

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**September 8, 2016**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG**

A copy of the Public Records requests for the month of August 2016 is provided by the City Clerk for your information.

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

- A.** Email from Andrea West, Government Relations for Orange County Transportation Authority, detailing information regarding the 91 Freeway weekend shift closures beginning on September 9 through November 21.

**• 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

**PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST – AUGUST 2016**

#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
2093	08/31/16	Ashley Schwintek The Claims Center for AT&T	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am looking for an incident report the FD may have responded to as AT&amp;T had property damage to their pole from a vehicle accident.</p> <p>Date: 4/14/2016; if nothing found please check from 4/1-4/15/2016 as the date could be a bit off.</p> <p>Lo...</p> <p>Would like copy of 410 Forms for past four election cycles for all the candidates committees in Garden grove.</p>	Fire Admin	09/12/16	
2092	08/31/16	John Edmond Edmond Group	<p>I would like the complete form specifically looking at schedule A. Would like to have addresses included as would like to do an analy...</p> <p>Copy of the Fire Department Incident Report for a house fire that occurred on May 1, 2012, at the property located at 12561 Walnut Avenue in Garden Grove.</p>	City Clerk	09/01/16	08/31/16
2091	08/31/16	Larry Haigh	<p>Please provide the Paramedic Report for JUSTIN HOLMAN for a MVA on 12/30/2014 at 1001 hours at Cardinal Circle and Harbor Blvd. Other parties were Margarita Sandoval (driving a Diversified Trans van),Edward Tepox, Phuong Tran and Edgardo Anselmo ...</p>	Fire Admin	09/12/16	08/31/16
2090	08/30/16	Michele Todd / Scott Smith, Esq. Smith & Susson LLP		Fire Admin	09/09/16	

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<u>2089</u>	08/30/16	Michele Todd / Scott Smith, Ewq, Smith & S	Please provide the paramedic report for JUSTIN HOLMAN for a MVA on 12/30/2014 at 1001 hours at Cardinal Circle and Harbor Blvd. Other parties were Margarita Sandoval driving a Diversified Trans van,Edward Tepox, Phuong Tran and Edgardo Anselmo dr...		09/09/16	08/30/16
<u>2088</u>	08/30/16	Thomas Le Le's Builders Inc.	Hello, I would like to request the permit history, property history, and any other records pertaining to the property located at 9622 Skylark Blvd. in Garden Grove. If possible, I would like also like to know the property lines, minimum set bac... Subject: Public Records Request: Lease Summary Report or PDFs of Relevant Leases	Engr Services Building Serv	09/09/16	
<u>2087</u>	08/25/16	Skip Rudolf PublicAssets, Ltd.	Hi City Clerk, We are requesting a Lease Summary or similar report with a different name in which the City pays rent to non-governmental, third-parties for comm... A complete list of all current active businesses in the city of Garden Grove included: Business name, address, phone numbers, owner's name and the type of business/business category in an electronic file.	Real Property	09/06/16	08/31/16
<u>2086</u>	08/25/16	Lily Nguyen Nguoi Viet Daily News		Revenue Management	09/06/16	08/31/16

Thank you!

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<u>2085</u>	08/25/16	Lily Nguyen Nguoi Viet Daily News	A complete list of all current active businesses in the city of Garden Grove included: Business name, address, phone numbers, owner's name and the type of business/business category in an electronic file.	City Clerk	09/06/16	08/25/16
			Thank you!			
<u>2084</u>	08/24/16	Lisa Herzog Law Office of Lisa Herzog	Please see the attached request for documents pertaining to Penco Engineering, Inc. from January 1, 2013 to the present.	Engr Services Public Works Adm Fiscal Services City Clerk	09/06/16	
<u>2083</u>	08/24/16	Quinn Nguyen	List of new businesses for July and August 2016. I would appreciate the final disposition and completed compliance requirements of the enforcement violations at 13102 Nelson St. Removal of washers, dryers, electrical and plumbing installed without permits and rear yard set back requirement vi...	Revenue Management	09/06/16	08/24/16
<u>2082</u>	08/24/16		I wonder to know if the business if Visual Revolution Studio at 8912 Dudman Dr. Garden Grove, CA is still on going. If not, please show me its latest business permit record. Thank you.	Building Serv	09/06/16	08/24/16
<u>2081</u>	08/18/16	Brendan V Nguyen	I would like a copy of the records for ambulance and paramedic services on January 23, 2015 and again on August 8, 2016 from Garden Manor (now called Brookdale) on 10200 Chapman Avenue in	Revenue Management	08/29/16	08/18/16
<u>2080</u>	08/17/16	Laurie Knox		Fire Admin	08/29/16	08/23/16

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			Garden Grove, CA 92840. These services were for Donnalee P...			
			Records for all City Council candidates and mayoral candidates from the 2014 and 2012 elections	City Clerk	08/18/16	08/17/16
<u>2079</u>	08/17/16	Raquel Manriquez	I would like the form 460 files for all city council and mayoral candidates from the 2014 election.	City Clerk	08/18/16	08/17/16
<u>2078</u>	08/17/16		Information regarding potential outstanding fire code violations and recent inspections. Information regarding potential zoning code violations.	City Clerk	08/29/16	08/16/16
<u>2077</u>	08/16/16	Tom Martin	Information regarding potential outstanding building code violations	City Clerk	08/25/16	08/18/16
<u>2076</u>	08/16/16	Joe Sturges	Copy of the nomination forms submitted by all of the candidates for the 2016 Election. PROJECT NO. 7369 - MWD INTERCONNECT AND PRV FACILITIES REHAB - KATELLA AVE.	City Clerk	08/25/16	08/16/16
<u>2075</u>	08/16/16	Doris Johnson Center For Contract Compliance	Please provide the information on the attached request.	City Clerk	08/25/16	08/16/16
<u>2074</u>	08/15/16	Jack Breuer Rubicon Global	Thank you for your assistance. I am requesting the residential and commercial solid waste and recycling franchise agreement between the city of Garden Grove and Republic Services. RE: Public Records Act Request	City Clerk	08/25/16	08/16/16
<u>2073</u>	08/15/16	Mike Perkins	To Whom It May Concern:	Fiscal Services Human Resources City Clerk	08/25/16	08/25/16

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<u>2072</u>	08/15/16	Matthew Cunningham	This request is being made in accordance with California Public Records Act [Cal. Government Code Section 6252] and all other applicable state laws and local public records ordinances... Good morning. Would you please send me the final list of qualified candidates for mayor and city council? And their candidate statements? Thank you! To whom it may concern,	City Clerk	08/25/16	08/15/16
<u>2071</u>	08/15/16	David Morrison	My name is David, I am with Energy Sense Finance, we are a company funded by the Department of Energy to gather data for solar valuation purposes. I am trying to obtain data from you related to building permits that hav... We would like to know how many times the Fire Department responded to 11011 Homeway Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92841 for the period of 01/01/2010 through 07/22/2014. We would like to know the date/time of the incident, nature of the call, incident n...	Building Serv	08/25/16	08/15/16
<u>2070</u>	08/15/16	Sarah Neilson Munoz & Associates	Copy of the incident report for an accident that occurred on July 26, 2016, at the location of 12792 Dale Street in Garden Grove 92841. (G1608497)	Fire Admin	08/25/16	08/16/16
<u>2069</u>	08/15/16	Kim Nguyen	Thank you very much for your help.	Fire Admin City Clerk	08/25/16	08/16/16

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			Site: "Village Center" 7901 - 7955 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA (See Attached Site Map) (7901, 7911, 7915, 7919, 7923, 7927, 7931, 7935, 7939, 7941, 7943, 7945, 7949, and 7955 Garden Grove Blvd.)	Environmental Comp Fire Prevention	08/25/16	08/16/16
	2068 08/15/16	Shannon Castagno Environmental Support Services				
			ESS requests ...			
	2067 08/11/16	Douglas Obando	As per Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting all Housing Code Violations for the 92840 area code within the last 180 days. Thank you for your cooperation.	Neighborhood Impr Building Serv	08/22/16	08/11/16
	2066 08/11/16	Dave	Please provide me with electronic copies of all emails to and from Mayor Bao Nguyen during the period of July 1, 2016 through August 10, 2016, including attachments received and sent.	City Manager Information Systems	09/06/16	
	2065 08/11/16	Kristen Shelton Planning and Zoning Resource Company	Please provide copies of any open/active building and fire code violations for the property located at 7089 to 7091 Belgrave Avenue, parcel 131-344-06. (PZR Ref #96261-45)	Fire Prevention Building Serv	08/22/16	08/16/16
	2064 08/11/16	Lauren Luna Desert Sands	certificate of occupancy for 12821 Knott St, Garden Grove 92841 Public Records/OPRA/FOIA Request	Building Serv	08/22/16	08/11/16
	2063 08/11/16	Brad Austin	Please see the attached request regarding uncashed checks/stale-dated checks.	Fiscal Services	08/22/16	08/22/16
	2062 08/11/16	Connie	Thank you. Electronic Copy of contract between the City of Garden Grove and Reflex Traffic Systems	City Clerk	08/22/16	08/11/16

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			Inc., the company that provides the traffic camera ticketing service.			
	<u>2060</u>	08/10/16 Alex Fernandez	Electronic Copy of contract between the City of Garden Grove and Reflex.	City Clerk	08/22/16	08/11/16
	<u>2059</u>	08/10/16	Copies of any and all building code violations and building permits issued for the property located at 11571 Dorada Ave in Garden Grove.	Building Serv	08/22/16	08/11/16
			Hello, I am looking for some City data to include in our quarterly newsletter. Can you please send over total population for Garden Grove, ethnicity living in Garden Grove (include number and percentage), age group and Garden Grove's percentage a...			
	<u>2058</u>	08/10/16 Amanda Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce		City Clerk	08/22/16	08/16/16
	<u>2057</u>	08/09/16 Cindy Spindle Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce	List of new business opening in Garden Grove in July and August 2016	City Clerk	08/22/16	08/11/16
			I would like to know the Date of Annexation when 12471 W Seveenteenth Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92703 became 12471 Westminster Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92843. Any additional information about the property and ownership would be very much appreciated.			
	<u>2056</u>	08/09/16 CW Sellers, Investigator State Compensation Insurance Fund	PROJECT NO. 7279 - MAGNOLIA STREET IRRIGATION INSTALLATION	City Clerk	08/22/16	08/17/16
	<u>2055</u>	08/09/16 Doris Johnson Center For Contract Compliance	Please provide the information on the attached request.	Engr Services	08/22/16	08/11/16
			Thank you for your assistance.			



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<u>2054</u>	08/09/16	Julie Nilsen Candlewood Suites Garden Grove	We are completing our Marketing Plan for 2017, which includes information on Economic Climate for the city. Is there a report that would tell us new business that is moving into Garden Grove in 2017, new developments breaking ground or under cons...	Economic Dev Planning Serv	08/22/16	08/18/16
<u>2053</u>	08/08/16	WEECO	Any Underground Storage Tanks or Hazardous Waste/Materials records for the site 9122 Garden Grove Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92844	Fire Prevention	08/18/16	08/16/16
<u>2052</u>	08/08/16	Doris Johnson Center For Contract Compliance	Project No. 7359 - West Haven Reservoirs Rehab.  Please provide the information on the attached form.	Water Services City Clerk	08/18/16	08/09/16
<u>2051</u>	08/08/16	Matthew Cunningham	Thank you for your assistance. Good morning! Please send me the most current list of who has pulled papers to run for city council and mayor this November - thank you.	City Clerk	08/18/16	08/09/16
<u>2050</u>	08/08/16	Michelle Kim- Kotval Public Law Center	Matthew Cunningham To Whom It May Concern,  We are requesting the following documents pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Cal Gov. Code §6250 et seq.:	Real Property City Clerk	08/18/16	08/16/16

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			(1) Any and all Affordable Housing agreements between the Garden Grove Agency for Community Devel... Fire Department Records, including photos if available. Date of Loss: 5/25/2016 Loss Address: 11802 Stuart Drive, Garden Grove, California 92843	Fire Admin	08/18/16	08/17/16
	<u>2049</u>	08/08/16 Julie Urbano	property at 13102 nelson st file # 20150314 request enforcement violation inspection report : approx date of inspection Aug 2,2016 thank you	Building Serv	08/18/16	08/11/16
	<u>2048</u>	08/08/16 W Vin	Records of any accidents from the past 6 years at the intersection of Magnolia Street and Ernest Folsom Drive in Garden Grove.	Community Policing	08/15/16	08/11/16
	<u>2045</u>	08/04/16 Armando Lopez Public Defender's Office	I need the list of Candidates that have pulled paperwork to run for office. Names,Address, phone numbers and email address. UN redacted forms	City Clerk	08/11/16	08/04/16
	<u>2044</u>	08/03/16 Kristina Black Freeman Public Affairs	A list of new business for the month of July 2016 for the City of Garden Grove.	Neighborhood Impr Building Serv City Clerk	08/12/16	08/04/16
	<u>2043</u>	08/02/16 Paul Meas	Hello, I'd like to request the list of all homes in your city with Code Violations. Thank you!	Building Serv Neighborhood Impr	08/12/16	08/11/16
	<u>2042</u>	08/02/16 Sharon Karns Dodge Data & Analytics	Hello! I'm checking to see if a few of your bid projects have been awarded to a contractor?	City Clerk	08/12/16	08/02/16

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			If so, I was looking for the awarded contractor and if work had begun? Magnolia Street Irrigation (Installation) - Bid on 5/10/16			
			Poured In Place R... Redevelopment Plan for Project No. 1 (approved and adopted pursuant to ordinance no. 1339 of 1971)			
	<u>2040</u>	08/02/16	Redevelopment Plan for Trask Avenue Project City Clerk (approved and adopted pursuant to ordinance no. 1746 of 1975)		08/25/16	08/16/16
			Redevelopment Plan for Brookhurst/Ch... We would like a copy of the Ordinance that was in effect in December of 1972 adopting the Building Code.			
	<u>2039</u>	08/01/16	ERIS BARILLAS Most likely we think the City of Garden Grove City Clerk at that time adopted the 1970 Uniform Building Code		08/11/16	08/11/16
			Thank you. Would you please send me a current list of who has pulled papers to run for city council and mayor this November?			
	<u>2038</u>	08/01/16	Matthew Cunningham Matthew Cunningham 714-504-4106	City Clerk	08/11/16	08/02/16

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		Jose Sanchez <i>CIRB and California Homebuilding Foundation</i>	Hello, I would like to request the July 2016 issued permit report.	Comm Dev Mgmt Building Serv	08/11/16	08/04/16
<u>2036</u>	08/01/16	Abraham Ahmad	I'm interested in purchasing the business of Arabisc Restaurant and Hookah lounge located at 9562 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92841. Please provide me with all and any information pertaining to this business, including license status, any legal ... August 1, 2016	Environmental Comp Building Serv Planning Serv Neighborhood Impr Revenue Management	08/11/16	08/11/16
<u>2035</u>	08/01/16	Michael Pell <i>Reuters News</i>	Under the California Public Records Act § 6250 et seq., and chapter 119, F.S., I and Reuters jointly request a copy of the settlement agreements for the following case: DANG VS. CITY OF GARDEN GROVE, ID number 8:10-CV-00338. The ...	City Clerk	08/11/16	08/04/16
<u>2034</u>	08/01/16	Sandy Valladares <i>Level2 Security And Automation</i>	List of New businesses for the month of July, 2016.	City Clerk	08/11/16	08/04/16
<u>2033</u>	08/01/16	Andrew Brown <i>Datamart</i>	New Businesses list for July 2016	City Clerk	08/11/16	08/04/16
<u>2032</u>	08/01/16	Chris Davis <i>Market Force One</i>	please send the July new business email in Excel format	City Clerk	08/11/16	08/04/16
<u>2031</u>	08/01/16	Henry Abghari <i>Caltec Corp.</i>	Copies of the subcontractor's list for all bid proposals for Project No. 7664 - Council Chamber Renovation.	Engr Services	08/11/16	08/01/16

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2030	08/01/16	Cliff City of Brea	A copy of the contract between the City of Garden Grove and Spillman Technologies, Inc.	City Clerk	08/11/16	08/01/16
2029	08/01/16	Tim Martin On-Top Promotions	New Business list for GARDEN GROVE 01-01-15 to 07-01-16	Revenue Management	08/11/16	08/04/16
2028	08/01/16	Tim Martin On-Top Promotions	New business list (retail) from -01-01-15 to 8-1 2016	Revenue Management	08/11/16	08/04/16
2027	08/01/16	Tim Martin On-Top Promotions	New business listings all businesses in Garden Grove and surrounding areas.	City Clerk	08/11/16	08/01/16
2026	08/01/16	Tim Martin On-Top Promotions	List of new businesses in Garden Grove and surrounding areas. Starting from 06-01-15 to present	Revenue Management	08/11/16	08/04/16

**From:** "Andrea West" <awest@octa.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2016 5:19:51 PM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Closures on SR-91

Dear City Managers, Public Works Directors, and Council Secretaries -

Beginning September 9, OCTA is undertaking a rehabilitation of the 91 Express Lanes along the SR-91 corridor between Orange and Riverside Counties. This project will require the closure of the 91 Express Lanes, and the #1 general purpose lane over a series of weekends beginning in September. Branded "The 91 Weekend Shift", repaving is scheduled to occur approximately over 10 consecutive weekends, 5 weekends in each direction and 1 direction at a time. Paving will begin in the eastbound direction from about SR-55 to the county line. Once repaving is finished in the eastbound direction, crews will repave the 91 Express Lanes in the westbound direction, from about the county line to SR-55. Recognizing that travelers from all over Orange County utilize the SR-91 (particularly on weekends), we are asking for your assistance in getting the word out by sharing the email below with your city council and key staff. A package of materials was provided to all PIOs on August 8, but we wanted to notify councils as the closures begin this weekend. Additional information can be found on our website at:

[http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/All-Projects/Freeway-Projects/Riverside-Freeway-\(SR-91\)/The-91-Weekend-Shift/?frm=8532](http://www.octa.net/Projects-and-Programs/All-Projects/Freeway-Projects/Riverside-Freeway-(SR-91)/The-91-Weekend-Shift/?frm=8532)

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks!

**\*\*Andrea West\*\***  
OCTA, Government Relations  
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714.402.3520 cell  
[awest@octa.net](mailto:awest@octa.net)

## **THIS FRIDAY NIGHT #TheShiftIsOn**

Beginning Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, OCTA in partnership with Caltrans District 12, will begin repaving the 91 Express Lanes in Orange County over 10 weekends.

Construction crews will first begin repaving in the eastbound direction only starting at 11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 through 6 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12.

To maximize safety and accelerate paving, the 91 Express Lanes and sections of the adjacent #1 general-purpose lane will close in the eastbound direction for 5 weekends per the schedule below. Please note that eastbound and westbound closure times are different and account for differences in travel demand.

**Important!** During the first weekend, eastbound activities will focus on an area beginning just before the entrance to the eastbound 91 Express Lanes near SR-55 and end near Imperial Highway. The #1 regular lane will also be closed in this general area. As a reminder, the full stretch of the eastbound 91 Express Lanes will be closed this weekend.

Please also be aware that there will be sections of the #1 regular lanes on both eastbound SR-91 and northbound SR-55 which will be closed to enable crews to safely initiate project work, and provide a sufficient buffer between operations and the traveling public. Specifically, closure of the #1 regular lane on eastbound SR-91 will begin near the Tustin Avenue interchange and closure of the #1 regular lane on northbound SR-55 will begin near Lincoln Avenue.

Be prepared for these weekend lane reductions to cause added traffic congestion and delay on the 91 Freeway in Orange County, especially during peak times.

Safety is the number one priority on this project for motorists and workers alike. Please slow for the cone zone, leave a safe distance between vehicles, and follow posted speed limits through the construction area.

Make the most of your weekend by avoiding the project work area, if possible, opting for alternate routes or modes of transportation, or leaving early and planning for extra travel time!

Help us spread the word about The 91 Weekend Shift project work now with family, friends, colleagues and customers! To access and share information, go to [www.octa.net/91WeekendShift](http://www.octa.net/91WeekendShift) or stay connected on social media via @91WeekendShift.

# THE 91 WEEKEND SHIFT >>>



**BE AWARE, PREPARE & SHARE**

91 Express Lanes Pavement Rehabilitation Project



**LENGTH**

Approximately 10 miles

**AFFECTED CITIES**

Anaheim, Orange, Yorba Linda and Corona

**AT A GLANCE**

**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:** \$24.4 Million

**FUNDING SOURCE:** 91 Express Lanes Capital Reserve Fund

**PROJECT AREA:** Approximately 55 Freeway to County Line

**DEVELOPMENT PHASE:** Construction

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** OCTA

**LEAD AGENCY:** OCTA

**PARTNER AGENCY:** Caltrans

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Fernando Chavarria  
Manager of Outreach  
(714) 560-5306  
fchavarria@octa.net

**WEBSITE:** octa.net/91WeekendShift

**FACEBOOK, TWITTER**

**INSTAGRAM:** 91WeekendShift

Fact Sheet as of 8/3/16

## BE AWARE.

Led by OCTA, The 91 Weekend Shift project is paving the way for an improved commute for the nearly 280,000 motorists traveling daily on and alongside the 91 Express Lanes.

Starting in mid-September 2016, OCTA in partnership with Caltrans will repave the 91 Express Lanes approximately between the 55 freeway in Anaheim to the Orange County/Riverside County line, a span of about 10 miles.

To maximize safety and accelerate repaving, the 91 Express Lanes and sections of the #1 general-purpose lane will be closed in each direction, one direction at a time, on the following weekends:

### Weekend Closures of 91 Express Lanes and #1 General-Purpose Lane

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Eastbound Direction (From 55 Freeway to County Line)	Westbound Direction (From County Line to 55 Freeway)
1. Friday, 9/9 thru Monday, 9/12	6. Friday, 10/14 thru Monday, 10/17
2. Friday, 9/16 thru Monday, 9/19	7. Friday, 10/21 thru Monday, 10/24
3. Friday, 9/23 thru Monday, 9/26	8. Friday, 10/28 thru Monday, 10/31
4. Friday, 9/30 thru Monday, 10/3	9. Friday, 11/4 thru Monday, 11/7
5. Friday, 10/7 thru Monday, 10/10	10. Friday, 11/18 thru Monday, 11/21

Eastbound weekend closures start at 11 p.m. on Fridays and end at 6 a.m. Mondays. Westbound weekend closures start at 8 p.m. Friday and end at 4 a.m. Mondays. Schedules are subject to change. No closures or work will occur on holidays.

When completed, The 91 Weekend Shift project will result in a safer, smoother driving surface, as well as lower roadway repair costs by extending the pavement's lifespan for decades to come.

**The project is entirely funded by the 91 Express Lanes Capital Reserve Fund.**

## PREPARE.

When The 91 Weekend Shift is on, steer clear of traffic and/or delays by:

- Avoiding the 91 Freeway between the 55 and 71 freeways, if possible
- Leaving early and planning for longer travel times
- Opting for alternative routes, like the 60, 10, 57 and 71
- Using Metrolink, vanpooling or ridesharing

Remember, weekend closures will occur in only one direction at a time. Construction times and closures are subject to change.

## SHARE.

Help spread the word about The 91 Weekend Shift on:



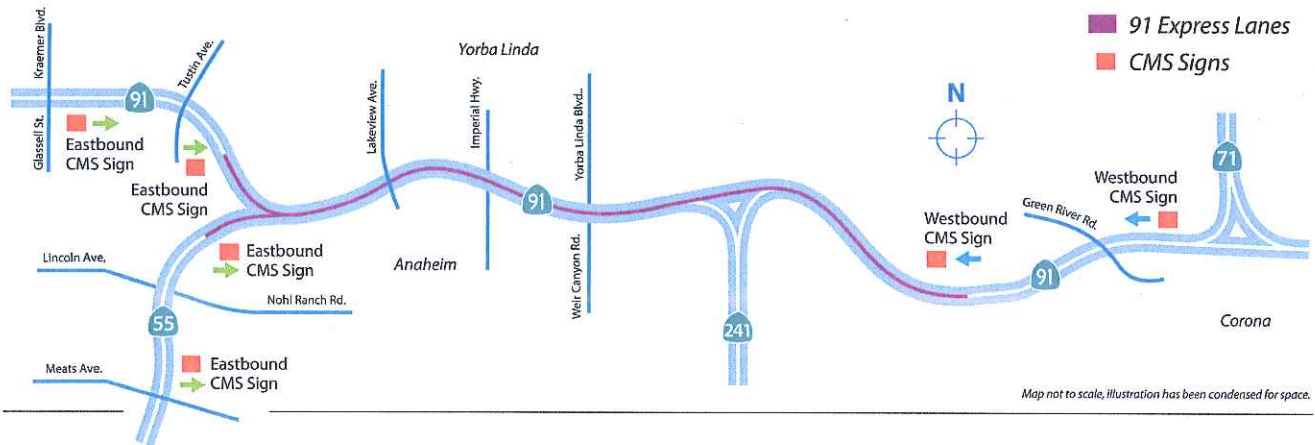
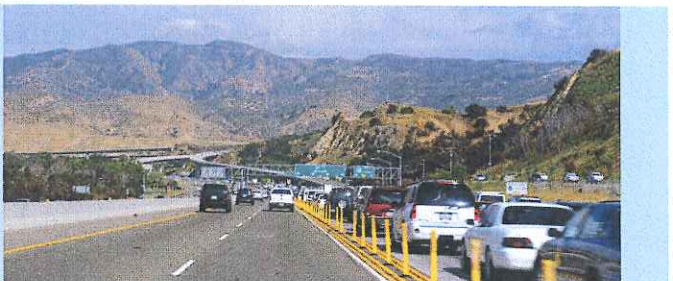
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P.O. Box 14184  
Orange, CA 92863-1584  
(714) 560-OCTA  
www.octa.net

THE 91 WEEKEND  
**SHIFT >>>**

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**Changeable Message Signs (CMS)**

*CMS Signs indicated in the map are being replaced and upgraded.*

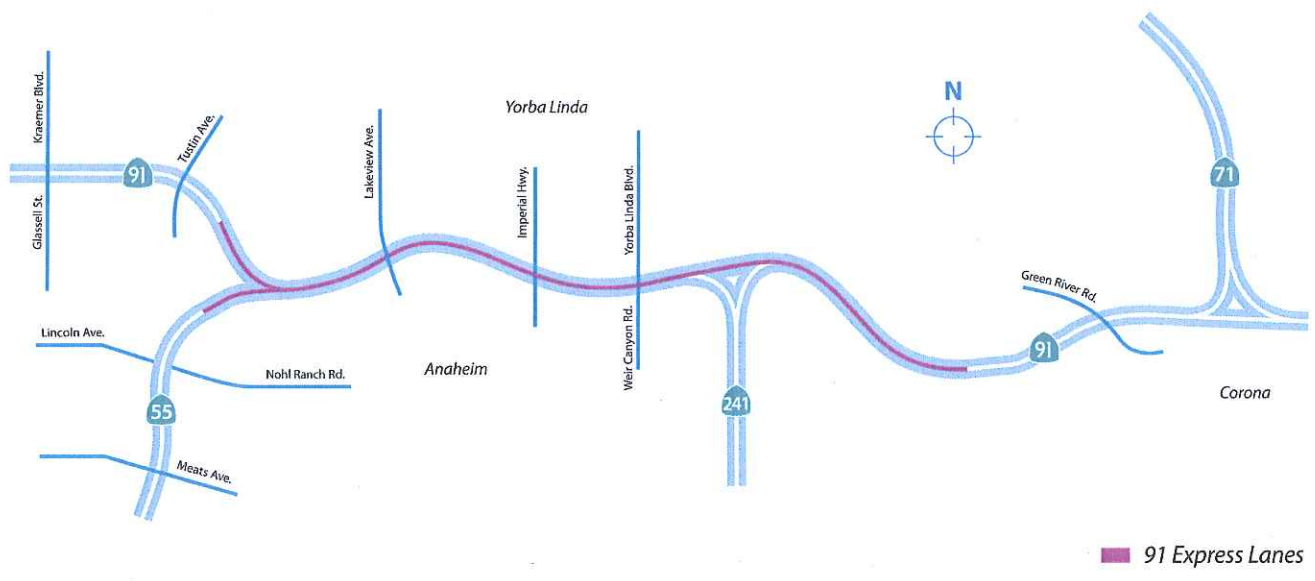




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## 91 Express Lanes

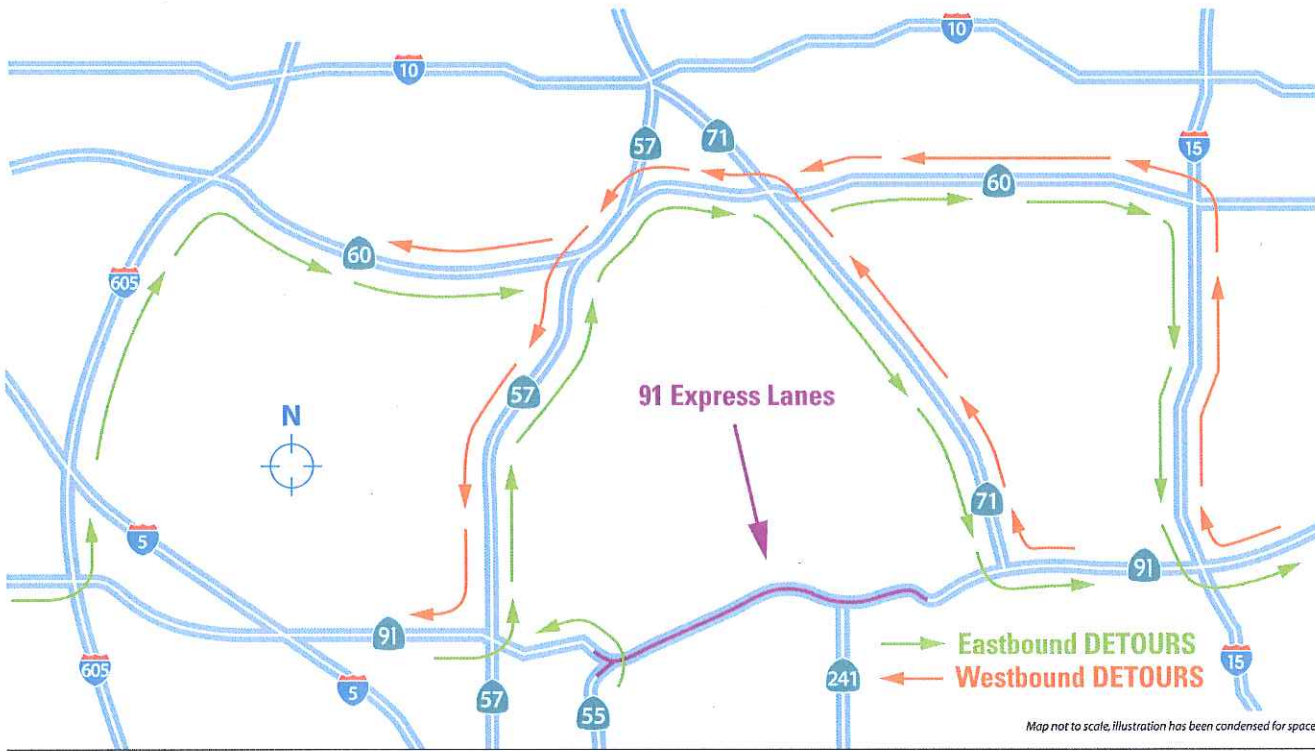


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## Alternate Freeway Routes



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Please prepare by checking current traffic conditions on [sigalert.com](http://sigalert.com)  
 Thank you for driving carefully and safely in construction areas. Stay alert, expect the unexpected, watch for workers and drive with caution.





## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **Q: Why must the 91 Express Lanes be repaved?**

**A:** The lanes must be repaved now because the pavement lifecycle has expired. This is the first major repaving of the 91 Express Lanes since they opened more than 20 years ago. The project ensures the lanes will be safe and functional for years to come.

### **Q: Why must repaving occur at this time?**

**A:** Repaving must be done now because the pavement lifecycle has expired. OCTA is responsible for maintaining safety and up-keeping operations, as well as managing costs. To the extent possible, OCTA has maintained the pavement over the years. However, sealing, patching and other maintenance efforts are no longer sufficient or sustainable. It's time for the lanes to be repaved. The project must also occur now because paving work is weather-sensitive. The work must be completed before lower temperatures and/or rainfall cause otherwise avoidable delays and added costs. Lastly, the project must be completed so that it promptly connects into Riverside County's project and thereby improves the 91 corridor on both sides of the county line.

### **Q: Will the entire 91 Freeway be closed during construction?**

**A:** No. During weekend paving work, most of the 91 Freeway will be open. Only one direction of the 91 Express Lanes and limited segments of the #1 general-purpose (the "fast lane") are closed at a time. And the direction where no work is taking place will be entirely open. For the closure schedule, go to [octa.net/91WeekendShift](http://octa.net/91WeekendShift).

### **Q: Why isn't the work taking place exclusively at night?**

**A:** It would take one year to complete this project if it was done exclusively at night. Repaving the 91 Express Lanes over 10 weekends maximizes productivity, reduces the overall construction duration and is more cost effective.

### **Q: Why must the #1 general-purpose lane be closed?**

**A:** Safety is the number one priority for this project. Limited sections of the #1 general-purpose lane must close to assure the safety of construction crews and motorists alike, as the 91 Freeway will remain open during the weekend work. Additionally, the construction contractor needs space to accommodate major construction equipment, machinery and trucks required to complete the project.

### **Q: Are there alternate routes?**

**A:** Yes. Motorists travelling on the weekends, especially regional commuters, are strongly encouraged to avoid the project area, if possible. When construction is taking place in the eastbound direction, consider taking the 57, 60 or 10. When construction is taking place in the westbound direction, alternate routes to avoid the construction zone may be the 15, the 71 or the 241 Toll Road. As always, plan your commute by checking your preferred real-time traffic and navigation sources. This will help you bypass delays and reduce congestion for local project corridor communities, residents and businesses.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q: Are there on- or off-ramp closures or city street detours?**

**A:** No ramp closures or city street detours are required.

**Q: How long are expected delays?**

**A:** Traffic estimates indicate peak delays of about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead because travel times could double. However, extensive public communication efforts are underway to encourage motorists to avoid the area when possible to help reduce traffic volumes and minimize delays. The public is being asked to help share the word about The 91 Weekend Shift so motorists know to steer clear of the project area and thereby improve travel times.

**Q: What is being done to alert the public about this project?**

**A:** A significant public communication effort – called The 91 Weekend Shift – has been underway since early summer 2016. Efforts include regional radio advertising, digital freeway sign notifications, news media announcements, social media posts and sharing, postcard mailers to area residents and businesses, door-to-door flyer canvassing, e-blasts to community stakeholders, communication with cities and partner agencies, and much more. Stay informed by signing up here or through [octa.net/91WeekendShift](http://octa.net/91WeekendShift). And help family, friends, customers, teammates and out-of-town guests avoid “The 91 Weekend Shift” by spreading the word via email and on social media platforms.

**Q: Has there been coordination with other freeway projects?**

**A:** Yes. OCTA in partnership with Caltrans District 12 has been and is working with other transportation agencies and community partners to facilitate communication and coordination across projects to optimize productivity, minimize construction work conflicts and reduce impacts as much as possible.

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# **NEWS ARTICLES**

# Water park reports a successful



Photo by Loreen Berlin

The Wave Rider is a challenge for all ages at the Garden Grove Great Wolf Lodge.

## summer

Word is getting out  
about the Great Wolf Lodge  
on Harbor Boulevard

By Loreen Berlin

The Garden Grove Great Wolf Lodge — an indoor water park and hotel — that opened in March of this year is reporting a successful summer season.

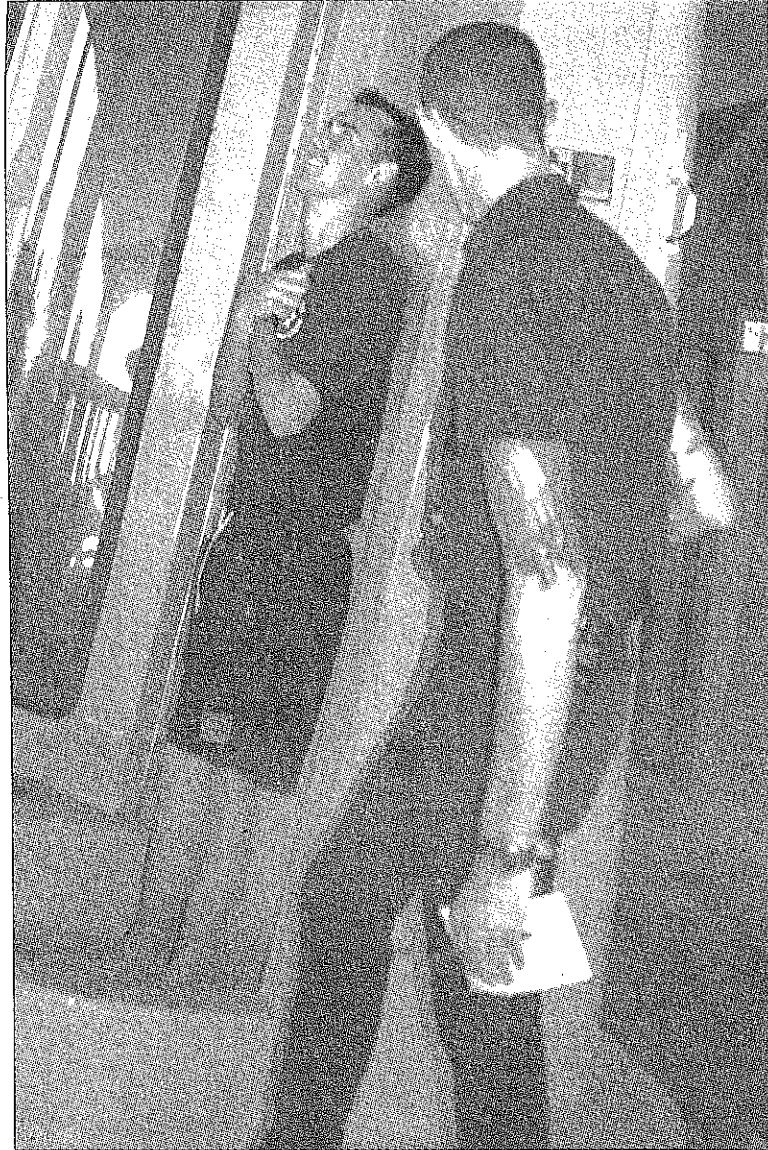
“For the summer we just finished, we met our expectations,” said General Manager Phillip Cunningham. “From an occupancy statistic, we were full throughout the summer.”

Cunningham said the market areas they pull from are the Orange County/Los Angeles areas, San Diego, San Francisco, Phoenix and Nevada.

“We have the largest number of guests from Orange County,” he said. “Right now, we’re going into our slower season, where the public can see a number of discounts we offer through our website at [GreatWolf.com/South](http://GreatWolf.com/South)—

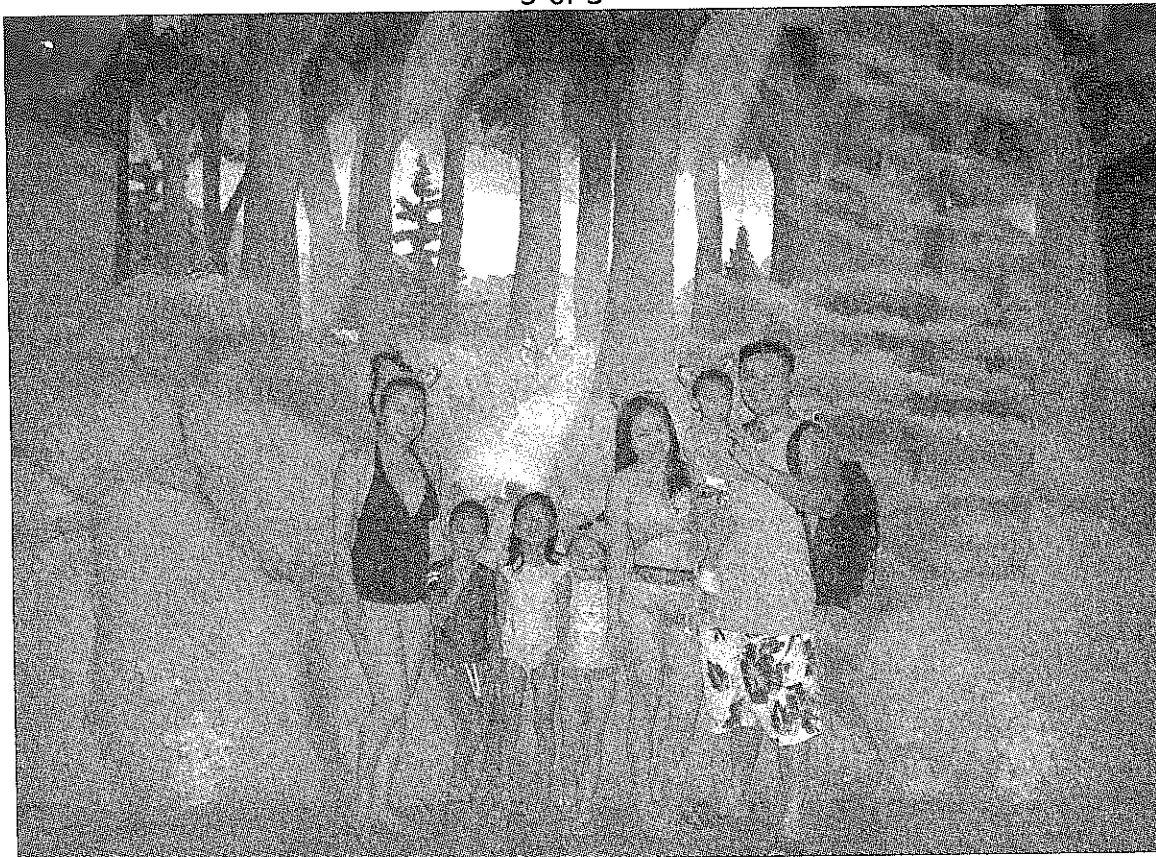
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Photos by Loreen Berlin

**The tilting water bucket holds 500-gallons of water for patrons to stand under at the Great Wolf Lodge. It fills and gently dumps on guests every four minutes on busy days.**



The Nguyen family from Fountain Valley pause in the lobby before heading out to enjoy some of the Great Wolf Lodge's water park features.

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ernCalifornia; look under 'special offers.' We direct people to the website because that's where they can find so much information about us."

Cunningham said that with Disneyland just up the street, also on Harbor Boulevard, the Great Wolf Lodge offered two-night, three-night and four-night packages and sometimes offer Disneyland tickets.

"We meet with the Disney representative monthly," he said.

He explained that they have different types of "Early Saver" packages where guests can save up to 50 percent for two-night stays.

"We have 'Howling Heroes' where veterans can get 30 percent off and there are 2-3 and 4-nights of 'Magic Stays,'" said Cunningham, going on to explain that two big events coming up are "Howl-O-Ween" and Snowland, where Lodge works make their

own snow right in the lobby of the Great Wolf Lodge.

Great Wolf is proving to be a popular Southern California water park, with themed suites, which are also very popular

Planned is a Gingerbread House to be unveiled Nov. 26, which includes a holiday lighting ceremony, marking the arrival of Santa Claus.

"Santa will be onsite as part of our holiday celebration and the life-sized Gingerbread House will seat up to 10 people. Guests can make reservations to have their meal right inside the Gingerbread House," Cunningham said. "There is a \$20-per-family reservation fee, with all of that money being donated to the Ronald McDonald House."

The baking of the Gingerbread House begins the Nov. 1 and that's when guests can smell gingerbread throughout the Great Wolf Lodge. This is something that takes place at all of Great Wolf's lodges.

Garden Grove is the 18th city Cunningham has worked in in the

hospitality industry, mostly as a general manager. He has been the GM since the Great Wolf Lodge opened in Garden Grove. There are also Great Wolf Lodges in Missouri, Louisiana, Tennessee, Virginia, Ohio, Colorado, Texas, Alabama, Atlanta, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina.

Water features at the Lodge include the tube ride, Wolf Tail, River Canyon Run, Raceway, Alberta Falls, Coyote Cannon and the Wave Flow.

City officials have said the primary objective of developing the Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove was to bring an attraction that was unique to the city and anchor the southern end of the Garden Grove Resort District on Harbor.

The water park was a project in the making since May 2010 and finally came to fruition six years later in March 2016 with a 600-room Great Wolf Lodge water park hotel that has a majority of the rooms as suites, which are nearly twice the size of a typical hotel room.

# T-shirts commemorate 60th birthday of GG

Courtesy photo  
The City of Garden Grove is now selling commemorative 60th Anniversary T-shirts through the city's website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us). Website visitors can place orders by clicking on the top page banner, or going to <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commserv/60th-anniversary-t-shirt-sales>. T-shirts are \$10 each, and come in crew neck or V-neck styles. Shirt sizes above XL are \$12 each. The city marked its 60th Anniversary on June 18 in Village Green park, with a celebration attended by thousands. A new 60th Anniversary video, produced by Garden Grove's own award-winning GGTV3, can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3eLaxaUeeM>. For more information on 60th Anniversary T-shirt sales, call 714-741-5200.





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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 Coricrete 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

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Project No. S-1194-B

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 the Installation of Poured-In-Place Rubber Surfacing and related work at Eastgate Park in Garden Grove per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at Eastgate Park, located at 12001 St. Mark Street, Garden Grove, CA. 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 10:00 a.m., local time, on Friday, October 7, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: September 7, 2016

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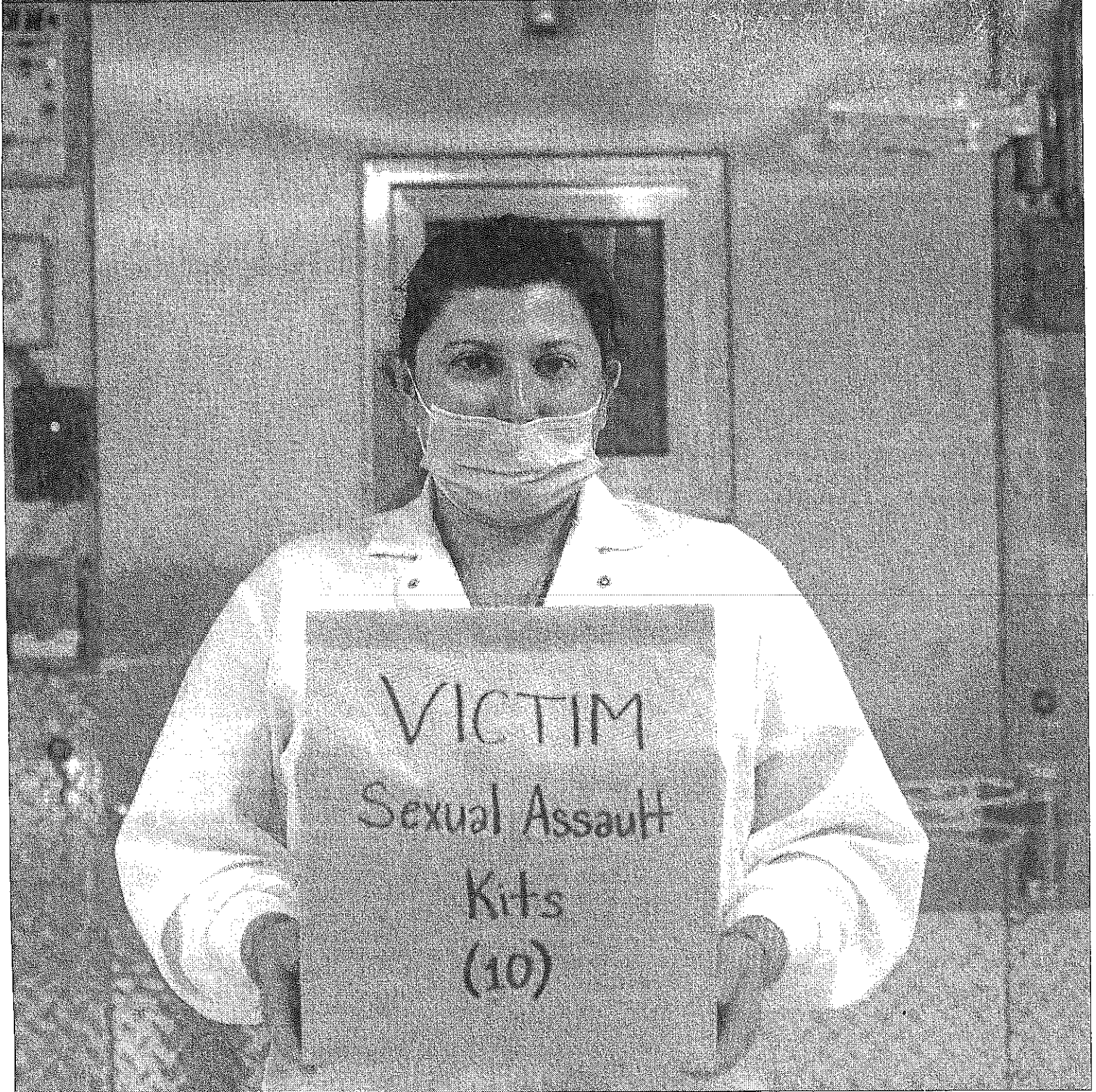
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**THE OC CRIME LAB IS PUSHING TO GET RAPE KITS TURNED IN AND TESTED.**



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Orange County Crime Lab forensic scientist Lana Dieter holds a set of rape kits that will go out to a hospital for evidence gathering.

# OFF THE SHELF, UNDER A SCOPE

By **KELLY PUENTE**  
STAFF WRITER

On a January night in 2012, a gun-wielding man robbed a woman working alone in a Fountain Valley business and then sexually assaulted her in a backroom.

The assailant was not found, but DNA evidence was collected from the victim for a rape kit, which sat untested for more than four years.

This year, that rape kit was sent to the

Orange County Crime Lab as part of a new program to test the county's backlogged rape kits. In June, investigators said they got a positive DNA hit for Danny Thein Nguyen, now 26, of Garden Grove.

In 2012, Nguyen had pleaded guilty to an unrelated robbery and assault and was sentenced to a year in jail. As part of his sentence, he had submitted a DNA sample to the national Combined DNA Index Sys-

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**"It doesn't matter if she's a prostitute or your average housewife in Newport Beach. No woman should be raped."**

**TAMMY SPURGEON,  
A PROSECUTOR WITH  
THE O.C. DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE'S DNA UNIT**

# KITS: Some 3,000 collected

## from 2000 to 2012 were not tested

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tem, or CODIS.

Nguyen was arrested June 23 and has pleaded not guilty to felony robbery, kidnapping and sexual assault.

From 2000 to 2012, more than 4,000 rape kits were collected by law enforcement agencies in Orange County, and about 75 percent were never sent to the county's crime lab for testing.

But now there is a countywide push to test these kits — to get more DNA hits.

The effort has produced 11 new cases, referred to the District Attorney's Sex Crimes Unit; officials declined to talk about them, citing the pending investigations.

"What if there's some predator out there who's looking for girls who are so drunk they cannot consent and he's preying on these people?" said Tammy Spurgeon, a prosecutor with the Orange County District Attorney Office's DNA Unit

who is leading the county's charge to get the kits tested.

"Those are the ones we want to identify."

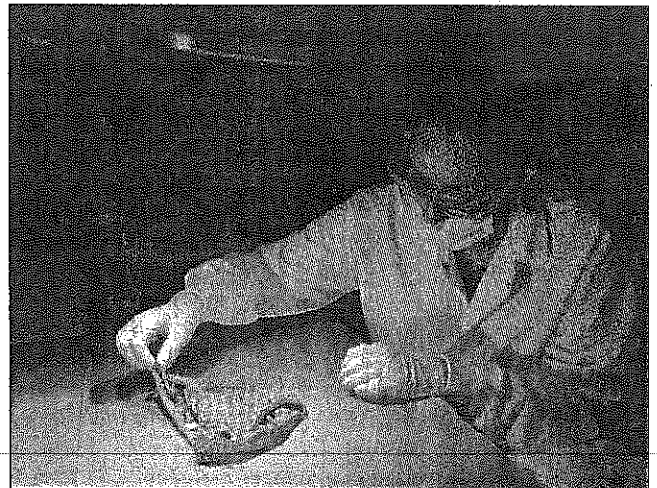
"It doesn't matter if she's a prostitute or your average housewife in Newport Beach. No woman should be raped," Spurgeon said. "We want justice for all of our victims."

Spurgeon isn't aware of any sexual predator who got away with an additional sexual assault because a test was shelved too long.

"Of course, that would be horrific if that were the case, but I'm not aware of that happening," she said.

There is no indication that Nguyen committed any sexual assault after the incident he is accused of in Fountain Valley, she said.

Police agencies have given various reasons for kits not being turned in: The victim recanted or refused to cooperate, so the case fell apart. She might know her attacker, removing the need to find him via DNA. Or her



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Forensic scientist Melissa Moore uses an alternate light source to inspect a piece of clothing at the crime lab.**

credibility was questionable, so it was difficult to determine whether a crime had even occurred. And officers didn't want their high-priority cases stuck behind less-vital rape kit testing.

"There were a lot of cases where (police) thought it was likely it would never be prosecuted," Spurgeon said.

But just getting someone's DNA into the system means that incident could later be linked to another incident, and sometimes even to a name.

In some older cases, Spurgeon found out about rape kits that she believes should have been sent in for testing but were destroyed years later because of a lack of storage space.

A police detective declined to say why the rape kit in the Fountain Valley case wasn't tested more quickly. The new effort to test them all led to it getting tested, Spurgeon said.

"We should be testing all of these kits, because it's the right thing to do," said Bruce Houlihan, director of the OC Crime Lab. "We want to do everything we can to make sure there are no crimes being committed that we can't solve."

### A NATIONAL PROBLEM

The county's march to get more rape kits tested is part of a national groundswell to clear massive backlogs — the federal government estimates that hundreds of thousands of kits are sitting untested in storage facilities. Federal grants are helping.

In 2009, Detroit officials discovered 11,000-plus kits abandoned in police storage. The city, with help from private donations, has since cleared its backlog, leading to the identification of more than 750 suspected rapists across 40 states, according to the Detroit Free Press.

In July, Denver officials announced they had cleared a backlog of 3,542

untested rape kits from nearly 300 law enforcement agencies. The tests generated 691 investigative leads.

The Los Angeles Police Department began processing its backlog of more than 6,000 in 2009, with help from grants. The agency says its backlog has since been cleared, and each new kit is processed within three months.

California's Sexual Assault Victims' DNA Bill of Rights, a legislative effort that took effect this year, recommends that all rape kits be processed within 120 days.

While advocates say testing every kit can be a valuable tool for law enforcement and will lead to more DNA profiles in COTIS, opponents in some parts of the country say the effort is time-consuming and costly, as testing can run from \$800 to \$1,000 per kit.

Orange County has decided to push ahead and get caught up, absorbing the man-hours and the extra cost, which Houlihan pegged at \$200,000 for this year.

The lab averages about 40 new rape kits a month in addition to going through the older ones, with an estimated 1,000 of the 3,000 backlogged kits having been tested.

Last year, the Orange County District Attorney's Office established a policy that urges law enforcement agencies to turn in all rape kits for testing as soon as possible, unless they have a compelling reason, said Spurgeon, the prosecutor with the DNA Unit.

"In the past, they may not have realized what DNA testing could do for them; now, fortunately, law enforcement is better educated and they see the beauty of COTIS and what a great tool it is," she said.

These days, agencies are turning in about half of their rape kits, she said. Perhaps, Spurgeon said, a lack of communication within agencies is in play: "We're working with sergeants and lieutenants to try to get the word out."

Earlier this year, the Sheriff's Department started turning in all of its rape kits.

The Anaheim Police Department has been submitting all of its kits to the crime lab for about a year, said Sgt. Daron Wyatt, a spokesman for the agency.

"Prior to that it was based on the needs of the case," Wyatt said. "Sometimes there was no need to submit the kit for evidentiary purposes. Now, we submit them whether there is determined to be a need or not."

### PROCESSING THE KITS

In 2014, the most recent statistics available from the California Department of Justice, 650 rapes were reported in Orange County. All O.C. rape victims are referred to the Anaheim Regional Medical Center, the county's only sexual-assault examination unit.

Forensic nurses there conduct an exam, collecting swabs of blood, semen, skin cells and saliva. The examiner may scrape under the victim's fingernails and comb through the hair. The exam can last up to four hours.

This evidence is gathered into a rape kit and sent to the investigating law enforcement agency, which determines if and when the kit will make it to the OC Crime Lab.

In the crime lab, the kits are stored in a walk-in freezer until forensic scientists are ready to examine them for DNA evidence. Scientists will scour clothing, fingernail clippings, hair and other samples. Semen is detected with a chemical solution that turns dark purple after a few seconds.

The District Attorney's Office has applied for a federal Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant that would provide \$2 million in funding for forensic testing, investigations and more support for the victims. The grant would fund a response team that could reach out to provide counseling to victims if the rape kit leads police to a suspect even years later.

### 'SO TRAUMATIC'

Years ago, Patricia Wenskunas underwent a sexual assault exam for a rape kit.

"The rape is so traumatic, and then you have to get on that table and go through the exam. It's very challenging and extremely invasive," said Wenskunas, the founder of Crime Survivors Inc., an Irvine-based victims support organization.

"If we have to go through this, at least show us the respect and dignity to test the kits," she said.

Spurgeon said she hopes the lab finishes by the end of the year testing the remaining kits from 2000 to 2012, most from closed cases or ones with no new leads.

Then, she plans to begin reviewing older rape kit cases, ones that date back as far as 1994.

## Nurses' house calls program effective

Acacia workers' visits can prolong senior patients' independence.

By LAUREN M. WHALEY  
CENTER FOR HEALTH REPORTING

GARDEN GROVE • Kelly Baik plopped two large plastic Tupperware containers in front of Nelson Tran and Loan Nguyen, who were seated at the kitchen island. Baik opened one, picked out an amber-colored bottle and rattled it.

"Lasix," he said, referring to the pills that reduce fluid retention from congestive heart failure.

"You need to be taking this, not your wife," he said, looking at Tran. "It has your name on it."

Baik, 32, is a "nurse navigator" who has been helping Tran, 86, stay out of the ER and expensive nursing

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homes despite his heart problems and recent stroke. Baik is part of a team at the Acacia Adult Day Services center that is testing whether old-fashioned home visits may be the key to prolonging seniors' independence.

If programs such as Acacia's prove themselves, the resulting delays in admissions to institutions could save Medicare and Medicaid billions of dollars nationwide.

Acacia is one of nine centers around the state, and the only one in Orange County, participating in a pilot program called the Community Based Health Home, which dispatches registered nurses outside the centers.

In addition to treating patients at the center, the supplementary care may involve the nurse going to an attendee's home, visiting him at a rehab facility or accompanying him to a doctor's appointment. The nurse might also go to a pharmacy, pick up medical



LAUREN M. WHALEY, CENTER FOR HEALTH REPORTING

**Nurse navigator Kelly Baik, right, checks Nelson Tran's medicine supply. Baik is part of a team from Acacia Adult Day Services center that helps patients.**

equipment or help a family find a new housing arrangement.

Since the pilot started three years ago, advocates estimate that emergency department visits by an original group of 55 participating elderly people have been reduced by about 23 percent. Hospital readmission rates - when patients are readmitted for the same medical condition - were only about 2 percent for se-

niors visited by the RNs compared with the national average of 20 percent.

"It's a systems savings," said Lydia Missaelides, executive director of the California Association for Adult Day Services.

Missaelides' group estimates that the pilot saved \$1 million in ER visits compared with the year before the pilot, and saved about

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million in hospital visits. And that's not counting potential savings to Medi-Cal from postponing nursing home admissions.

"It's really extending the adult day health care services and expertise beyond the walls and into the home of the community," Misulides said.

That expansion could prove critical in California, where the number of impoverished residents age 65 and older increased by 85 percent between 1999 and 2014, according to U.S. Census data, and where the centenarian population will grow by nearly 50 percent from 2020 to 2030, according to state projections.

Acacia is one of about 100 centers around California — including 19 in Orange County — that provide daily medical care, meals, occupational therapy and social services to low-income elderly and disabled adults who are at risk of needing institutional care. Acacia's story is summed up in its motto: "Acacia during the

day, home at night."

Tran and Nguyen, 82, credit their Acacia social workers and nurses for getting them the care they need to be able to keep living together, even if not as independent as they once were. They have been married for 62 years and have nine children. They now live in the home of their oldest son.

"Because of our medical issues, we are not able to live alone, as we want," Tran said. Acacia, he said, "helps with health care and makes me feel stable. Our lives are good every day."

"Acacia was able to help with my emotional and mental health," Loan Nguyen said. "I feel much better and feel much support."

During Baik's recent visit to Tran and Nguyen, he checked Tran's weight, blood pressure and medicine supply. He gave him a lecture on exercising, keeping weight on and reducing salt intake. He took notes on the carpet (potential tripping risk), inhaler location (hard to find) and bed setup (they need a hospital bed with an adjustable back).

The pilot, in its third and final year, was spearheaded



LAUREN M. WHALEY, CENTER FOR HEALTH REPORTING

**People at Acacia Adult Day Services center play a game after breakfast. The center provides meals, medical care, occupational therapy and social programs.**

by the Sacramento-based Alliance for Leadership and Education, a sister organization to California Association for Adult Day Services. The pilot is funded by a \$2 million grant from the SCAN Health Plan Community Giving.

Acacia, the county's longest-running adult day services center, beefed up the pilot with one of its own test programs.

Of its 100 center elderly and disabled attendees, only 10 are needy enough to qualify for the Community

health outcomes, and reduces and prevents expenses associated with unnecessary hospitalizations or institutionalizations," said Tennyson S. Oyler, president of the Pacific Life Foundation.

Nelson Tran is part of the Community Based Health Home pilot program and Loan Nguyen is part of the second pilot program; she qualified for that because a stroke left the left side of her body limp.

No one has stepped forward to promise funding the outside-the-center visits beyond the pilot end-date in December.

On the surface, the two pilot programs seem to dovetail with a state initiative set to launch in 2017 to serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions who may benefit from enhanced care management and coordination. The state's program even shares part of its name with the pilot: Health Homes for Patients with Complex Needs.

But the Department of Health Care Services, which runs Medi-Cal, is not raising hopes. DHCS spokesman Tony Cava said the agency is aware of the

Community Based Health Home pilot, but it does not have any comment at this point about its compatibility with the new state initiative.

After about an hour with Tran and Nguyen, Baik left to take care of another Acacia participant. Before he left, Baik scribbled in the margins of a printout on congestive heart failure he had brought to share with Tran. He wrote down a list of people he would call on Tran's behalf: the social worker, the physician's office, the pharmacy, the physical therapist. And the couple's son, who now keeps records for both parents.

"I might save more lives in the ER," said Baik, who works three days a week at Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center. "But, I feel like I make the most difference here."

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Lauren M. Whaley is a journalist for the Center for Health Reporting at the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics at USC. The center receives support from the Gary and Mary West Foundation to report on senior issues.

Based Health Home pilot. But Acacia identified 59 additional participants who need extra assistance, or who are on the cusp of requiring extra care.

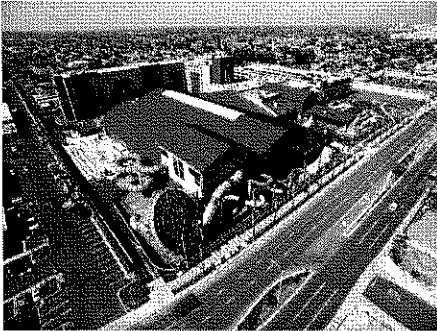
Using funds from the Pacific Life Foundation, Acacia sends a nurse and social worker to help them and their families outside the center. Like the Community Based Health Home approach, this program is a supplement to the care patients receive during the day.

The program "improves



## Homebuying in Garden Grove: 6 quick facts

By JONATHAN LANSNER  
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Here are some highlights for Garden Grove from CoreLogic's first-half homebuying report:

1. 612 homes sold vs. 606 in first six months of 2015. That's a increase of 1 percent vs. a year ago compared to a gain of 2.4 percent countywide in the same period.
2. In Garden Grove ZIP 92840 there were 209 homes sold vs. 192 a year ago. That's up 8.85 percent vs. a year ago. Median selling price in 2016's first six months in 92840 was \$479,000 -- an increase of 6.44 percent vs. a year ago. Countywide, prices gained 6.4 percent in the same period.
3. In ZIP 92841 -- 121 sales vs. 106 a year ago, up 14.15 percent in a year. Median in 92841 was \$535,000 -- an increase of 8.08 percent vs. a year ago.
4. In ZIP 92843 -- 113 sales vs. 145 a year ago, down 22.07 percent in a year. Median in 92843 was \$442,500 - an increase of 0.80 percent vs. a year ago.
5. In ZIP 92844 -- 62 sales vs. 81 a year ago, down 23.46 percent in a year. Median in 92844 was \$385,000 -- a decline of 5.17 percent vs. a year ago.
6. In ZIP 92845 -- 107 sales vs. 82 a year ago, up 30 percent in a year. Median in 92845 was \$595,000 -- an increase of 6.54 percent vs. a year ago.

*(Item updated to included results of 92845)*

## GARDEN GROVE

**On the gridiron:** Friday night football has Bolsa Grande High playing Cerritos at home, Santiago traveling to Costa Mesa, Garden Grove hosting Westminster and Rancho Alamitos traveling to Savanna. All games start at 7 p.m.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Candidates forum:** The Garden Grove Neighborhood Association is hosting a forum for mayoral and City Council candidates from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St. The free event is an opportunity for voters to hear from candidates who could end up as elected representatives.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Food drive:** The city's food drive is underway and runs until Sept. 29. Donations of canned meats and vegetables, rice and whole-grain cereal can be dropped off at City Hall, the Fire Department, the Public Works Department or the Senior Center. The food will go to Second Harvest Food Bank.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Historic photos:** The city recently posted photos on its Facebook page of the late Sen. Robert F.

Kennedy speaking at Bolsa Grande High School on June 2, 1968, just days before he was shot in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He died the next day. Kennedy was vying to be the Democratic candidate for president.



Kennedy

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Dual immersion:** Garden Grove Unified School District has launched its first dual-language immersion program, beginning this school year. The district has 170 kindergarten students enrolled in the English-Spanish program at Monroe Elementary School. The program's goal is for students to become bilingual.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Asian expo:** The Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County is hosting its annual Asian Business Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Embassy Suites on Harbor Boulevard. The expo, free to attend, promotes local businesses and is meant to foster professional interactions. Parking is also free and there will be a raffle.

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Garden Grove City Hall

· 16 hrs ·

Heads up #GardenGrove:

Visiting U.S. Marine Corps units will be engaged in training exercises conducted at Los Alamitos Army Airfield, from September 9 through September 15. Exercises will include operations involving aircrafts, like the V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft that has vertical takeoff and landing, and short takeoff and landing capabilities. Because the Osprey has a unique noise signature, residents located near the Airfield may hear the aircraft's sound during evening hours. For additional information, please feel free to email Col. (CA) Richard Lalor at richard.w.lalor2.vol@mail.mil. Thank you!



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Andrea Barajas What ever happened to the marines landing at Evans Elementary? 🤔

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Christina Pina Michael Cuellar

Like · Reply · Message · 12 hrs



Kathy Martin-Daniels Larry Daniels

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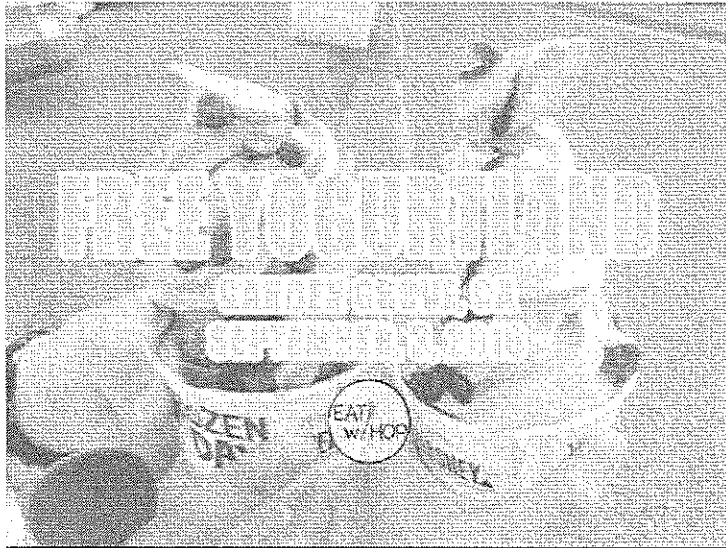
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Garden Grove City Hall

September 2 at 10:00am

Cool off with a tasty treat at Yogurtland, located at 13920 Brookhurst Street. The business is giving away free #yogurt TOMORROW\*\* (9/3), in celebration of Guest Appreciation Day! <http://www.eatwithhop.com/.../guest-appreciation-day-is-happe...> Think #BiGG - Buy in #GardenGrove!



8,160 People Reached

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Meghan Vu Peter D. Vu

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Marissa Fernandez Maranda

Like · Reply · Message · September 3 at 11:53am



Maranda AndKeanu Duquet Your the best. You defs know me

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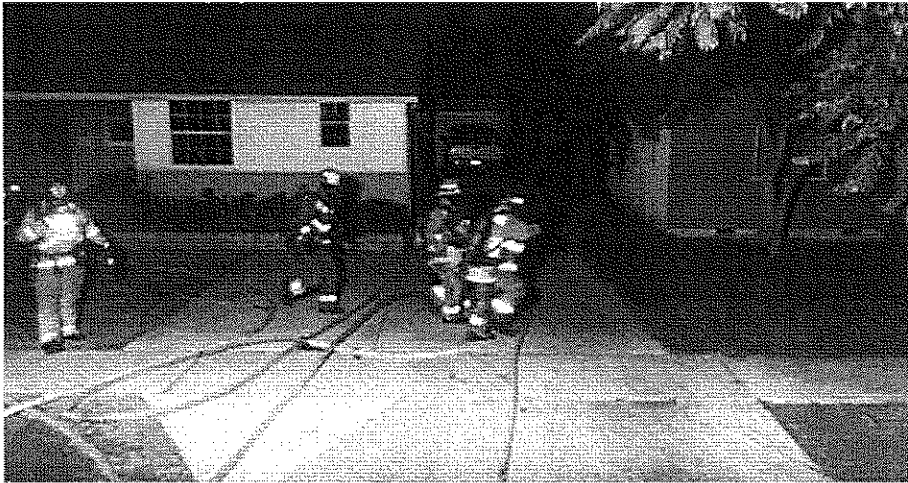


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Garden Grove Fire Department  
September 2 at 9:06am ·

### FIRE FIGHTERS RESCUE AN ELDERLY WOMAN FROM A STRUCTURE FIRE

The fire department responded to the 12500 block of Woodland Lane for a residential structure fire at 3:29 a.m. this morning. The first-arriving crew reported heavy smoke and flames seen from a single story house. Fire fighters were able to...



#### Elderly Woman Saved From Structure Fire | City of Garden Grove

September 2, 2016The fire department responded to the 12500 block of Woodland Lane for a residential structure fire at 3:29 a.m. this morning. The first-arriving...

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Kerri Long Heroes to her and the community

Like · Reply · 2 · September 2 at 9:08am



Natalie Yang God bless our firefighter!

Like · Reply · 1 · September 2 at 9:27am



Guy Brown Strong work boyz!

Like · Reply · September 2 at 9:27am



Sharon Sunda Thank you GGFD for your prompt response and saving 2 lives. You are the best!

Like · Reply · 2 · September 2 at 9:50am



Jeremy Billeaudeau Rock on! Nice work GGV

Like · Reply · September 2 at 10:01am



Boyd Trimble Strong work

Like · Reply · September 2 at 10:02am



Ed Hill Boyd Trimble

Did you know Mark Heinold  
He retired from GG Dept

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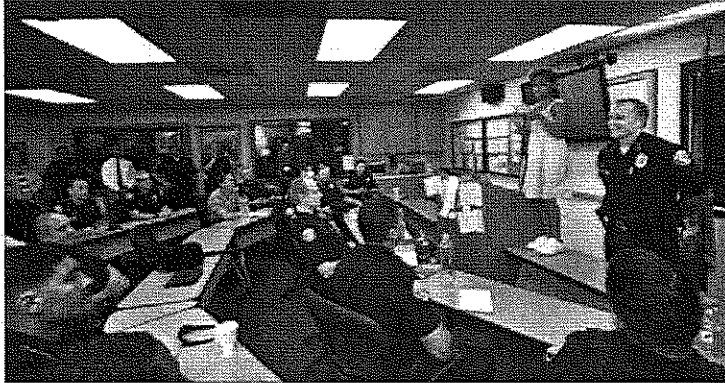
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Garden Grove Police Department

September 1 at 8:12pm

Alyssa Castille, creator of the I AM project, stole our hearts earlier this week. #IAM #GGPD



Girl, 9, creates campaign to combat hate, shares 'I AM' project with Garden Grove PD

The 9-year-old girl began her speech with these words while standing atop a table in the briefing room of the Garden Grove PD, a couple dozen officers and staff...

BEHINDTHEBADGE.OC.COM

6,282 People Reached

365 Reactions, Comments & Shares

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46 Love	24 On Post	22 On Shares
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41 Shares	41 On Post	0 On Shares

669 Post Clicks

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Write a comment...



Alyssa Castille Thank you to the GGPD for the opportunity to speak with you guys about my "I AM" campaign. I appreciate all you guys do and am happy you loved my "I AM BLUE" pins. I had so much fun!

Unlike · Reply · Message · 1 · September 2 at 6:25pm



Garden Grove Police Department We should be thanking you! You are welcome at GGPD anytime!

Like · Reply · Commented on by Rebecca Meeks · September 2 at 9:06pm



Rick Carter Excellent! This should have been on every evening news report!!

Nicely done young lady and kudos to GGPD and Chief Elgin for acknowledging this young lady!!

I'm proud to say that out of a 26 year career in law enforcement, my first 8 years were spent at GGPD and were by far the best!!!

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1 Reply

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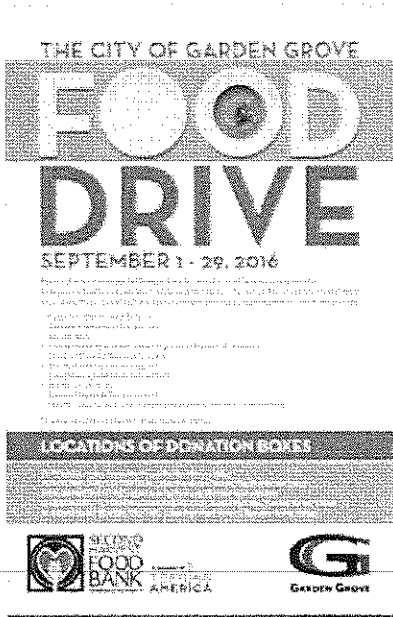
Garden Grove Police Department

September 1 at 11:53am

Did you know that the City's Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County starts today?

Food donations can be dropped off in our front lobby, at Garden Grove City Hall (please see the Recreation Counter on the first floor), Garden Grove Fire Department, Garden Grove Public Works Department, or the Senior Center until September 29th.

For more information, please see the attached flyer.



6,347 People Reached

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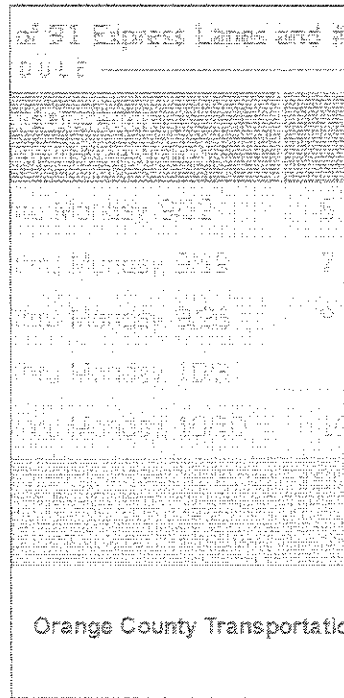
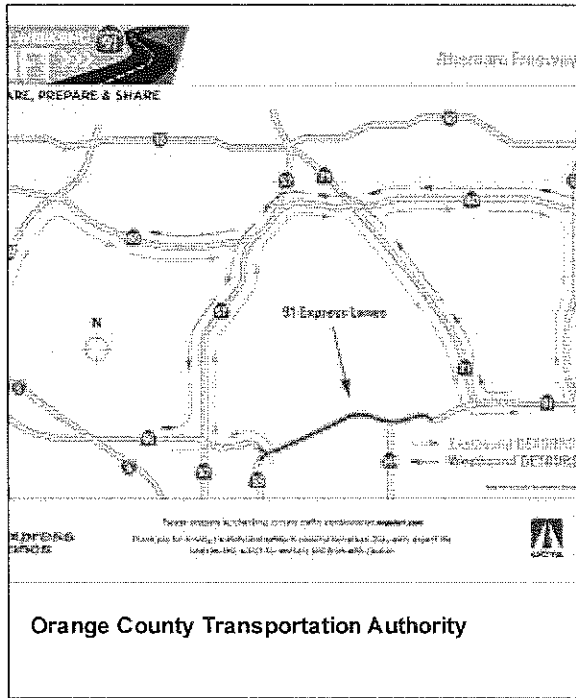
Tim Bretz, Veronica Martinez and 3 others

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Heads up! the 91 freeway will experience various closures on the weekends starting this Friday.



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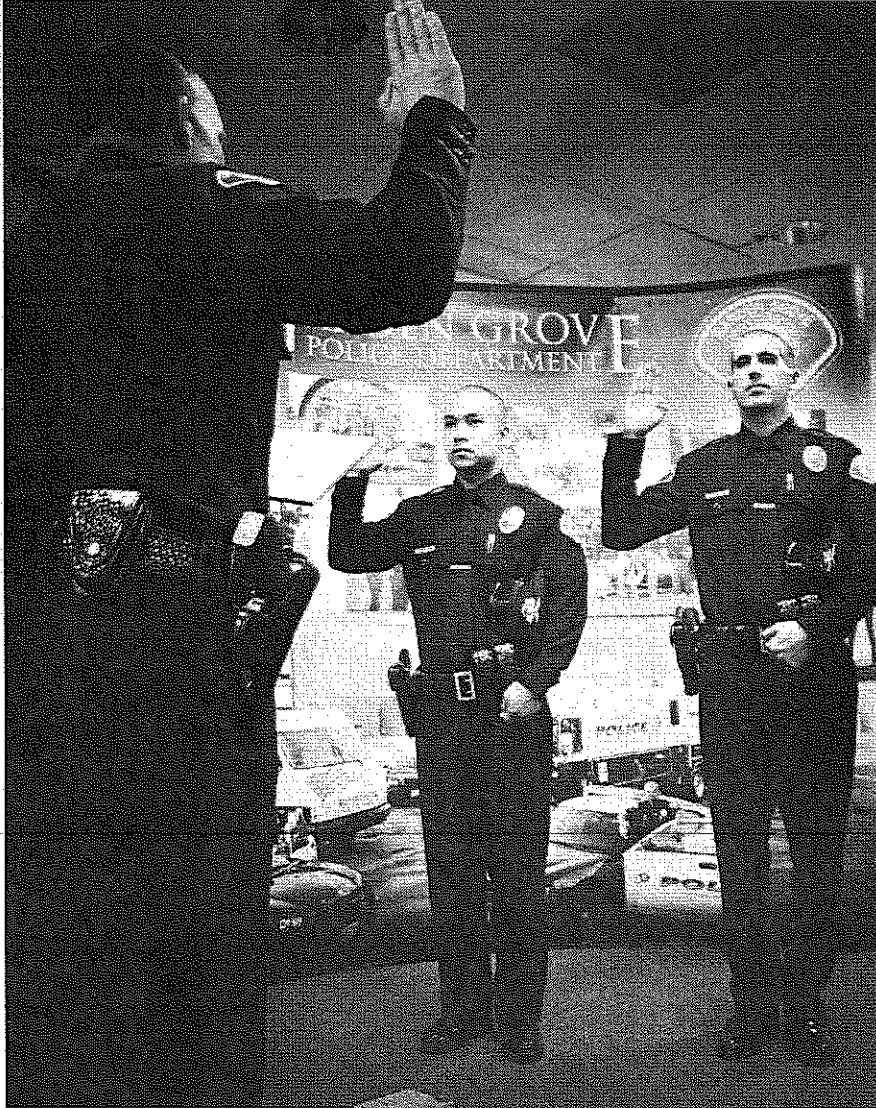
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- [gardengrovecityhall](#)
- **Help us welcome Joshua Behzad and Phillip Pham to the City of [#GardenGrove!](#) Both recently graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Regional Training Academy and are excited to start their career with [@gardengrovepd.](#)**
- [lisajanelisa](#) Welcome Joshua and Phillip!
- [gardengrovecityhall](#) Congratulations, officers. We'll see you out there.
- [ricvlerma](#) Welcome Officers!
- [cutebln4evr](#) Welcome to GGPD and congratulations!



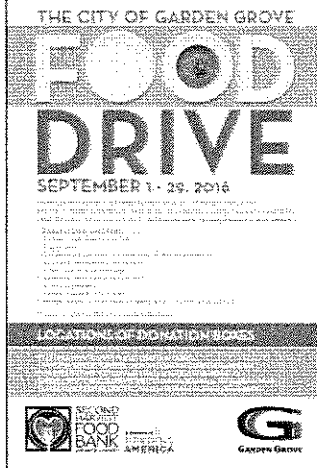
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26 likes

- [gardengrovecityhall](#)
- **We are wishing our #GardenGrove Unified School District students a great school year! Be sure to share your first day of school photos with #GGUSD by hashtagging #GGUSDPrize**

## Tweet Activity



City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove

The City's Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of #OrangeCounty starts today too until September 29th! #GG pic.twitter.com/sTg5reT0jm

10:53 AM - 1 Sep 2016

Impressions: 490

## Tweet Activity



City of Garden Grove @CityGardenGrove

#GardenGrove nurses' house calls program helps seniors prolong independence&health!

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/health-727927-pilot-acacia.html> ... pic.twitter.com/wVahTD7tHd

4:13 PM - 6 Sep 2016

Impressions: 317



GGFD PIO @GardenGroveFire 15h 15 hours ago

The @USMC will be conducting training @ the Los Alamitos Army Airfield Sep 9-15.

[\\_facebook.com/GardenGroveCit](https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCit).....

2 retweets 3 likes



GGFD PIO @GardenGroveFire Sep 3

Please celebrate responsibly this #LaborDayWeekend & #LaborDay.



1 retweet 6 likes

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**September 8, 2016**

1. Calendar of Events
  2. Planning Commission Meeting agenda for the Thursday, September 15, 2016 meeting, as well as the minutes for the Thursday, July 21, 2016 meeting.
  3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated September 1, 2 and 7, 2016.
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**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 8, 2016 – September 20, 2016

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	September		City of Garden Grove Food Drive Donation Box Locations: City Hall (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor) Fire and Police Departments Municipal Service Center and Senior Center
Thursday	September 8	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting CMC Constitution Room
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance of 9/11" Festival Amphitheater
Monday	September 12	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Meeting, CMC B Room
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.	Dalai Lama Plaque Unveiling and Tree Dedication Civic Center Park
		6:00 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
Wednesday	September 14	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, CMC Constitution Room
Thursday	September 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC B Room
Friday	September 16		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	September 20	10:00 a.m.- Noon	H. Louis Lake Senior Center Spelling Bee Senior Center



## AGENDA

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M. - 'B' ROOM

ROLL CALL: CHAIR O'NEILL, VICE CHAIR KANZLER  
COMMISSIONERS BARKER, MARGOLIN, NUYGEN, PAREDES,  
ZAMORA

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

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

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commissioners within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Community Meeting Center B 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 Planning Commission may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 21, 2016
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - C.1. MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
SITE PLAN NO. SP-027-2016  
VARIANCE NO. V-013-2016

APPLICANT: KATIE METZ (OUTFRONT MEDIA)  
LOCATION: SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NEWHOPE STREET AND  
TRASK AVENUE AT 13512 NEWHOPE STREET



REQUEST: Site Plan approval to relocate certain specific existing billboards and convert them into one (1) two-sided electronic billboard along the Garden Grove (22) Freeway, in conjunction with a request for Variance approval to allow the relocated billboard within 350 feet of a residential zoned property. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for this project and will be considered for adoption along with the subject Site Plan and Variance applications. The site is in the PUD-104-72 (Planned Unit Development) zone.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration to City Council and approve Site Plan No. SP-027-2016 and Variance No. V-013-2016, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill  
Vice Chair Kanzler  
Commissioner Barker  
Commissioner Margolin  
Commissioner Nuygen  
Commissioner Paredes  
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: Kanzler.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair O'Neill.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

July 7, 2016 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (5) Barker, Margolin, Nuygen, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Abstain: (1) O'Neill

Absent: (1) Kanzler

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-026-2016 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-342-11 (REV. 2016). FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10832 KATELLA AVENUE, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF KATELLA AVENUE AND DINO CIRCLE.

Applicant: Shawerma Go., Inc. dba Cairo Restaurant and Cafe

Date: July 21, 2016

Request: Site Plan approval to construct a new 960 square foot steel-framed patio cover over an existing outdoor customer patio dining area for an existing restaurant, Cairo Restaurant and Café. This establishment was approved under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-342-11, to operate as a restaurant with accessory hookah lounge activity in the outdoor patio

area. The proposal includes a request to modify the approved plans, under CUP-342-11, to allow the construction and use of the proposed patio cover. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Ahmed Rakha

Action: Resolution No. 5866-16 was approved.

Motion: Zamora Second: Barker

Ayes: (6) Barker, Margolin, Nuygen, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Kanzler

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Paredes mentioned that a resident noted several fires had occurred in businesses and asked staff if there were regulations for businesses to have their wiring and air ducts checked regularly. Staff responded that the McDonalds fire at Westminster Avenue and Brookhurst Street was due to circuit breakers; that the fire at the restaurant at Chapman Avenue and Brookhurst Street was caused by grease rags not stored properly; that the Fire Department was experiencing more fire incidents; and, fire-preventative work for fire safety was done by one-year and three-year inspections.

Commissioner Paredes then inquired about the Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan. Staff responded that an Active Transportation Leadership Project community meeting for the plan was scheduled for next Tuesday, July 26th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and that the plan would come before the Commission and City Council in the fall.

Chair O'Neill mentioned the Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the King of Kings Church, located at 13431 Newhope Street. Guests should bring their own chairs.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff responded to a previous inquiry regarding bus shelter maintenance and stated that maintenance was provided by an outside company, and if required, a person could call Raquel Manson in Public Works at 714-741-5554. Also, to shelter a bus stop, the company and Public Works would look at traffic, and if needed, a request would be put in and a budget allocated. Staff would also consider a community request or petition, which would prompt a study.

Staff then replied to a previous inquiry in regard to street lights and the person to contact would be Ana Neal in Public Works at 714-741-5176.

Staff then mentioned that the City was still in Stage 2 of the water drought; that residents were complying; and that it is too soon to go back to Level 1 per Bill Murray

of Public Works.

Commissioner Margolin asked when the Site C hotel would come before the Planning Commission. Staff explained that the original developer entered into an agreement with the Shanghai Group; that plans would need to be finalized prior to the public hearing process; and that the deadline for construction was the first part of 2018.

In regard to the Galleria, the parties were still in court, however, there was definite interest, and there did not seem to be problems with kids getting inside the fencing, but graffiti covered the inside walls.

Commissioner Barker added that he read on Facebook that homeless had made an encampment on the first floor.

Staff then mentioned that the new McDonalds was open on Valley View Street.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:25 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, August 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion:	O'Neill	Second:	Margolin
Ayes:	(6)	Barker, Margolin, Nuygen, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora	
Noes:	(0)	None	
Absent:	(1)	Kanzler	

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Judith Moore  
Recording Secretary

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](http://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

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'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.

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Sept. 2, 2016  
Issue #78

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## **Key Climate Change Bills and Cap-and-Trade Expenditure Plan Clear Legislature in Final Days**

*\$900 million Allocated, but Uncertainty of Cap-and-Trade Program Remains*

The League tracked legislation dealing with climate change and measures to reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) throughout the session. Although the League did not take formal positions on all of these bills, cities will want to be aware of their effects.

*For more, see Page 2.*



## **Second Attempt at Costly Employee Orientation Proposal Fails in Senate**

The Legislature often acts in a manner that is responsive to issues that have local, state or even national implications. In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's 4-4 ruling in the controversial *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*, which challenged the collection of "fair share" or "compulsory" union fees from nonunion employees, organized labor responded with AB 2835 (Cooper). Co-authored by legislative leadership, the measure was amended in June in and would have required that all public employer labor organizations be allowed 30 minutes of paid time to organize new hires. The measure did not move forward at the end of session.

*For more, see Page 3.*



## **Legislation Undermining Local Taxi Regulation Authority Sent to Governor**

*Flawed Bill Redrafted in Final Hours of Session*

Without any meaningful input from the public and affected stakeholders in the closing hours of the legislative session, the Legislature redrafted AB 650 (Low) to arbitrarily restrict the ability for cities and counties to properly regulate the taxi industry, in an attempt to level the playing field for taxis against their competition (transportation network companies, or TNCs, such as Uber and Lyft). Enhancing competition at the expense of maintaining important community standards, including ensuring public safety, community-wide coverage, and disabled access is the wrong approach.

*For more, see Page 4.*



## Extending State GHG Goals and Changing Air Resources Board

In the face of strong opposition from business groups, oil companies, and agricultural interests, [SB 32 \(Pavley\)](#) and [AB 197 \(E. Garcia\)](#) cleared final legislative hurdles and are currently on Gov. Jerry Brown's desk. The Governor's office was heavily engaged in the effort to pass these bills.

SB 32 provides the California Air Resources Board (ARB) with clear authority to limit statewide GHG emissions equivalent to at least 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. However, SB 32 does not explicitly extend the cap and trade program. The Governor attempted to insert last-minute amendments into SB 32 to clarify that the program shall continue beyond 2020, but was unsuccessful.

AB 197 establishes a new Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies to provide ongoing, permanent oversight over the implementation of the state's climate policies and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies is comprised of at least three senators and three assembly members. AB 197 also makes substantial changes to ARB. The measure imposes six-year term limits on voting members and adds two members of the Legislature as non-voting, ex-officio members, one appointed by each house.

At a press [conference](#) announcing the passage of SB 32 and AB 197, Governor Brown was asked about the fate of the Cap-and-Trade program given the significant decline in recent auction revenues and the pending challenge to the legality of the Cap-and-Trade program in court, which argues that the program functions as a tax, and not a fee. He said that the passage of SB 32 provides leverage to lawmakers to reach a deal with opponents of the Cap-and-Trade program that would prefer such a program over more rigorous regulations to reduce pollution.

The Governor and others suggest the Cap-and-Trade program, a market based system, is not needed to reduce GHG emissions. With SB 32 providing ARB clear authority to regulate GHG emissions to achieve a 40 percent reduction below 1990 levels by 2030, ARB could force GHG emitters to take action or face penalties without a process to help offset the cost of compliance.

At the press conference, Governor Brown warned "*they're going to plead for a market system.*"

## \$900 Million in Remaining Cap-and-Trade Funds Allocated, New Transformative Climate Communities Program to be Launched

In addition to SB 32 and AB 197, the Legislature passed [AB 2722 \(Burke\)](#), a measure that establishes the programmatic framework for the new Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCCP) that received funding in the Cap-and-Trade expenditure program. The TCCP is very similar to a program that the League, the California State Association of Counties, the Local Government Commission, and other have sought the last three years. Its purpose is to provide funding to develop and implement neighborhood-level climate community plans that include multiple, coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities.

The approved Cap-and-Trade [expenditure plan](#) is the first meaningful discretionary spending of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds in two years.

Specific allocations are as follows:

- \$135 million for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program to fund essential local capital projects for bus and commuter rail;
- \$10 million for the Active Transportation Program to fund bicycle and pedestrian programs;
- \$133 million for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program to assist with the purchase of clean vehicles;
- \$150 million for the Heavy Duty and Off-Road Investments to help develop and pilot cleaner industrial vehicles;

- \$80 million for the Enhanced Vehicle Fleet Modernization program to provide low income families help replacing old vehicles with new, cleaner vehicles;
- \$140 million for the Transformative Climate Communities Program to fund a community-wide approach for disadvantage communities to implement an integrated transportation, housing, and green space development plan to reduce pollution, GHG emissions, and improve local communities;
- \$80 million for the Urban Greening Program to fund green spaces and parks in local communities;
- \$15 million for the Urban Forestry Program to assist disadvantaged communities with tree planting and care; and
- \$2 million for the Strategic Growth Council to assist disadvantage communities and local governments with developing climate.

## Next Steps

There is likely to be a great deal of activity this fall related to the Cap-and-Trade program and implementation of the newly adopted climate change legislation. In particular, the outcome of the pending court challenge to the legality of the Cap-and-Trade program should be determined in the coming weeks.

The November 2016 election will also add to the dynamics of the situation. It is possible that the Democrats in the Assembly and the Senate could win enough seats to regain a two-thirds super majority. If this happens, it is much more likely that the Legislature will resolve the uncertainty around the Cap-and-Trade program by approving it with a two-thirds vote, making it a tax, instead of a fee.

League staff will also closely monitor and update cities on developments associated with ARB's actions as they relate to implementation of the new GHG emission reduction targets contained in SB 32.

Finally, in the next few weeks, League staff will update its website and the Cap-and-Trade Guide to reflect the 2016-17 Cap-and-Trade expenditure plan. These resource materials are meant to assist cities with accessing Cap-and-Trade funds.

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### 'AB 2835' Continued from Page 1...

A similar attempt was made last year, before the Court's ruling. The League along with public employer counterparts strongly opposed the effort. With only four days remaining of the legislative session, the measure never made it out of mock up form.

Aside from the loss of local control, the logistical challenges and the estimated \$350 million dollars annually that the measure would have shifted to the state, local governments and school districts, AB 2835 was simply unnecessary because labor unions already have broad access to meet with and inform public employees.

City engagement on this issue played a critical role in educating and informing legislators. In the final weeks of the legislative session hundreds of cities made their presence known through participating in the League's data collection surveys. Preliminary results from over 100 cities 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 — which would only drive up the cost of this measure in every year.

After months of intense lobbying from both sides, the author decided to send the measure to the Inactive File on the final day of the legislative session, meaning the measure is shelved for the year. Although this may only be a temporary reprieve as similar proposals may return next year.

Stopping this legislation took significant effort. Sustained messaging outlining the logistical and financial burden this measure would have placed on our cities truly was the catalyst in stopping

this bill. City officials answered the call to action through sending letters of opposition and making phone calls to their lawmakers. The League appreciates the engagement of city officials on this important matter.

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**'Taxi Cab' Continued from Page 1...**

The regulation of taxis has been a municipal affair for nearly a century. Local governments have begun to modify regulations to provide a balanced regulatory approach in response to the quickly evolving for-hire transportation industry. AB 650, however, limits their authority and reverses such advancements. Rushing a major policy shift of this magnitude could lead to more problems than it looks to solve.

AB 650 applies unevenly. A carve-out for the city and county of San Francisco was inserted into the bill, despite other unique circumstances other cities may also have. Whatever the justifications, the reality is that for all other cities and counties, much of their authority would be retroactively limited to what they had in place on July 1, 2016.

If the bill is signed, cities and counties would no longer be able to:

- Impose any new service charges, fees, or assessments on taxicab transportation services even if taxicab companies are newly introduced into those jurisdictions;
- Impose fees for taxi driver permits in excess of \$75 in perpetuity, regardless of inflation, with no consideration of existing constitutional restrictions on permit fees or the real cost for taxi program administration; and
- Impose any additional regulations to help ensure adequate levels of service to all areas within the jurisdiction for individuals covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, such as expansion or adoption of an ordinance similar to Los Angeles' requirement that 10 percent of its taxi fleet must be wheelchair accessible.

While purporting to "level the playing field" for taxis, this measure will not accomplish that objective. AB 650 continues to hold taxicab regulation to a stricter standard than TNCs. Some cities have enacted more stringent background criteria than required by the state and it remains unclear if this legislation may prevent cities from adopting standards stronger than what's required by state law. In an era of increased threats to the general public, the Legislature should aim for strengthening safety measures, not weakening them.

Switching taxi regulation from locals to a state agency is also part of the bill's objective, which is apparent in the intent language. Earlier versions of AB 650 proposed that the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) assume jurisdiction to regulate taxis because it also regulates TNCs. The problem is that legislators and the Governor have proposed to reform the PUC, which would include switching the regulation of TNCs to the California State Transportation Agency. That measure failed to make it out of the Legislature in the final hours of session. Meanwhile, AB 650 limits the only existing regulatory authority for taxicabs when there is not even a clear home for taxi regulation at the state level. At a minimum, this legislation is premature.

The world of for-hire transportation is rapidly changing. TNCs have expanded options in a revolutionary way. Regulations for taxis should be modernized, but such change should take place in a thoughtful and deliberative forum instead of with legislation redrafted in the late hours of a legislative session. Local governments should be a full partner in any discussion of the integration of new technologies affecting transportation options within communities, so that important community priorities such as public safety, community-wide coverage, anti-discrimination policies and disabled access can continue to be assured.

Gov. Jerry Brown should veto AB 650 and allow time for future legislation to be more carefully drafted with the input of affected local agencies and ensure that any role for the state, including the specific agency tasked with new responsibilities, is clarified.

## Next Steps

Cities are encouraged to submit veto request letters on this legislation. A copy of the League's letter and sample letter can be obtained at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) by plugging AB 650 into the search function.

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## League's Regional Divisions Contribute to Defeat of Legislation Undermining Local Control of Regional Authority

A bill proposing to add state appointments to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) board, was defeated on the Assembly Floor in the final hours of the legislative session. The measure, SB 1387 (de León) represented a clear threat to local control and was strongly opposed by all four of the League's affected regional divisions — Los Angeles County, Orange County, Riverside County and Inland Empire. Many stakeholder organizations, individual cities and the state League also opposed the measure.

Under SB 1387, Gov. Jerry Brown, the Senate and the Assembly would each have had the authority to appoint one new member to the SCAQMD board. These state appointments would have comprised 40 percent of the board. The broad coalition opposing this measure reminded legislators that 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. For more, please see "[Legislation Giving State Appointments to SCAQMD Threatens Local Control](#)," *CA Cities Advocate*, Aug. 24.

There often can be a diversity of perspectives on legislation affecting regional matters — but not in this case. All four League divisions were in agreement that it was inappropriate for the state to have such authority over a regional body. The League joined in the opposition effort because of the impacts this measure would have had on the local control of cities within the region and its disturbing precedent for further state intrusion into local affairs. The successful outcome on this bill demonstrates the power that can come from a collective effort focused on a specific goal, which is captured by the League's motto: "*cities working together*." The League thanks legislators who did not support this measure.

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## California City Solutions: Livermore Library Develops Innovative Service Model to Continue Providing Accessibility to Services

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). Livermore's Easy Access Library was submitted in 2015 for the Community Services and Economic Development award category.*

When faced with the challenges of the economic downturn, the city of Livermore created a new model for library services. The result was a hybrid library branch that is the first known library of its type. This hybrid branch, the Easy Access Library, has provided residents several additional hours per year of access to library books and materials. It is a creative and fiscally responsible way of providing a service where a need still exists despite a lack of ongoing funding. This innovative service model is not only applicable in the library field, but also for other municipal services.

Livermore operates its own library system. The flagship is the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, a beautiful 53,000 square-foot library that opened in 2004. In addition to this main library, two small branches serve other areas of the city. As of 2009, the main library was open seven days per week for a total of 65 hours; the two branch libraries were open six days per week for a total of 51 hours each. In response to the economic downturn, in January 2010, staff reduced library service hours at each of the two branches to three days (23 hours) per week. Unfortunately, funding shortfalls required additional budget cuts in the fall of 2010 and as a result, staff decided that they would need to close down the smallest and oldest library in the city, the Springtown Branch Library.

This branch library was originally created from a small portable building that was formerly used as a convenience store. This portable was moved from another location and donated to the city to open as Livermore's first branch library in 1986. Although the facility was very outdated, community members would not accept its closing and the city council requested that some library services be provided for the Springtown community. This would require creative solutions on the part of library management. Management reorganized staffing throughout the library system in order to keep the Springtown Branch Library open one day per week and also began exploring innovative methods for offering some level of service throughout the week.

The Springtown Branch Library is located in an area of the city isolated by a major freeway. This freeway creates both a physical and conceptual separation between the two areas of the city and the residents in this area historically have felt cut off from the majority of city services. Although the main library is less than four miles from the Springtown Branch Library, public transportation between the two areas is limited and there are few vehicle traffic routes across the freeway. After the reduction in library branch hours, some Springtown residents began to use the main library; however, other residents did not, due to the travel inconvenience.

Several traditional approaches to library services were explored, including service reductions at the main library and collaboration opportunities with other agencies. Since branch staffing was minimal, library management began exploring self-service technologies. In looking beyond traditional solutions, they found creative inspiration in some unusual places — the U.S. Postal Service, a video rental company, and a local health club. All of these facilities used different types of technology to provide services without the use of staff. Library management began to research the variety of self-service equipment that the library could use to offer basic services within this type of operation and ultimately created the model for a new type of hybrid library.

Library staff surveyed area residents and asked them to rank services that they would use in a self-service facility. The highest ranked services were: the ability to pick up materials transferred from the main library; to check out DVDs and books; and to return items through an automated machine.

In 2011, the library received an Innovations Grant in the amount of \$63,000 from the Bay Area Library Information System to use toward the hybrid library project. The city of Livermore and the Friends of the Livermore Library then provided the remainder of the funding.

With this funding, staff created a new hybrid service space at the Springtown Branch Library. The branch was to remain open one day a week with staffing from the main library, and would be unstaffed but accessible the remainder of the week through self-service technology. The unstaffed portion of the Springtown Branch Library opened in January 2013 as the Easy Access Library.

The Easy Access Library provides access to library materials seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., through a secure keycard entry during the hours the Springtown Branch Library is unstaffed. For a nominal fee, adults holding a Livermore Public Library card may apply for an Easy Access keycard in order to utilize the extended service hours. The self-service Easy Access Library offers secured DVD lending; automated materials return; a variety of youth and adult books and magazines available with self-service checkout; and holds lockers where patrons can pick up library materials requested from the main library.

The library uses video cameras and panic buttons to ensure safety. The facility's alarm arms and disarms automatically to ensure that people do not remain in the facility after hours. Residents who need to utilize the expertise of a librarian can continue to access the library during staffed hours. Residents who merely need routine checkout, pickup, and return services now have the flexibility to access these services seven days per week.

The innovative Easy Access Library has become a point of pride in the community. This unique hybrid library has given neighborhood residents more than 3,800 hours per year of additional access to library books and materials, and issued over 350 Easy Access Cards to residents. Residents use the service daily and express positive feedback about the convenience. Other municipalities have visited the branch to learn about this new hybrid service model.

Before the Easy Access Library opened, library materials usage at the Springtown Branch showed a steady decline of 21 percent. However, that downward trend reversed to a 1 percent increase in FY 2013-14 and continues to increase. Residents are also discovering that the Easy Access Library is the only city library open on holidays, which resulted in a 24 percent increase in materials usage in December 2014.

The ongoing costs of the Easy Access Library are minimal and mostly include equipment and facility maintenance. The cost to staff a similar level of access for a traditional library service model would be approximately \$300,000 per year. Additionally, there was an initial concern among staff about the potential for theft in an unstaffed facility. Surprisingly, the Easy Access keycard has instilled a sense of ownership in the library itself. Residents proactively notify library administration upon discovering any potential issues with door or equipment malfunctions, and theft has not been an issue.

The technology in the Easy Access Library has become a point of interest for both the local and library communities. Numerous libraries and community groups have requested tours of the space and the automated technologies. The Livermore Public Library has also presented information about the Easy Access Library and its unique hybrid service approach at national and regional conferences. After seeing the presentation, several conference attendees have expressed an interest in exploring a similar service model. This new service model is not only applicable in the library field, but could be explored for other municipal services as well.

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## **State Launches Revised Open Data Portal**

The California Government Operations Agency (GovOps) announced today that its [open data portal](#) has been updated with open source technology. Hosted by the Department of Technology, the portal is a collection of data gathered from multiple state agencies. Information contained in this portal can be of use to government agencies, the public, researchers and the press.

The portal is broken into content types, topics and tags. Topics include:

- Water;
- Fleet and Transportation;
- Economy and Demographics;
- Recycling;
- Buildings; and
- Grants and Contracts.

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## **U.S. EPA Will Release RFP for Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup Funding this Fall**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields program is expecting the release of their annual request for proposals for brownfields assessment and cleanup funding in September/October 2016 with applications due 60-75 days after the release. These grants support property redevelopment and economic revitalization. Funds can be used to develop a brownfields inventory, conduct community outreach, perform environmental site assessments and clean up brownfield properties.

Cities that may have sites are encouraged to start early and contact EPA, engage interested stakeholders, and begin preparing the application. Additional information on the brownfields grant program can be found on [EPA's website](#).

For practical advice and hands-on technical assistance, feel free to contact members of the [CALED Brownfields & Land Revitalization Committee](#).

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## **Marijuana Cannabis Cultivation Program Public Scoping Period Opened Sept. 1** *Scoping Workshops Scheduled Statewide*

The California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) is developing regulations to establish cannabis cultivation licensing and a track and trace system, collectively referred to as the Medical Cannabis Cultivation Program (MCCP). The overall purpose of CDFA's licensing program is to ensure medical cannabis cultivation is performed in a manner that protects the environment, cannabis cultivation workers, and the general public from the individual and cumulative effects of these operations, and fully complies with all applicable laws. In addition, the program has been set up to establish a track and trace program to ensure the movement of medical cannabis items are tracked throughout the production chain.

The agency is preparing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to provide the public, state and local agencies, and permitting agencies information about the potential environmental effects associated with the adoption and implementation of statewide medical cannabis cultivation regulations.

The official public scoping period runs from Sept. 1–30 and provides CDFA an opportunity to obtain public input regarding the upcoming environmental analysis and regulation development.

The [Notice of Preparation and Public Notice](#) is available online.

Written comments can be [emailed](#) or mailed to:  
California Department of Food & Agriculture  
Attn: Amber Morris  
Medical Cannabis Cultivation Comments  
1220 N St. Ste. 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Scoping Workshop Schedule**

The public is also invited to attend eight scoping workshops across the state to learn more about the MCCP and submit formal comments for the record. All workshops will be from 4–7 p.m.

#### **Sept. 13: Sacramento**

Sacramento Convention Center  
1400 J St. Rm 202  
Sacramento, CA 95814

#### **Sept. 14: Redding**

Red Lion Hotel (Sierra Room)  
1830 Hilltop Dr. Redding, CA 96002

#### **Sept. 15: Eureka**

Red Lion Hotel (Pacific Room)  
1929 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Eureka, CA 95501

#### **Sept. 20: Oakland**

Oakland Marriott (Skyline Room)  
1001 Broadway  
Oakland, CA 94607

#### **Sept. 21: San Luis Obispo**

Courtyard by Marriott (Grand Ballroom)  
1605 Calle Joaquin  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

#### **Sept. 22: Coalinga**

Harris Ranch Garden Ballroom  
23505 West Dorris Ave.  
Coalinga, CA 93210

**Sept. 27: Pasadena**

Pasadena Convention Center (Ballroom F)  
300 E. Green St.  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**Sept. 28: Desert Hot Springs**

Miracle Springs Resort and Spa (Mirage Ballroom)  
10625 Palm Dr.  
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

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**Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation and Department of Public Health  
Announce Pre-Regulatory Stakeholder Meetings**

During September and October, the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation (BMCR) and the Department of Public Health will be holding pre-regulatory stakeholder meetings. These meetings will be used to gather input on upcoming regulations.

**Dates and Locations**

Meetings have been set for the following dates and locations. Information on exact locations have yet to be announced.

- Sept. 19: Redding
- Sept. 20: Sacramento
- Sept. 22 Santa Rosa
- Sept. 26: Oakland
- Sept. 27: Fresno
- Oct. 4: Los Angeles
- Oct. 5: San Diego

**Additional Information**

BMCR invites cities to sign up for its listserv at [www.bmcr.ca.gov](http://www.bmcr.ca.gov) for information and updates.

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## **Governor's Action Pending on Bills Impacting Cities** *Cities Should Send Signature and Veto Requests Now*

Nearly 800 bills — including many of interest to cities — reached the desk of Gov. Jerry Brown before the Aug. 31 adjournment of the 2015-16 legislative session. The Governor now has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto bills. The following is a list of bills on which the League is urging the Governor to sign or veto. Cities should submit letters regarding bills in which they have an interest. For more information on legislative language, the League's position letters and sample position letters for cities, please enter bill number in the League's [bill search](#). Sign or veto letters for priority bills may also be submitted through the League's online [action center](#).  
*For more, see Page 2.*



## **Join City Officials Nationwide for NLC's City Summit in Pittsburgh**

The National League of Cities (NLC) will be holding its [City Summit](#) (formerly Congress of Cities) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania this year. The conference is Nov. 16-19 and will bring together local leaders from throughout the United States for a unique opportunity to network and learn from experts and each other. *For more, see Page 6.*



## **League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$24.85 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Irvine**

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 6.*

<http://www.cacities.org/CMSModules/Newsletters/CMSPages/GetNewsletterIssue.aspx?issueId=1177>

## Request for Signature

### **AB 350 (Alejo) California Voting Rights Act: Notice and Cure**

Provides a 'notice and cure' provision for cities who are being sued under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). This measure would give cities 135 days to switch to district-based elections through the ordinance process without the fear of soaring legal fees.

### **AB 723 (Chiu) Housing: Finance**

Makes helpful changes to rules governing the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for small, "non-entitlement" cities (fewer than 50,000 residents) and counties, which receive federal CDBG dollars via the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) rather than directly from the federal government. According to most recent data from the California Department of Finance, there are 306 cities with less than 50,000 residents.

### **AB 806 (Dodd and Frazier) Economic Development**

Clarifies loan, lease and sale agreements and property acquisition are included in the range of options a community may employ to advance economic development. Provides additional flexibility for local agencies to acquire and dispose of properties to create economic opportunities.

### **AB 1244 (Gray) Workers Compensation: Fraud**

Creates a suspension process for medical providers who commit serious crimes or are involved in fraudulent activity that is modeled after the suspension process for Medi-Cal. Currently, there is no suspension process for medical providers in the workers' compensation system beyond removal from the Qualified Medical Examiner list. This bill should result in less fraud in the workers' compensation system, thereby reducing costs to employers.

### **AB 1276 (Santiago) Child Witnesses: Human Trafficking**

Allows a minor age 15 or younger who is a victim of human trafficking to testify in court by means of closed-circuit television in criminal proceedings, if a court finds:

- Open court testimony would cause severe emotional distress;
- Defendant has issued threats of serious bodily injury against the minor or his/her family;
- Defendant caused great bodily injury to the minor during the commission of the offense;
- Defendant or his counsel behaved in a way that prevented completion of minor's testimony during a hearing or trial; and
- Defendant used a deadly weapon during the commission of the offense.

### **AB 1592 (Bonilla) Autonomous vehicles: pilot project**

Allows the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to conduct a pilot project to test the full range of autonomous vehicle technology, including vehicles without a steering wheel, gas/brake pedal, or driver.

### **AB 1719 (Rodriguez) CPR Training**

Requires school districts and charter schools that require a course in health education as a prerequisite to graduation from high school, to include within the curriculum instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

### **AB 1787 (Gomez) Local Government Translation Services**

If a local legislative body limits the time for public comment, this measure would require the legislative body to provide at least twice the allotted time to a member of the public who utilizes a translator to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the legislative body, unless simultaneous translation equipment is used to allow the body to hear the translated public testimony simultaneously.

### **AB 1789 (Santiago) Personal Income Taxes: Voluntary Contributions: School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund**

Extends the voluntary tax contributions to the School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund until January 2022 or until the contribution by taxpayers does not meet the \$250,000 contribution amount.

**AB 1952 (Gordon) Property Tax Postponement Program**

Makes several modifications to assist with the implementation of the recently reestablished Property Tax Postponement, a state loan program operated by the State Controller to help lower income seniors and disabled persons stay in their homes and reduce their risk of default and delinquency.

**HOT AB 2220 (Cooper) District-Based Elections**

This is a simple expansion of SB 493 (Cannella, 2015) which will allow cities with a population threshold over 100K to switch to districts via the ordinance process versus the ballot process. Ballot initiatives are costly and do not insulate a city from CVRA litigation if the measure fails.

**AB 2269 (Waldron) Animal Shelters**

Prohibits the sale or transfer of live animals from pounds and animal shelters to any animal dealer or research facility for purposes of research or experimentation.

**AB 2406 (Thurmond) Junior Accessory Dwelling Units**

Allows a local agency to create an ordinance for junior accessory dwelling units (JADU) in single-family residential zones. JADUs are units that are no more than 500 square feet in size and contained entirely within a single-family residence. The unit may include separate sanitation facilities or may share the facilities with the existing structure.

**AB 2491 (Nazarian) Vehicles: Stopping, Standing, and Parking**

Authorizes local governments to adopt an ordinance that prohibits a person from stopping, parking, or leaving a vehicle parked within 15 feet of driveways used by emergency vehicles to enter or exit a police station, ambulance service facility, or general acute care hospital.

**AB 2492 (Alejo and E. Garcia) Cleanup to CRIA Law**

Includes helpful changes for implementation of last year's AB 2 Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs):

- Clarifies calculation of crime and unemployment data.
- Allows use of countywide and citywide income data.
- Allows access to financing options provided to EIFD's.
- Facilitates disadvantaged communities' use of the tool.

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**AB 2594 (Gordon) Stormwater Resources**

Clarifies that a public entity that captures stormwater, in accordance with a stormwater resource plan, before the water reaches a natural channel, may use the captured water.

**AB 2679 (Cooley) Medical Marijuana: Regulation: Research**

Expands authorized research activities of the University of California's Marijuana Research Program to include motor skills. Provides interim guidance for what manufacturing processes are legal for marijuana-derived products under the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, including legal forms of butane extraction. Sunsets once the state begins issuing manufacturing licenses.

**AB 2693 (Dababneh) Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)**

Enhances existing consumer protections and disclosures associated with the PACE program.

**AB 2722 (Burke) Transformative Climate Communities Program**

Creates the Transformative Climate Communities Program to award competitive grants to develop and implement neighborhood-level climate community plans that include greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities.

**AB 2724 (Gatto) Unmanned Aircraft/Drones**

Requires drone manufacturers to provide information for online access to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Safety regulations and the FAA registration requirement in their product packaging. Requires drone owners to procure liability insurance in an amount determined by the Department of Insurance.

**AB 2728 (Atkins) California Organized Investment Network (COIN)**

Extends the sunset date on the COIN tax credit program to Jan. 1, 2018. Includes language that expands the definition of a "community development investment" to include reservation-based and rural communities (either up to 10,000, or up to 20,000 population, as defined).

**AB 2821 (Chiu) Housing for a Healthy California Program**

Requires HCD to establish the Housing for a Healthy California Program, which would fund competitive grants to pay for interim and long-term rental assistance for homeless Medi-Cal recipients. Establishes criteria for an applicant to be eligible for a grant, including having identified a source of funding for housing transition services and tenancy sustaining services.

**AB 2853 (Gatto) Public Records Internet Reports**

Allows a public agency to comply with certain disclosure requirements under the California Public Records Act by posting any public record on its internet website and, in response to a request for a public record posted on the internet website, directing a member of the public to the location on the internet website where the public record is posted.

**SB 441 (Wolk) Public Records Act: Exemptions**

Exempts from disclosure any identification number, alphanumeric character, or other unique identifying code used by a public agency to identify a vendor or contractor, or an affiliate of a vendor or contractor, unless the identification number, alphanumeric character, or other unique identifying code is used in a public bidding or an audit involving the public agency.

**SB 807 (Gaines) Unmanned Aircraft: Local Agency Immunity**

Provides stronger immunity for local agency first responders who damage or destroy a drone that interferes with their emergency operations.

**SB 817 (Roth) Property Tax Allocation; Recently Incorporated Cities**

Assists four recently incorporated cities in Riverside County which were severely harmed in 2011 when the state swept all remaining shares of city vehicle license fee (VLF) revenues. These lost revenues would be replaced with shares of property tax in the same manner that all existing cities (under the 2004 VLF-property tax swap) received property tax to offset lost shares of the VLF. In short, these cities will be treated equally with all others.

**SB 866 (Roth) Veterans Housing**

Allows Proposition 41 bond funding to be used to create supportive housing for female veterans and their children who have suffered sexual abuse.

**SB 1046 (Hill) Ignition Interlock Devices**

Expands an existing four-county ignition interlock device program to be statewide in scope. Requires persons convicted of Driving Under the Influence offenses to install and maintain an Ignition Interlock Device, i.e. a breathalyzer, on their motor vehicle in order to obtain a restricted driver's license, or to have a driver's license reinstated.

**SB 1108 (Allen) Local Redistricting Commissions**

Allows a general law city to establish their own citizen redistricting commission. Currently, charter cities already have that authority.

**SB 1221 (Hertzberg) Firefighters: Interaction with Mentally Disabled**

Authorizes the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to make its coursework on assessing, interacting with, and providing assistance to mentally disabled persons available to firefighters and fire departments.

**SB 1288 (Leno) Rank Choice Voting**

Allows a general law city to change their voting methodology to rank choice voting but must be done through the vote of the people. Currently, charter cities already have that authority.

## **Request for Veto**

### **HOT AB 626 (Chiu) Public contracts: claim resolution**

Establishes a claims resolution process that would require local governments to respond to every claim for disputed payment amounts from a contractor within 45 days; pay undisputed amounts within 60 days; meet and confer if claimant continues to dispute payment amounts or if the agency fails to respond to a claim; and force mediation when meet and confers don't resolve disputes.

### **AB 650 (Low) Taxicab transportation services**

Makes preemptory changes in anticipation of the expected reorganization of the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) that would remove transportation companies from the PUC's regulatory authority. Except for the city and county of San Francisco, will limit city/county service fees, cap taxi driver permit fees at \$75, and prevent expansion or adoption of ordinances that help ensure adequate levels of disability access if those policies were not in place by July 1, 2016. Cities and counties would still have to perform all other regulatory functions that are required of them, such as background checks and drug and alcohol testing, until the PUC is reorganized.

### **AB 779 (C. Garcia) Local Government Compensation Reports**

Creates a duplicative compensation report that must be posted to an agencies' website for each elected official. Compensation is broken down into: salary; overtime; unused vacation; stipends; pension; retirement and health premium contributions; automobile, phone and technology allowances.

### **HOT AB 1217 (Daly) Orange County Fire Authority**

Establishes a legal precedent of state interference in the governance of local joint powers authorities by codifying a rule that members of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors cannot appoint alternates.

### **AB 1505 (Hernández) Statute of Limitations: Public Contracts**

Increases the statutes of limitations on competitive bidding violations, specifically Public Contract Code Section 20163, that prohibits local governments from breaking up public works projects into smaller projects for purposes of evading competitive bidding requirements.

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### **AB 1643 (Gonzalez) Workers Compensation: Apportionment**

Eliminates the 'apportionment' process for certain non-industrial work injuries. Apportionment is a key cost controller in the workers compensation system.

### **AB 1669 (Hernández) Displaced Employees: Service Contracts: Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste**

Requires local governments to give a 10 percent bidding preference to solid waste collection and transportation services contractors that agree to retain the employees from the previous such contractor for up to 90 days.

### **HOT AB 2586 (Gatto) Parking**

Permanently deletes the Jan. 1, 2017 sunset on AB 61 (Gatto, Chapter 71, 2013), which prohibits cities from ticketing cars at broken meters. Also requires that cities make parking promptly available once street sweeping and other maintenance activities have been provided and prohibits cities from providing incentives when contracting out for private parking enforcement

### **SB 654 (Jackson) Parental Leave**

Expands the current California Family Rights Act (CFRA) to public and private entities of 20 employees or more. Current law mandates CFRA applies to employers of 50 or more.

### **HOT SB 897 (Roth) Workers Compensation: '4850' Time Expansion**

Expands '4850' time for an additional year for first responders who suffer a catastrophic injury at the hands of another. Definitions within the bill will expand the applicability of the new law to allow for increased abuse of '4850' time.

### **HOT SB 1069 (Wieckowski) Land Use: Zoning**

Restricts a local agency's ability to impose requirements on second units (renamed "accessory dwelling units" or ADUs). Prohibits local agencies from imposing parking standards on units that are within one half mile of public transit, located within an architecturally and historically significant district, or when there is a car share vehicle within one block; among other conditions. Also places confusing restrictions on the water/sewer connection and capacity fees.

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This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued \$24,854,128 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Luxaira in Irvine.

### **About Luxaira**

The vision for Luxaira began in 1996 with the closure of the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. The project is a 157-unit affordable housing community for low-income seniors located on 4.88 acres at Great Park Neighborhoods located in the city of Irvine by Related California (Related) and Riverside Charitable Corporation (RCC). The benefits of the project for the city of Irvine and Orange County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income senior tenants;
- The building will bring new economic vibrancy to the project site;
- A positive impact to restaurants and retail in the area; and
- The project consists of 12 studios, 124 one-bedroom units, 20 two-bedroom units and 1 manager's unit.

CSCDA, Related, and RCC partnered with MUFJ Union Bank, N.A. to provide \$24.85 million in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. Although the financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income seniors to be maintained for 55 years, the Regulatory Agreement with the city of Irvine requires the project to maintain the affordability of units in perpetuity.

## Background

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

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