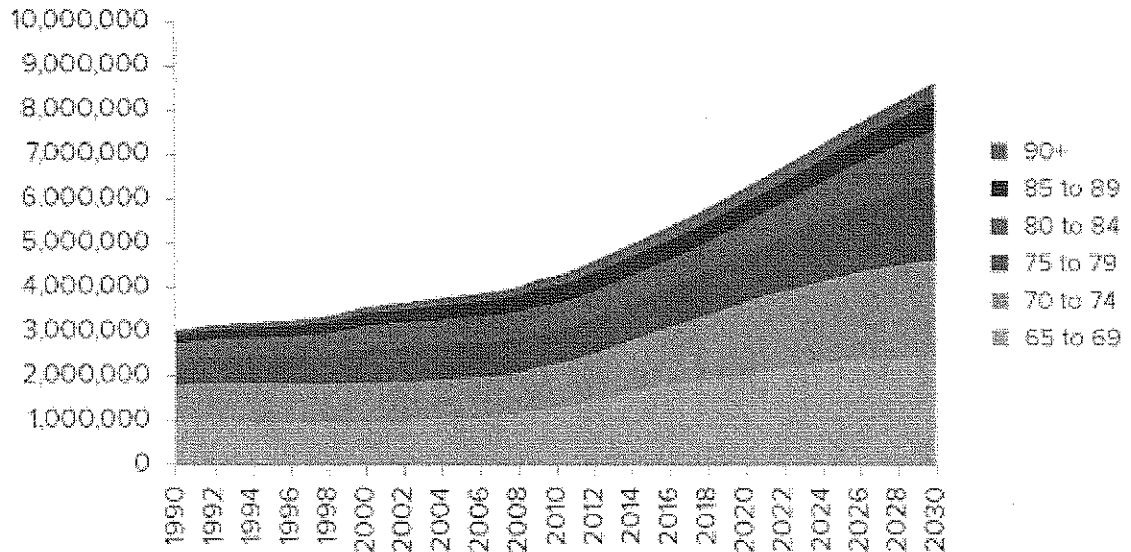


Legislation Giving State Appointments to SCAQMD Threatens Local Control

Amendments taken last week to SB 1387 (de León) do not rectify the bad precedent this legislation establishes by giving state additional authority over appointments to a regional board. Under SB 1387, the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly will appoint one new member each to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board (SCAQMD) who represent disadvantaged communities within the district. This measure is now eligible for a vote in the Assembly and cities are urged to take action immediately to communicate their opposition. *For more, see Page 3.*

The numbers are astounding and foretelling of not-so distant workforce issues that will face nearly every industry, including public service. According to PPIC, the total number of adults age 65 and older will reach 8.6 million by 2030, totaling 19 percent of the population. This research came to no surprise, as the Pew Research Center reported in 2010, that roughly 10,000 baby boomers will turn 65 years old every day for the next 19 years.

PPIC: California's senior population will nearly double by 2030



SOURCE: PPIC via State of California, Department of Finance, State and County Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity, Sex, and Age 2010-2060, Sacramento, California, December 2014. NOTE: See Technical Appendix A for detailed tables and Technical Appendix B for data and methods used to generate the projections.

While the focus of this demographic trend will surely be on providing a high level of care to seniors, public agencies (cities, counties, schools, special districts, etc.) will be tasked with training a wave of new employees. Measures like AB 2835 will hinder efforts to introduce new employees into the workforce to meet the growing demand. AB 2835 requires public agencies to provide all newly hired employees with 30-minutes of paid time to allow each recognized labor union an opportunity to organize new members. Under this measure, the local agency will not only have to pay each new employee to attend, but would have to pay each union representative to come and present to their respective bargaining unit. Some cities, depending on size have as many as 15 different bargaining units — making compliance for this proposal an incredible cost driver and a logistical nightmare. The Department of Finance estimated that to implement, the Aug. 1 version of AB 2835 would cost \$350 million annually for both state and local agencies, with approximately \$70 million being the local cost. It is unclear whether the cost estimate accounts for demographic trends but nonetheless they will be a cost driver.

Preliminary results of an internal League survey, with over 100 city respondents, found that the average expected staff turnover over the next five to 10 years is 37 percent, varying little between city size and staff. One city reported an expected staff turnover of 67 percent and many others estimate 50 percent or more due to expected retirements. While the real number of retirements will vary by staff size, the growing number will require a number of new employee hires.

AB 2835, which is a band leader in the "Dance of Bad Ideas" that comes at the end of the two-year legislative session, is worse in context with demographic trends.

Next Steps

Cities are urged to send letters opposing AB 2835 to their senator. A sample letter, along with the League's opposition letter, is available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging AB 2835 into the search function.

Uniform training standards will address potential liability issues that some cities have confronted as a result of inconsistent and improper enforcement. In addition, this measure addresses the critical need for improved training required to help ensure officer safety in adversarial situations that can turn violent, including early recognition of danger signs. This measure will facilitate consistent adherence to due process procedures and enhance working conditions for code enforcement officers, as well as the quality of service they provide their respective communities.

A key impetus for this bill has been the frequency of threats against and assaults upon code enforcement officers while serving warrants, issuing citations for code violations, enforcing animal control regulations, and conducting inspections. This has given rise to the need for enhanced training for code enforcement officers in terms of situational awareness and protecting their own safety.

Background

Currently, training of code enforcement officers is not uniform across jurisdictions and is in part dependent on local resources. In some instances, municipal code enforcement officers have failed to observe due process procedures when addressing violations, triggering liability for cities. In September 2008, in *Moreno v. City of Sacramento*, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the city to pay \$782,623 for damages and plaintiff's attorneys fees resulting from violations of a store owner's constitutional due process rights that resulted in the improper demolition of a building that he owned and was in the process of renovating in response to a city code enforcement action.

In fairness, in many jurisdictions code enforcement is a catch-all local regulatory function in which random responsibilities not clearly within the scope of duties of other municipal departments, end up in the hands of code enforcement officers. The variety of responsibilities they are asked to undertake has led code enforcement officers to evolve into regulatory generalists, in some cases without appropriate or adequate training for the specific responsibility to be discharged. The *Moreno* litigation is evidence that municipalities can avoid significant liability if they are provided a mechanism for uniform training in constitutional law, supervision, and professional ethics. This measure provides that mechanism, at absolutely no cost to the state.

Next Steps

Cities are urged to send Governor Brown a letter requesting his signature on AB 2228. A sample letter cities can use is available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging AB 2228 into the search function.

Regional boards should be overwhelmingly comprised of representatives selected by and from local communities within the geographic region. Having a disproportionate number of state-appointed members completely undermines the role and effectiveness of a regional board and transforms it into a regional board in name only. Giving the state this authorization is akin to giving a county board of supervisors responsibility over appointing 40 percent of city planning commissioners for cities in the county.

While SB 1387 only deals with SCAQMD, it could lead to more state meddling in matters that should be addressed locally by locally elected and appointed officials. Its overreach can be summarized in three key ways:

- **Undermines local control.** SB 1387 tips the scales of equity by giving state representatives almost 40 percent of the seats on a regional board that is meant to represent local interests and is currently represented by city and county officials from four counties.
- **Unnecessarily increases state control.** SB 1387 is not needed to appoint underrepresented stakeholders on the SCAQMD board. Current law already provides the Governor, Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly appointments

on the SCAQMD governing board; there are no restrictions on the Senate and Assembly appointments.

- **Bypasses the Democratic process.** With the exceptions of the current state appointees, the SCAQMD board is made up of county supervisors, mayors, and council members, all elected by voters. Additionally, the five city selection appointments are elected in open meetings at each of the four counties' City Selection Committees. SB 1387 bypasses public participation by adding more political appointments to the SCAQMD board.

City officials from SCAQMD have been voicing their concerns and opposition to SB 1387 in a series of op-eds that have run in newspapers throughout California. These include:

- Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren drafted an op-ed that ran in the *Riverside Press Enterprise*, the *San Bernardino Sun* and *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*.
- Former Redlands Mayor Carole Beswick drafted an op-ed that ran in *Capitol Weekly* and *Public CEO*
- Burbank Mayor Jess Talamantes drafted an op-ed that ran in the *LA Daily News*.
- Members of the League's Riverside Division Executive Committee drafted an op-ed that ran in the *Desert Sun*.
- Montebello Mayor Pro Tem Vivian Romero drafted an op-ed that ran in the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*.
- Industrial Association of Contra Costa County Executive Director Jack Bean drafted an op-ed that ran on *Fox & Hounds*.

Next Steps

City officials are urged to take action immediately to communicate their opposition to their Assembly member. SB 1387 could be voted on at any time.

AB 1217: The Opening Wedge to State Take-Over of Joint Powers Authorities *Legislation Going to Governor, Cities Urged to Request Veto*

A bill on its way to Gov. Jerry Brown's desk will establish the legal precedent for state interference in the governance of local joint powers authorities (JPAs). AB 1217 (Daly) is limited in scope to the Orange County Fire Authority, but opens the door to state micromanagement of JPAs *throughout* California.

Conflicts with Local Control and Subsidiarity

The bill codifies a change that the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) has already imposed on itself, namely preventing its board members from appointing alternates. This begs the question of why this legislation is even necessary. At this point its sole value is that of establishing a legal precedent of state interference in the governance structure of a joint powers authority, opening the door to future and far more intrusive state interference in the internal affairs of these local agencies, in direct contradiction to the doctrine of subsidiarity.

Origins: Collective Bargaining Dispute

AB 1217 was initially related to collective bargaining negotiations pending between OCFA and a local labor union. The bill has been significantly amended from its original form, which sought to reduce the size of OCFA, thereby disenfranchising a number of its member cities. The specifics of the collective bargaining dispute are irrelevant. The heart of the matter is the disturbing precedent for all joint powers authorities if this measure should meet with the Governor's approval.

Why the Bill Represents a Bad Legal Precedent

JPAs are set up to be entirely self-governing. They are empowered to set rules of membership and take various actions affecting their own governance, including dissolution, if that is agreed

upon by the local agencies who voluntarily formed it in the first place. The agencies forming the JPAs are therefore in the best position to set the rules of governance, not the Legislature.

Not Really a District Bill

Again, this measure establishes the troubling legal precedent of state interference in the governance of a JPA. It is far from being, as it has been characterized, merely a district bill. If that were true, the cities of West Hollywood, Visalia, and Burlingame, jurisdictions far beyond the borders of Orange County would not be opposed. They see this bill for the opening wedge that it is.

A Peek behind the Curtain

Another telling motivation for this measure is language which appeared in the June 23, 2016 version of the bill, but was removed in the face of vigorous opposition from a combination of Senate Republicans representing Orange County, the League of California Cities® and cities most directly affected:

- *Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to reevaluate the structure of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Fire Authority within a reasonable date of the effect of this act to consider the effectiveness of the size and structure of the board.*

The objective was one of continued oversight and interference by the Legislature in the governance and internal affairs of a local joint powers authority, voluntarily formed by local agencies with a common agenda. A hammer of this kind would have subverted the credibility of joint powers law in California, which purports to empower local agencies to act cooperatively to resolve their own challenges and problems without calling upon the state for assistance. While the above language is no longer contained in AB 1217, it continues to inform the lingering motive behind the bill: to use state legislation as a weapon against the duly authorized exercise of local authority.

Why All California Cities have a Stake in the Outcome

Even if your city is outside Orange County and not immediately affected by this measure, your mayor or city manager should be urged to send a letter requesting a veto. This bill still sets a bad precedent in that it represents state interference in the governance of a local joint powers authority. Today it is a measure affecting a lone joint powers authority. Tomorrow, it may be another bill hitting much closer to home, interfering with one of your local agencies, and citing AB 1217 as a precedent.

Next Steps

Cities are encouraged to contact the Governor immediately to urge him to veto this precedent setting legislation. The League has prepared a sample letter that cities can use, which is available at www.cacities.org/billsearch. Type AB 1217 into the search function to access the letter.

Application Period Opening Oct. 1 for Community-Based Transitional-Housing Grants

Plan Now Since Applications Will Be Awarded on a First-Come Basis

Cities interested in obtaining grants as an incentive to help house and provide transitional services to recently released offenders returning to their communities should prepare now to apply for a new Department of Finance (DOF) program that will offer cash grants to communities willing to site additional facilities. Ideally these facilities help reduce recidivism and improve public safety by enabling law enforcement to better monitor such individuals who may already be in the community. Applications will be opening Oct. 1 and will continue until funds are exhausted.

Cities and counties will be eligible for grants under the new Community-Based Transitional-Housing Program. Established by [SB 837](#), a budget trailer bill approved in June, the program provides \$25 million in grants for cities or counties that agree to site transitional housing connected with support services for recently released offenders. Individual grants can be up to \$2

million, depending on the size of the facility, and priorities will be provided for applications with local matching contributions.

Key features include:

- The applying city or county must agree to issue a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a facility providing transitional housing and supportive services for ex-offenders released from county jail or state prison. While the measure is primarily directed at ex-offenders there is some additional flexibility on the types of individuals housed. The CUP must be for at least 10 years.
- An experienced facility operator must be identified.
- As part of application process, the local agency must include a list of “all permitted facilities ... that in a residential setting, provide transitional housing services, psychological counseling, or cognitive behavioral therapy.” This list must include the number of residents residing in each facility in their jurisdiction, including those on probation or parole. Presumably, state agencies must provide a local agency the information necessary to assemble this information.
- Sixty percent of the grant may be retained by the approving jurisdiction, and can be used for public safety enhancements, community outreach efforts, or any other community-based activities that the local agency believes will improve community relations or concerns with the facility.
- Forty percent of the funding must be shared by the local agency with nonprofit facility operators to support start-up costs, service provision, security improvements, rehabilitative services and community outreach.
- Participating local agencies and facility operators must submit annual reports, as specified.

Next Steps

Given the first-come first-served basis for applying for these funds, the League wanted to alert cities to this coming opportunity. DOF is expected to release this application soon and grant information will be available on its website www.dof.ca.gov by Sept. 1. The League will alert cities through *CA Cities Advocate* once the application and additional information is available.

Make Plans to Attend the Speaker Theater during Annual Conference

Registration Closes Sept. 2

Speaker Theater sessions are once again being planned for this year’s Annual Conference & Expo, Oct. 5-7 in Long Beach. These special sessions, which will be held on the Expo Floor, highlight successful examples of public-private partnerships. Topics feature case studies of innovative projects and programs that have worked in California cities and are presented by elected officials, city staff and industry experts who have found creative solutions to some of the challenging problems that cities face.

Here is a sampling of what will be offered.

Energy Reliability: Understanding the Natural Gas and Electricity Nexus

Presented by Southern California Gas Company

When the sun isn’t shining, wind isn’t blowing and dams aren’t flowing, natural gas is the safe, reliable and affordable energy that powers California cities. As the state moves toward a 50 percent Renewal Portfolio Standard, natural gas will play an even more important role in the state’s energy system. Learn how natural gas helps keep the lights on in your city by putting the “able” in “renewable.”

Charge Ready: Communities Accessing Charge Stations for Their Electric Vehicles

Presented by PG&E and Southern California Edison

Representatives from PG&E and Southern California Edison will provide an overview of the increased demand for charge stations and the strategy of identifying partners to insure that stations are located in convenient venues. PG&E will outline its proposed program to bring some 25,000 EV stations to public and commercial sites across Northern and Central California, including certain disadvantaged communities. Representatives from Edison will highlight its

collaborative approach to working with cities in Southern California to roll out EV charging stations in cities across its service territory. This presentation will also allow for audience to request presentations in their cities with specific opportunities for further detail and dialogue.

Turning Aging and Underutilized City Property into Treasure

Presented by Kronick Moskowitz

Many cities own aging facilities that need to be replaced, or have surface parking lots, maintenance yards, remainder parcels and other properties that are not efficiently used. This panel will explore an innovative public-private partnership between La Habra and homebuilder City Ventures that enabled the city to exchange its aging civic center for an office complex, facilitating a remodeled city hall and an adjacent new home development. Attendees will learn how the deal came together, and how other cities can accomplish their economic development goals and obtain facility upgrades through creative land deal-making.

Improving Public Schools through City Land Use Planning: What is a Charter School?

Presented by California Charter Schools Association

California is home to 1,230 charter public schools serving nearly 10 percent of the public school population in the state. One of the biggest challenges charter schools face is finding a suitable facility. This presentation will focus on how cities can support the improvement of public education through thoughtful land use changes in partnership with charter public schools, and will highlight a case study of the city of San Diego and local charter schools.

Effective Retail Development in a Changing World

Presented by HdL

Retail is in transition. Changing consumer preferences, on-line technology and a shrinking middle class have retailers adapting with smaller stores, evolving concepts and more focused site selection criteria. This session will discuss best practices for attracting retail development in this new environment, achieving tenant mix that is both community appropriate and enhances the tax base, mistakes to avoid and options to consider.

Additional Details

Becoming a speaker in our Speaker Theater requires valid [League Partner](#) membership.

Attending the Speaker Theater requires conference [registration](#), which closes Sept. 2.

High-Speed Broadband in California Public Libraries

The California State Library, joined together with [The Califa Group](#) and the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California ([CENIC](#)) to bring high-speed broadband to all of California's public libraries by connecting to CalREN, a high-capacity 3,800-mile fiber optic network.

The Califa Group, a nonprofit library consortium, has been engaged by the California State Library to manage the rollout process with CENIC. After two years of implementation, 129 out of 176 of the eligible library jurisdictions in the state are either connected or in the process of connecting to CalREN.

Because libraries are central to their communities, connecting them to CalREN will effectively provide all of California's residents with high-performance access to the myriad resources that constitute 21st century digital citizenship, and will provide California with all of the economic benefits of a digitally empowered population.

Public library jurisdictions in the state of California are eligible to connect to CalREN in year three of the project, which began in July 2016. For more information visit www.califa.org/broadband-project or contact broadband@califa.org.

Aug. 31, 2016
Issue #76

IN THIS ISSUE:

Page 3: California Earned Income Tax Credit Questions and Answers Document Available for Grant Applicants

Governor Signs Bill Protecting Code Enforcement Officer

Less than a week after the bill reached his desk, Gov. Jerry Brown on Aug. 30 signed AB 2228 (Cooley) into law. Co-sponsored by the League and the Code Enforcement Officers, this legislation establishes the Code Enforcement Officers Standards Act. *For more, see Page 2.*



Approval of SB 879 in Final Hours of Legislative Session Would Be Important Step in Solving Housing Crisis

Legislators Urged to Support SB 879

With just hours left before the close of this legislative session, the League is urging the Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown to support SB 879 (Beall), the proposed \$3 billion general obligation housing bond. Sen. Jim Beall's (D-San Jose) measure recognizes the housing crisis and the critical role that the state must play in finding solutions. If approved, the bond would be placed on the November 2018 ballot. *For more, see Page 2.*



Sept. 2 Annual Conference Registration Deadline Fast Approaching

Just a few days remain before the registration deadline for the 2016 League of California Cities® Annual Conference & Expo. If you cannot register by the Sept. 2 deadline, on-site registration will be available. The League hotel blocks have all sold out however, hotel rooms can be found through individual hotels and online hotel reservation services. *For more, see Page 2.*

'AB 2228' Continued from Page 1...

Under this law, the board of directors of the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers (CACEO) will develop and maintain standards for the various classes of Certified Code Enforcement Officers and promote training to ensure consistent enforcement and officer safety without imposing any mandates.

The League wishes to thank Assembly Member Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) for his leadership on this important issue. In addition, the League thanks CACEO, the co-sponsor on this legislation, for highlighting the need for legislation promoting standardized training. AB 2228 was inspired by documented instances of avoidable municipal liability, as well as the frequency of threats and assaults on code enforcement officers in the line of duty, whether serving warrants, issuing citations, enforcing animal control regulations or conducting inspections.

For more, please see ["Bill Protecting Code Enforcement Officers Heads to Governor," CA Cities Advocate](#), Aug. 24, 2016.

'Housing' Continued from Page 1...

It is well past time to restore funding for affordable housing in California. The state's future depends on it and the Legislature has not developed a plan to address this mounting crisis. The League is supporting SB 879 because it funds a variety of existing state programs such as Multifamily Housing, CalHome, and Transit-Oriented Development.

Cities are in dire need of assistance. The Proposition 64 and Prop. 1C funds have been spent, \$1.5 billion in annual redevelopment funding has been taken away and between 2005–15 federal investments in critical housing programs were reduced 50 to 77 percent.

The housing shortage has resulted in skyrocketing rents and home prices well above the national average, while also playing a role in the state's homeless population, climbing to 116,000 after years of progress.

For more information, please see ["Sen. Beall's \\$3 Billion Housing Bond Still in Play as Session Winds Down," CA Cities Advocate](#), Aug. 18, 2016.

'Annual Conference' Continued from Page 1...

City officials planning to attend should make note of the topics and sessions being offered this year. Sessions will cover a wide range of issues including addressing homelessness, workplace issues and succession planning, medical marijuana and emergency preparedness. Once again the [Speaker Theater](#) series will be offered featuring case studies of innovative projects and programs that have worked in California cities.

Ethics Training Available

For city officials that need to complete the AB 1234 ethics training, it will be offered on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Since 2005, public officials have been required to attend ethics training. They must complete it within one year of taking office and repeat the training every two years.

Keynote Speakers

There are several fantastic speakers lined up this year, especially the keynotes. On Wednesday, Oct. 5, listen as [Jason Roberts](#) of the [Better Block Project](#) describes how to drive change in communities moving past unproductive committees and outdated regulations.

One of the nation's leading economists, [Christopher Thornberg](#) will captivate attendees on Thursday, Oct. 6, with his perspectives on California's economy and some of the forces that could threaten the economy's rebound — fluctuations in the price of oil, tech bubbles, China and the Middle East. Be there as he explores the stability of the economy, future flash points that cities should track and much more.

California Earned Income Tax Credit Questions and Answers Document Available for Grant Applicants

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) posted a Questions and Answers sheet following the release of its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) last week, inviting interested parties to apply for funding to provide education and outreach services regarding the California Earned Income Tax Credit (Cal EITC). The League originally reported on this in the Aug. 19 issue of *CA Cities Advocate* in "California Earned Income Tax Credit Education and Outreach Grants."

The current Questions and Answers document includes questions received through the Bidders Conference and CSBGDIV@csd.ca.gov inbox. CSD will continue to respond to questions as received regarding the NOFA, through Sept. 11 at noon. Interested applicants are responsible for checking the website periodically for any updates to the Question and Answers document. Additional questions should be submitted to CSBGDIV@csd.ca.gov.

Additionally, the slides from the Bidders Conference have been posted to the CSD website. During the Bidders Conference a request was made for CSD to share the names of organizations interested in applying for funding to allow for potential collaborations. This is intended to allow for applicants who seek expanded collaboration to further coordinate activities. Upon request CSD, will share the names of organizations submitting a Notice of Intent to Apply.

Applicants wishing to make their Notice of Intent to Apply public for collaboration may do so by sending an email to the CSBGDIV@csd.ca.gov requesting their organization to be added to a public list. Applicants wishing to be added should provide their organization name, contact name, phone number and/or email address. The initial public list will be posted on Friday, Sept. 2 and updated periodically to the CSD public website.

Note: CSD will not share the names of organizations submitting a Notice of Intent to Apply that have not opted into this process.

Sept. 1, 2016
Issue #77

Session Ends with Possibilities Still Open on Transportation

Progress Made for Cities and Local Control

Early Thursday morning the Legislature wrapped up its 2015-16 regular session concluding two years dominated by major issues such as minimum wage, climate change, health insurance organization taxes and more. For cities, engagement focused on transportation funding, medical marijuana regulation, economic development, housing affordability and homelessness. Much work was accomplished, but at the close of the session two significant issues affecting cities remain outstanding — transportation and affordable housing funding. With the continuance of the special session on transportation, conversations and negotiations will go on with possible action later in the year or early in the 2017 session. Housing affordability is also expected to remain a major issue next year. Progress was made on other issues for cities on local control.

For more, see Page 2.



End of Session Signature/Veto Webinar Helps Cities Take Action on Measures on Governor's Desk

Now that the Legislature has adjourned the 2015-16 session, the focus shifts solely to legislation that made it to Gov. Jerry Brown's desk. The Governor has until Friday, Sept. 30 to sign or veto the hundreds of bills awaiting his review. Bills he signs will largely go into effect on Jan. 1, 2017. Cities are invited to participate in the League's Sept. 7 end of session webinar where the organization's legislative advocacy team will brief members on the priority bills for cities.

For more, see Page 3.



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$12.7 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for The Culinary Institute of America in St. Helena and Napa

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.*

Transportation

Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) and Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley) last week introduced two bills into the Special Session on Transportation that would generate \$7.4 billion annually for the state's transportation network. This total includes \$2.5 billion for local streets and roads. Supported by the League, SBx1 1 (Beall) and ABx1 26 (Frazier) mirror each other and offer a carefully balanced approach to funding road maintenance and repair with significant reforms.

While the Legislature adjourned the 2015-16 regular session, the special session continues until Nov. 30 giving legislators an opportunity to return to the Capitol to work on transportation funding in what would be known as a "lame duck" session. The Assembly took an important procedural step on Tuesday night to facilitate that work after the Nov. 8 election when Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) officially became Speaker of the special session. This was an important signal of interest by Speaker Rendon, because former Speaker Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) had been listed as special session speaker since convened in 2015. Speaker Rendon will now have the ability to make committee member assignments and assign bills, which will be important between now and Nov. 30.

While there is still further to go, significant progress has been made in getting the challenges faced by local streets and roads onto the agenda of legislative leadership and the Gov. Jerry Brown; all that is needed now is the tenacity and discipline to finish the race.

Cities should remain engaged on transportation and watch for updates from the League. The Fix Our Roads Coalition, of which the League is a founding member, remains focused on working with legislators and stakeholders on passing a workable and sustainable transportation funding package.

Housing

Housing affordability dominated a great deal of the 2016 session. Important progress to assist the homeless was made with the No Place Like Home initiative, which the Governor signed into law on July 1. The \$2 billion program takes a constructive approach by helping the homeless through housing with supportive services. The measure will create an-estimated 10,000-plus housing units throughout the state, with funding coming from Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act.

Several bills affecting housing planning and approvals were advanced to the Governor, and in most cases the League was successful in obtaining necessary amendments; however, efforts to secure affordable housing funding regrettably stalled.

An effort by Assembly Democrats, supported by the League, to secure \$1.3 billion in excess state General Fund dollars for affordable housing was stymied during the budget negotiations when the funds were instead placed in the state's Rainy Day reserve fund. Disputes later ensued over the Governor's by right housing proposal, which sought to expedite certain housing development via the elimination of opportunities for public input and project-level environmental analysis. This proposal was strongly opposed by labor and environmental organizations, as well as the League.

A late-session effort to place housing and park bonds on the 2018 ballot also faded.

Progress Made on Other Issues

While work goes forward on transportation and affordable housing funding, progress was made in other areas: the League was successful in getting numerous bills helpful to cities to the Governor's desk. Most bills harmful to city interests were either stopped or amended to resolve city concerns.

The League thanks city officials for their continued assistance on the many legislative issues pending during the 2016 session.

'Sign/Veto' Continued from Page 1...

The League on Tuesday, Sept. 6 will issue a list of all priority bills on the Governor's desk. This list will serve as the foundation of the Sept. 7 webinar. In addition, sign and veto sample letters will be available for cities to use on the League's website at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging the bill number into the search function.

Webinar Details

- Sept. 7, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- Free for League members and partners. Others will be charged \$100
- Two connections per city
- [Register](#) by Sept. 2

'CSCDA-CIA' 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 \$12,725,000 in tax-exempt bonds for The Culinary Institute of America located in the cities of St. Helena and Napa.

About The Culinary Institute of America

The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) is the world's premier culinary college, with an industry-wide reputation for excellence and more than 48,000 alumni serving their professions as a living testament to the quality of a CIA education.

Responding to a growing need for food and wine professional development on the West Coast, the college opened The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone, a branch campus located in the heart of California's Napa Valley. The campus is situated in and around the Greystone Cellars building formally owned by Christian Brothers. First offering continuing education programs for foodservice professionals, the California campus grew to include associate degree programs and food enthusiast classes.

Expanding the college's California campus and its presence in wine country, the CIA recently acquired the property that was Copia, the former center for food, wine, and the arts in downtown Napa. The Culinary Institute of America at Copia will offer food and wine education programs, as well as industry leadership conferences and initiatives. Visitors can anticipate new programs focused on food and wine, new dining facilities, an expanded calendar of special events, a public museum, and other consumer-focused experiences. The Food Business School will also be headquartered there.

CSCDA partnered with J.P. Morgan to underwrite the \$12,725,000 in tax-exempt bonds for the CIA. The bonds will be used to renovate the Greystone campus in the city of St. Helena, and the Copia facilities in the city of Napa.

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.
