

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
January 12, 2023

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. ADVERTISING PLACEMENT IN VIETNAMESE PUBLICATION FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR (TET) 2023

A summary of Vietnamese advertisements purchased for the Lunar New Year is included for your information.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Scott Stiles
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept.: City Manager's Office
Subject: ADVERTISING PLACEMENT IN
VIETNAMESE PUBLICATIONS FOR
LUNAR NEW YEAR (TET) 2023

From: Ana Pulido
Dept.: City Manager's Office
Date: January 12, 2023

Furthering the City's goal to enhance ethnic outreach to the Vietnamese community, the City of Garden Grove annually purchases full-page ads in the Nguoi-Viet's Tet issue magazine and the Vien-Dong Tet magazine. This year, 2023, is the Year of the Cat, and New Year's Day falls on Sunday, January 22.

The ad on page 19 in the Nguoi-Viet magazine features New Year greetings from the Garden Grove City Council with the image of Garden Grove's most recognizable landmark, the clock tower. In addition, the magazine also features an ad from the Garden Grove Police Department on page 21. Each City Council member has received a copy of both magazines.

The 2023 Tet edition magazines are available throughout the Vietnamese community in Orange County and nationwide. They are well-read publications and kept by Vietnamese readers.



Ana Pulido
Public Information Officer

By: Kristy Thai
Vietnamese Community Liaison

WEEKLY MEMO 1-12-2023

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

January 5, 2023 - January 11, 2023

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

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@CityGardenGrove

Wed 1/11/2023 4:25 pm PST

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is hosting an International Week from 1/17 to 1/20, 9AM to 11AM, at 11300 Stanford A...



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|----------------------------------|-------|
| Impressions | 180 |
| Potential Reach | 4,611 |
| Engagements | 0 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 0% |



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Wed 1/11/2023 4:25 pm PST

Calling all #GardenGrove seniors! The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is hosting an International Week from Tuesday, Januar...



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| Impressions | 444 |
| Reach | 368 |
| Engagements | 9 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 2% |



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 1/11/2023 4:25 pm PST

Calling all #GardenGrove seniors! The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is hosting an International Week from Tuesday, Januar...



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| Impressions | 948 |
| Reach | 948 |
| Engagements | 31 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 3.3% |



gardengrovecityhall

Tue 1/10/2023 2:03 pm PST

In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be...



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| Impressions | 1,160 |
| Reach | 1,026 |
| Engagements | 38 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 3.3% |



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Tue 1/10/2023 2:03 pm PST

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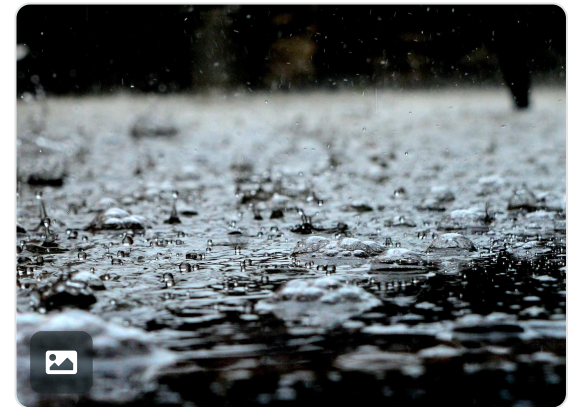
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| Impressions | 243 |
| Reach | 241 |
| Engagements | 8 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 3.3% |



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Mon 1/9/2023 3:32 pm PST

Heavy rainfall is in the forecast tonight and tomorrow. Remember to take extra precautions by slowing down and turnin...



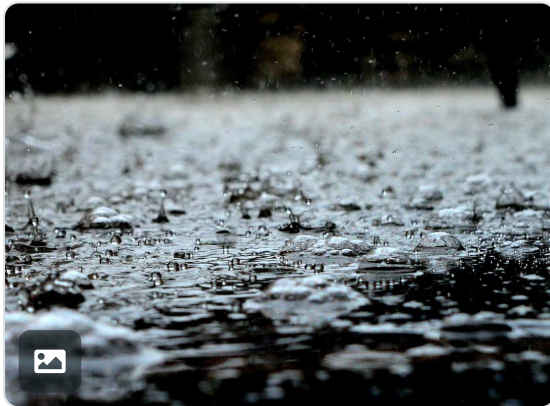
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| Impressions | 2,142 |
| Reach | 1,833 |
| Engagements | 101 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 4.7% |



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 1/9/2023 3:27 pm PST

Heavy rainfall is in the forecast tonight and tomorrow. Find safety precautions at bit.ly/3in4LpM #gg1956



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| Impressions | 240 |
| Potential Reach | 4,607 |
| Engagements | 23 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 9.6% |



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 1/9/2023 3:23 pm PST

Heavy rainfall is in the forecast tonight and tomorrow. Remember to take extra precautions by slowing down and turnin...



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| Impressions | 403 |
| Reach | 400 |
| Engagements | 19 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 4.7% |



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 1/9/2023 12:05 pm PST

Gather your bulky items, the Community Cleanup Days are back! On 2/11, 9-11AM, we're hosting a...



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| Impressions | 531 |
| Potential Reach | 5,116 |
| Engagements | 44 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 8.3% |



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Mon 1/9/2023 12:02 pm PST

Gather your bulky items, because the Community Cleanup Days are back! On Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 9:00...

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Garden Grove Park
9301 Westminster Boulevard



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| Impressions | 4,105 |
| Reach | 3,648 |
| Engagements | 219 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 5.3% |



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 1/9/2023 11:59 am PST

Gather your bulky items, because the Community Cleanup Days are back! On Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 9:00...

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Garden Grove Park
9301 Westminster Boulevard



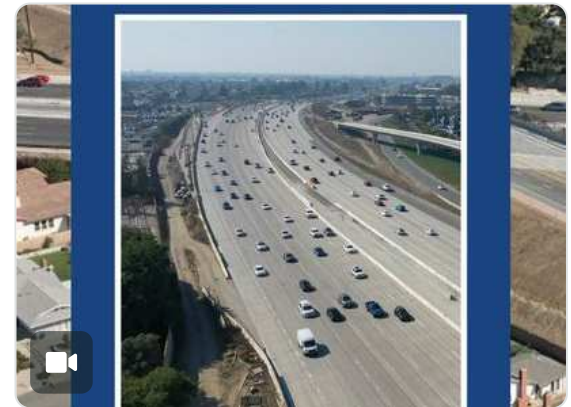
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| Impressions | 1,405 |
| Reach | 1,402 |
| Engagements | 120 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 8.5% |



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 1/6/2023 4:03 pm PST

△ 405 Improvement Project Alert The southbound (SB) I-405 will close between the SB I-405 off-ramp to Westminster Ma...



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| Video Views | 77 |
| Impressions | 337 |
| Reach | 316 |
| Engagements | 4 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.2% |



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 1/6/2023 1:40 pm PST

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING
ggcity.org/news/cert-trai... Garden...



| | |
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| Impressions | 264 |
| Potential Reach | 4,605 |
| Engagements | 9 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 3.4% |



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Fri 1/6/2023 1:35 pm PST

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING The
Garden Grove CERT will host a free 20-...



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| Impressions | 3,001 |
| Reach | 2,704 |
| Engagements | 101 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 3.4% |



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 1/6/2023 1:32 pm PST

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING --
ggcity.org/news/cert-training-2023 The...



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| Impressions | 980 |
| Reach | 936 |
| Engagements | 48 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 4.9% |



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 1/6/2023 9:40 am PST

Looking for a career that will make a difference in [#GardenGrove](#)? The [@GardenGrovePD](#) is now accepting...



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| Impressions | 181 |
| Potential Reach | 4,605 |
| Engagements | 8 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 4.4% |



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Fri 1/6/2023 9:40 am PST

Looking for a career that will make a difference in [#GardenGrove](#)? The [@gardengrovepd](#) is now accepting...



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| Impressions | 1,124 |
| Reach | 1,044 |
| Engagements | 27 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 2.4% |



Garden Grove City Hall

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Looking for a career that will make a difference in [#GardenGrove](#)? The Garden Grove Police Department is now accepti...



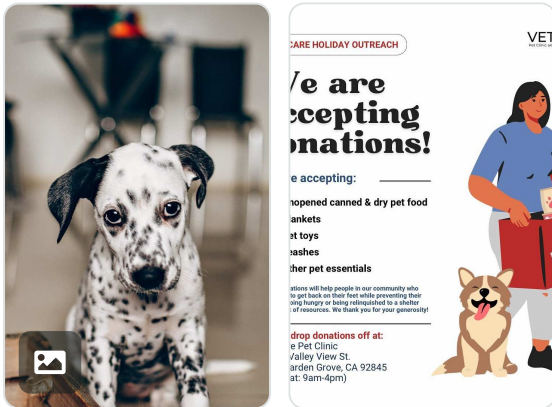
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| Impressions | 631 |
| Reach | 611 |
| Engagements | 25 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 4% |



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 1/5/2023 3:50 pm PST

Help make a difference by donating pet food and supplies to furry friends of the homeless. #GardenGrove's @vetcare...



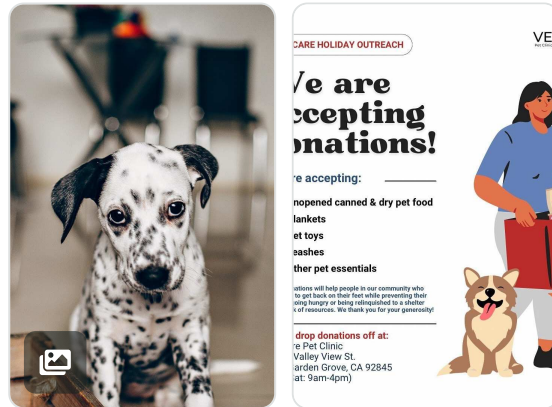
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| Impressions | 222 |
| Potential Reach | 4,604 |
| Engagements | 6 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 2.7% |



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Thu 1/5/2023 3:50 pm PST

Help make a difference by donating pet food and supplies to furry friends of the homeless. #GardenGrove's...



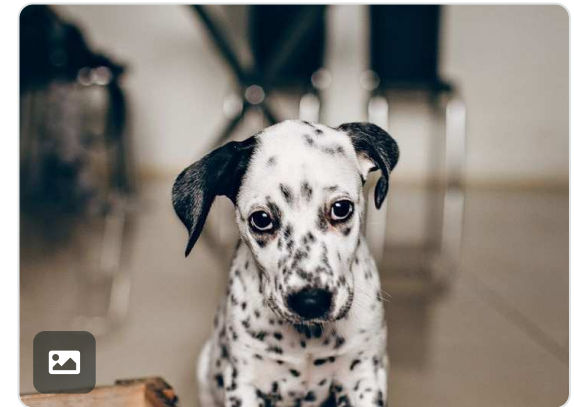
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| Impressions | 2,797 |
| Reach | 1,990 |
| Engagements | 179 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 6.4% |



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 1/5/2023 3:50 pm PST

Help make a difference by donating pet food and supplies to furry friends of the homeless. #GardenGrove's Vet Care Pet...



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| Impressions | 793 |
| Reach | 689 |
| Engagements | 10 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.3% |



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 1/5/2023 12:36 pm PST

EMERGENCY CLOSURE! NB Off-Ramps to Warner & Westminster and SB I-405 Outside Lane Closed: conta.cc/3Gnli4G...



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| Impressions | 254 |
| Potential Reach | 4,603 |
| Engagements | 11 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 4.3% |



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Thu 1/5/2023 10:55 am PST

Do you want to learn more about the #OrganicsRecycling program Join the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association...



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| Impressions | 1,326 |
| Reach | 1,209 |
| Engagements | 31 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 2.3% |



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 1/5/2023 10:36 am PST

Do you want to learn more about the #OrganicsRecycling program Join the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association...



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| Impressions | 303 |
| Reach | 296 |
| Engagements | 14 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 4.6% |



Post Performance

January 5, 2023 - January 11, 2023

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 1/11/2023 9:00 am PST

Wildland fires, power outages, bomb cyclone, and mudslides...these are just some of the conditions we've had to dea...



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| Impressions | 542 |
| Reach | 542 |
| Engagements | 14 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 2.6% |



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 1/10/2023 12:00 pm PST

Looking for a change? #JoinGGPD and work for the best city in Orange County. #GardenGrove has that perfect home-...



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| Impressions | 3,084 |
| Reach | 3,076 |
| Engagements | 126 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 4.1% |



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 1/9/2023 6:00 pm PST

Last Friday, #GardenGrovePD Officers had the honor of attending memorial services to pay their respects to Deputy Isaiah...



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| Impressions | 3,403 |
| Reach | 3,329 |
| Engagements | 343 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 10.1% |



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 1/5/2023 6:30 pm PST

#DidYouKnow, when #GardenGrovePD officers respond to calls using their lights and sirens, it's called rolling "Code 3?" T...



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| Video Views | 844 |
| Impressions | 1,594 |
| Reach | 1,483 |
| Engagements | 1,945 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 122% |



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 1/5/2023 9:32 am PST



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| Impressions | 0 |
| Reach | 0 |
| Engagements | 0 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 0% |




Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 1/5/2023 9:32 am PST




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| Impressions | 0 |
| Reach | 0 |
| Engagements | 0 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 0% |

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Thu 1/5/2023 9:32 am PST



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| Impressions | 0 |
| Reach | 0 |
| Engagements | 0 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 0% |

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Thu 1/5/2023 9:32 am PST



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|----------------------------------|----|
| Impressions | 0 |
| Reach | 0 |
| Engagements | 0 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 0% |

WEEKLY MEMO 1-12-2023

NEWS ARTICLES

OC Register
January 11, 2023

Strong storm batters Southern California, with flooding, mudflows and road closures



A man heads to a homeless encampment along the Los Angeles River bank during Tuesday's storm on, January 10, 2023. (Photo by Sarah Reingewirtz, Los Angeles Daily News/SCNG)

By [HANNA LYKKE](mailto:hlykke@scng.com) | hlykke@scng.com and [NATHANIEL PERCY](mailto:npercy@scng.com) | npercy@scng.com |
PUBLISHED: January 10, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. | UPDATED: January 11, 2023 at 10:40 a.m.

A new round of flooding, mudflows and road closures plagued Southern California on Tuesday, Jan. 10, [as a powerful storm unleashed heavy rain and strong winds on an already waterlogged state.](#)

Pea-sized hail fell in Murrieta, the National Weather Service said. Porter Ranch in the San Fernando Valley saw nearly 7 inches of rainfall, with Woodland Hills at 6.5 inches. At Union Station in Los Angeles, travelers hopping off and on trains faced flooding in an underground pedestrian tunnel. A motorist got bogged down in mud

flowing into an intersection just east of Valle Vista in Riverside County and had to be rescued, along with his passenger.

Most of Los Angeles County was hit by waves of heavy rain rather than a steady downpour, as bands of clouds moved east toward the Inland Empire, NWS meteorologist David Sweet said.

Unstable air – a combination of very cold air above and warm, moist air below – caused strong updrafts that led to some thunderstorms.

But, Sweet added, “Once the sun goes down, it’ll basically be over.”

Los Angeles County

L.A. Metro Gold Line service was suspended from the Southwest Museum Station to the South Pasadena Station because of a downed tree and debris on the tracks, requiring repairs, officials said.

From metropolitan Los Angeles to Long Beach, showers dropped from 1 to 3 inches of rain, said Kristen Stewart of NWS, while most of the San Gabriel Valley registered from 3 to 5 inches as of Tuesday afternoon. Standouts included Alhambra at nearly 6.18 inches; Pasadena collected 5.41 inches.

Flooding was reported on the campus of Marguerita Elementary, according to Alhambra Unified. Elsewhere in the county, access to Topanga Elementary Charter School was restricted, and all Malibu schools were moved to online instruction for the day.

A large pine tree that was toppled in Valley Village reportedly damaged up to six cars.

Residents in about 12 homes were ordered to shelter in place Tuesday morning due to mud and debris flow along Fredonia Drive at Lankershim Boulevard.

Two bicyclists were rescued via helicopter after they became trapped in 3 to 4 feet of static water along the Rio Hondo river near the Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant, Los Angeles Fire Department Supervisor Martin Rangel said.

In Chatsworth, [a large sinkhole in the 11400 block of Iverson Road](#), near the 118 Freeway, led to a rope rescue of two people by Los Angeles city firefighters just before 8:50 p.m. Monday. Both of them, described as a mother and daughter, were taken to the hospital with minor injuries, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department.

By Tuesday, the sinkhole had grown as wide as Iverson, [CBS Los Angeles](#) reported.

Orange County

Silverado led the way for the most rainfall in Orange County as of 4 p.m., with about 3 inches as of 4 p.m., according to the NWS.

Brea and Fullerton saw more than 2 inches, and Coto de Caza and Garden Grove trailed at around 1.5 inches.

Caltrans shut down the Imperial Highway on-ramp to the northbound 57 Freeway because of flooding. Pacific Coast Highway was also closed between Warner Avenue and Seapoint Street after flooding for the second time in the past week.

A coastal hazard warning remained in effect for Orange County until 10 p.m. Wednesday, the NWS said. As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, the highest wave reported was around 7 feet in Huntington Beach, meteorologist Noel Isla said.

The Seal Beach pier has been closed since Jan. 5, after a storm and high surf last week damaged the structure.

Inland Empire

The San Bernardino mountain community of Forest Falls was put under a shelter-in-place order for three hours Tuesday afternoon after mud and debris blocked roadways, according to Yucaipa police.

Around 5 p.m., a woman was rescued from the Santa Ana riverbed in Riverside, where she was found on an “island surrounded by water,” according to the city’s fire department. She had minor injuries.

Strong winds also hit the Inland Empire. In the San Bernardino mountains, gusts of 77 mph were seen at Lytle Creek; Big Bear recorded 56 mph. At lower elevations in Chino Hills and Rancho Cucamonga, gusts topped 55 mph, NWS data shows.

Chino and Ontario had over an inch of rain, but other Inland Empire cities including Riverside, San Bernardino, and Yucaipa logged less than an inch over 24 hours as of late afternoon.

The Internal Revenue Service announced Tuesday that [because of the storms and a resulting federal emergency declaration](#), Southern California residents and business owners will have until May 15 to file federal individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.

More rain still could be possible until early Wednesday morning in portions of the Inland Empire, including Lake Elsinore and Ontario, according to NWS data.

Lightning also could come into play throughout the region, forecasters said.

But most of Wednesday is expected to be dry – a brief reprieve before more showers likely will appear this weekend.

Staff writer Hunter Lee and City News Service contributed to this report.

OC Register
January 10, 2023

OC Restaurant Week returns from March 5-11 with 150 restaurants participating



The interior of Khan Saab in Fullerton (Photo by Brad A. Johnson, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By [CAITLIN ANTONIOS](#) | cantonios@scng.com |

PUBLISHED: January 10, 2023 at 2:40 p.m. | UPDATED: January 10, 2023 at 2:50 p.m.

O.C. Restaurant week will celebrate its 15th year with 150 restaurants participating from Sunday, March 5 through Saturday, March 11.

Participating restaurants will offer prix-fixe menus ranging from \$15 to \$70 per person. Specially created desserts will soon be announced and craft cocktails can be found [here](#).

Diners can find participating restaurants and search menus by price online at www.OCRestaurantWeek.com.

Here is the list of participating restaurants:

- 17th Street Grill — Tustin
- 1886 Brewing Company — Orange
- Andrei's Restaurant — Irvine
- Angelina's Pizzeria — Irvine
- AnQi Bistro — Costa Mesa
- Avila's El Ranchito — San Clemente
- Avila's El Ranchito — Santa Ana
- Benchmark — Santa Ana
- Billy's at the Beach — Newport Beach
- Bottega Angelina — Laguna Niguel
- BRU Grill & Market — Lake Forest
- Brunos Italian Kitchen — Brea
- Cafe Sevilla Spanish Restaurant & Tapas Bar — Costa Mesa
- Cafe Verdant — Costa Mesa
- Calaca Mamas Cantina — Anaheim
- Cambalache Grill — Fountain Valley
- Cappy's Cafe — Newport Beach
- Casa del Sol Cocina Mexicana — Tustin
- Casa Ramos — Santa Ana
- Cha Cha's Latin Kitchen — Brea
- Cha Cha's Latin Kitchen — Irvine
- Chapter One: the modern local — Santa Ana
- Chato's Bar & Grill — Santa Ana
- Chihuahua Cerveza Taproom — Newport Beach
- Citrus City Grille — Orange
- City Cruises Anchored by Hornblower — Newport Beach
- Congregation Ale House — Santa Ana
- CUCINA enoteca — Irvine
- CUCINA enoteca — Newport Beach
- Curry Up Now — Irvine
- De Oro La Puerta Restaurant — Brea
- Descanso — Costa Mesa
- Detention DTSA — Santa Ana
- Dory Deli — Newport Beach
- El Mercado Modern Cuisine — Santa Ana
- Eureka! — Irvine
- Falasophy — Irvine
- Famous Dave's BBQ — Irvine
- Farmhouse at Roger's Gardens — Corona Del Mar
- Fermentation Farm — Costa Mesa
- Five Crowns — Corona del Mar
- Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar — Newport Beach
- Gateway To India Restaurant & Bar — Anaheim
- George's Café — Costa Mesa
- Gracias Madre — Newport Beach

- Great Maple — Newport Beach
- Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken — Santa Ana
- Gyu-Kaku Japanese BBQ — Huntington Beach
- Gyu-Kaku Japanese BBQ — Tustin
- Habana — Costa Mesa
- Habana — Irvine
- Harborside Restaurant — Newport Beach
- Heirloom Farmhouse Kitchen — Irvine
- Henry's Bar & Grill — Garden Grove
- Henry's Coastal Cuisine — Huntington Beach
- Il Fornaio — Irvine
- Il Sole La Nuova Cucina — RSM
- Il Sole La Nuova Cucina — SJC
- Ironwood, Cellar. Craft. Cook. — Laguna Hills
- K&A Cafe / Cervantes Kitchen — Anaheim
- Khan Saab Desi Craft Kitchen — Fullerton
- La Chancla Mexican Grill — Long Beach
- Left Coast Brewing — Irvine
- Lighthouse Cafe — Newport Beach
- Little Sister — Irvine
- Lola Gaspar — Santa Ana
- Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que — Brea
- Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que — Lake Forest
- Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que — Orange
- Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que — Tustin
- Lumberyard Restaurant — Laguna Beach
- Luna Rossa — Tustin
- Malarky's Irish Pub — Newport Beach
- McFadden Public Market — Santa Ana
- MESA — Costa Mesa
- Morton's The Steakhouse — Santa Ana
- Mozambique — Laguna Beach
- Muldoon's Irish Pub — Newport Beach
- Naples Ristorante E Bar — Anaheim
- Native Son — Santa Ana
- Newport Landing — Newport Beach
- Nirvana Grille — Laguna Beach
- NOVA Kitchen and Bar — Garden Grove
- O Fine Japanese Cuisine — Irvine
- O Fine Japanese Cuisine — Laguna Beach
- O SEA — Orange
- Offshore 9 Rooftop Lounge — Huntington Beach
- Olea, Cellar. Craft. Cook. — Newport Beach
- Outer Reef — Dana Point
- Paul Martin's American Grill — Irvine

- Perla Mexican Cuisine — Santa Ana
- Playa Mesa — Costa Mesa
- Plums Cafe — Costa Mesa
- Populaire Modern Bistro — Costa Mesa
- Prego Restaurant — Tustin
- Prime Cut Cafe — Orange
- Pub Thirty-Two — Mission Viejo
- Puesto — Anaheim
- Puesto — Huntington Beach
- Puesto Los Olivos — Irvine
- Puesto Park Place — Irvine
- RAKKAN Ramen — Tustin
- Red O Restaurant — Newport Beach
- Robata Wasa — Irvine
- Rockin Baja Lobster — Newport Beach
- Romano's Macaroni Grill — Irvine
- Ruth's Chris — Irvine
- Salt Creek Grille — Dana Point
- Sammy Hagar's Cabo Wabo Beach Club — Huntington Beach
- Sapphire, Cellar. Craft. Cook. — Laguna Beach
- Scratch Bakery Cafe — Laguna Hills
- Scratch Bakery Cafe — Newport Beach
- SEABUTTER — Laguna Beach
- SideDoor — Corona del Mar
- Silver Trumpet Restaurant and Bar — Costa Mesa
- Skyloft — Laguna Beach
- Slaters 50/50 — Huntington Beach
- Sol Agave — San Clemente
- Sol Agave — San Juan Capistrano
- Starfish Laguna — Laguna Beach
- Stag Bar + Kitchen — Newport Beach
- StillWater Spirits & Sounds — Dana Point
- Suenos Peruvian Cuisine — Laguna Beach
- Summit House Restaurant — Fullerton
- Super Panga — Newport Beach
- TACOMPADRE — Santa Ana
- Tangata Restaurant — Santa Ana
- Tangerine Room — Anaheim
- Tanner's — Huntington Beach
- TAPS Fish House and Brewery — Brea
- Tea Maru — Irvine
- Tea Maru — Santa Ana
- Terrace by Mix Mix — Costa Mesa
- The Beachcomber at Crystal Cove — Newport Coast

The Tribune
January 11, 2023

Charles Mitchell, 82



A CELEBRATION OF life for Charles Mitchell will be held on Sunday, Jan. 22 (Shutterstock).

Charles Mitchell, a long-time community leader in Garden Grove, has passed away at the age of 82.

Mitchell, who moved to Garden Grove in 1973, has been active in nearly every aspect of life in the city and county, donating thousands of hours of his time to a wide variety of causes.



CHARLES MITCHELL (left) planting flowers on Main Street in downtown Garden Grove.

He served in the U.S. Army for two years and was a superintendent at Fedco Store for 33 years, retiring in 1995. He and his wife Dianne raised two sons.

Among his many activities were as a member of the Orange County Grand Jury, a mediator in small claims courts and family/neighbor disputes, a member of the American Legion, the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association, the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and many other organizations.

He ran for Garden Grove City Council twice and served as chair of the Garden Grove Sanitary District five years. Since 1995 and until recently he attended city council meetings regularly to speak on community issues.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post 555 in Midway City at 14582 Beach Blvd.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, January 9, 2023

CITY HOSTS FREE BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF SITES BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11

The City of Garden Grove, in partnership with Republic Services, will host a series of community cleanup days throughout the city in an effort to help residents properly dispose of bulky items for free. The first cleanup day event will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Garden Grove Park, at 9301 Westminster Boulevard. The event is open to Garden Grove residents only.

Residents may bring unwanted bulky items, such as non-refrigerant appliances, furniture, mattresses, and carpets. Electronic waste, including printers and computers, and green waste, such as leaves and lawn clippings are also accepted. This will be a self-service event in which residents will be unloading their own items, on a first-come, first-served basis, until bins are full.

Items not accepted include hazardous waste, batteries, LED lights, refrigerators, freezers, AC units, concrete, dirt, and tires. For a complete list of banned items, visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

Republic Services provides special collections of bulky items at no charge for single- and multi-family residents. Each household receives up to three bulky item pickups per calendar year and is limited to up to 10 items per pickup. The service is by appointment only by calling (714) 238-2444.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Friday, January 6, 2023

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

The City of Garden Grove's [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) will host a free 20-hour workshop to train individuals to prepare for and recover from disasters, as well as learn various life-saving skills. The program will be held at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue, over two weekends, on Friday, February 3 through Saturday, February 4, and Friday, February 10 through Saturday, February 11. Class will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on each Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both Saturdays. To register, visit ggcity.org/cert or email elizabeth-roberts-volunteer@cert.ggcity.org. The registration deadline is Sunday, January 15, 2023.

Training will include basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

After completing the 20-hour workshop, participants will be recognized as program graduates and sworn-in as Disaster Service Workers. A certificate of completion and CERT T-shirt will be given to program graduates.

Participants must be 18 years and over, and live or work in Garden Grove.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/cert and follow the Garden Grove CERT social platforms on [Facebook @GardenGroveCERT](#) and [Instagram @ggcert](#).

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Thursday, January 5, 2023



CITY NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR GARDEN GROVE POLICE POSITIONS

The City of Garden Grove is now accepting online applications for sworn and non-sworn positions. The deadline to apply is Monday, January 30, 2023. To apply online, visit ggpd.org/join.

Job openings for full-time and part-time positions include:

- Police Recruit
- Police Recruit – Academy Enrolled
- Police Officer – Academy Trained
- Lateral Police Officer
- Police Cadet

Centrally located in Orange County, Garden Grove is a diverse city that values and relies on a community policing philosophy. The City of Garden Grove offers competitive benefits including contributions toward medical, dental, and vision coverage; Garden Grove Police Association paid percentage of lifetime medical; tuition reimbursement; bilingual pay; military leave with pay; military service buyback through the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS); and flexible job opportunities across the department.

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CITY NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR GGPD POSITIONS
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For sworn police officers, the Garden Grove Police Department offers in-service training programs and specializations in the areas of canine handling, gang suppression, investigations, juvenile services, motorcycle traffic enforcement, patrol, special weapons and tactics, vice-narcotic enforcement, and more after sufficient experience in the police department.

The Garden Grove Police Cadet Program introduces young men and women to the various aspects of the police department to prepare them for a career in law enforcement.

Visit ggpd.org/join to apply online or for more information, including job details and qualifications, or contact Corporal Jason Johnson from the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5922 or jasonj@ggcity.org.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

January 12, 2023

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the January 19, 2023 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. SCAG Regional Council Newsletter January 2023.
4. League of California Cities from January 6, 2023 to January 12, 2023.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 12, 2023 – February 28, 2023

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| Thursday | January 12 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, CMC |
| Friday | January 13 | | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure |
| Monday | January 16 | | City Hall Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| Thursday | January 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, CMC |
| Tuesday | January 24 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Closed Session, CMC |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC |
| Thursday | January 26 | | \$2 Casual Dress Day |
| Friday | January 27 | | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure |
| Thursday | February 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, CMC |
| Friday | February 10 | | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure |
| Tuesday | February 14 | 5:30 p.m. | Closed Session, CMC |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM |
| Thursday | February 16 | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, CMC |
| Monday | February 20 | | City Hall Closed – President’s Day |
| Thursday | February 23 | | \$2 Casual Dress Day |
| Friday | February 24 | | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure |
| Tuesday | February 28 | 5:30 p.m. | Closed Session, CMC |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC |



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 19, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: January 12, 2023

JOHN RAMIREZ
CHAIR

ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES TWO NEW PROGRAMS TO FUND LOCAL EQUITY PLANNING

The Regional Council today approved two new programs that support local transportation and land use planning activities that provide direct benefit to under-resourced areas across the region.

The [Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice Call for Applications](#) will provide a total of \$5 million to support a wide range of eligible land use and transportation planning activities to close the racial equity gap. [This program](#) provides resources and direct technical assistance to local agencies and encourages co-applicant partnerships with community-based partners.

The Regional Council also approved the [2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines](#) to provide resources to local community-based organizations to implement traffic safety strategies. SCAG anticipates opening the Call for Applications in February 2023 and will award approximately \$400,000 to organizations across the region.

ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES RELEASE OF AMENDMENTS FOR CONNECT SOCAL 2020 AND THE 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)

In March 2022, SCAG staff began the development process for [Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3](#) and [Draft 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03](#) in response to changes from the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and to proactively reduce impacts of the regional conformity lockdown. The Regional Council today authorized the release of both amendments and the transportation conformity analysis of both amendments for public review and comment from Jan. 6 to Feb. 5, 2023, at 5 p.m. A public hearing will be held on Jan. 17, at 10 a.m., for more information, [click here](#).

Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 – Release for Public Review

Over the past several months, SCAG staff has worked in consultation and continuous communication with CTCs throughout the region to develop the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03. Modifications received from the CTCs are broadly categorized as new projects, existing projects that either have a revised description, revised schedule, and/or change in total cost, or projects removed

from Connect SoCal 2020. Informed by these changes, SCAG staff has drafted content and assessed that these project modifications will not impact Connect SoCal 2020's ability to meet state and federal requirements.

Transportation Conformity Analysis of Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Amendment #23-03 – Release for Public Review

The transportation conformity analysis demonstrates that the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 meet all federal transportation conformity requirements and is released as part of the Draft Amendments for public review.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DRAFT DIGITAL ACTION PLAN RELEASED FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

In February 2021, SCAG's Regional Council adopted a [resolution](#) pledging SCAG to assist in bridging the digital divide in underserved and unserved communities. Following approval at today's Transportation Committee, [SCAG's Draft Digital Action Plan](#) has been released for 30-day public review and comment from Jan. 5 to Feb. 3, 2023. After the comment period closes, staff will refine the language in the Digital Action Plan where applicable. The Final Digital Action Plan will be presented to the Transportation Committee and Regional Council on April 6, 2023, for approval and adoption. Comments and questions should be directed to Roland Ok, Planning Supervisor: ok@scag.ca.gov, 213-236-1819.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DRAFT REGIONAL ADVANCED MITIGATION PLANNING (RAMP) POLICY FRAMEWORK ADVANCES WITH REVISION

The Draft RAMP Policy Framework was unanimously accepted by the RAMP-ATG during its last meeting on Nov. 16. Today, SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee unanimously recommended the Regional Council approve the [RAMP Policy Framework](#) with minor changes to the policy, including adding a representative from the environmental community and clarifying that elected officials may serve as public agency representatives on Greenprint Tool Technical Advisory Committee. This item received broad support from the environmental and business communities and will go to the Regional Council in coming months.



Cal Cities Annual Report highlights the power of collective action

Jan 11, 2023

The League of California Cities released its [2022 Annual Report](#) on Wednesday. The yearly review highlights Cal Cities' legislative, legal, educational, and organizational accomplishments.

“Cal Cities is a strong, effective organization because we are member-informed and grounded in the voices and experiences of cities throughout the state,” stated Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman in the report's opening message. “Together, we are strengthening local decision-making, driving state policy, and crafting solutions to everyday challenges.”

Working with local leaders, Cal Cities [secured funding](#) to help cities spur affordable housing, reduce homelessness, and implement organic waste regulations. Cal Cities also protected [local transportation projects](#), [safeguarded funding streams](#) used for critical services, and fought back against regulations that would have added [unnecessary bureaucracy](#).

In the courts, Cal Cities defended cities on a wide range of issues, notably their ability to [interpret their land use plans](#).

Cal Cities expanded its online educational programming and launched [a new conference](#) that combines in-person advocacy at the Capitol with educational sessions on the most pertinent issues facing cities. Last year also saw the creation of the [Advancing Equity Community](#), an online forum for city leaders to discuss diversity, equity, and inclusion matters.

The organization strengthened its technological infrastructure to increase member engagement and better serve city officials. Cal Cities also launched [California CLASS](#), a local government investment pool that provides public agencies with an additional diversification option for their daily liquidity and strategic reserve investments. The full report is [available online](#). To learn more about Cal Cities' legislative accomplishments, read "[Legislative year in review: What city leaders need to know about 2022](#)" in *Western City* magazine.



State and federal agencies marshal emergency storm response resources

Jan 11, 2023

State and federal agencies are directing significant resources to help communities in California withstand and recover from the barrage of winter storms hitting the state.

President Joe Biden issued an emergency declaration on Sunday authorizing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster relief efforts and provide assistance for required emergency measures in more than a [dozen counties](#).

Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposed January budget also contains new investments to increase [flood preparedness and response](#). The Governor earlier issued an [emergency declaration](#), freeing up resources to help support local emergency relief efforts. State

agencies also prepositioned resources in communities with major flooding concerns.

Several state and national organizations also released several resident-focused resources. The California Health and Human Services Agency's [Emergency Resource Guide](#) details the best practices and services available to help vulnerable populations remain safe and connected throughout the storms. Other state agencies, such as the [California Arts Council](#), have compiled a list of resources for hard-hit populations.

The “[relentless parade of atmospheric rivers](#)” has caused significant flooding and extensive ground saturation, made worse by ferocious winds, high tides, and wildfire burn scars. However, experts warn that the historic precipitation will likely not be enough to mark the end of the state's equally historic drought.



Proposed state budget makes good on last year's promises but lacks ongoing funding for homelessness and housing crisis

Jan 10, 2023

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced his proposed \$297 billion state budget on Tuesday. Although the state is forecasting a shortfall of \$22.5 billion in fiscal year 2023-24, the Governor's proposed budget does not contain deep cuts to ongoing programs. In a win for cities, the budget does not include any mention of redirecting city funds to

help address state budget shortfalls. The League of California Cities urged the Governor to protect city revenues in a letter late last year.

The Governor's proposed budget upholds commitments made in last year's 2022 Budget Act to invest an additional \$1 billion to fund a fifth round of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grants for fiscal year 2023-24. However, the budget does not include any new, ongoing funding for cities to address the housing supply and homelessness as [requested by Cal Cities](#). The state's fiscal forecast will be updated in May in time for the Governor's revised budget proposal. Global economic forces and further changes to federal monetary policy in response to inflationary pressures may result in additional cuts to state spending or the restoration of reduced investments. Cal Cities will continue to call on the Governor and lawmakers to invest in programs that advance shared city and state priorities. Read Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman's [statement in response to the budget proposal](#), and Cal Cities' analysis of the budget below.

Community Services

The Governor's budget proposal maintains funding commitments from prior budgets for homelessness. While Cal Cities is pleased that homelessness funding was not cut, additional funding is needed to match the scale of this crisis. The proposed budget also details new accountability measures for local government for homelessness funding by prioritizing spending on specific programs and requiring adherence to state housing laws. Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the Governor's January budget.

- **Homelessness Funding:** Maintains \$3.4 billion to address homelessness as committed in prior budgets. This includes \$400 million for the third round of encampment resolution grants and \$1 billion for the fifth round of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grants.
- **Homelessness Funding Accountability and Transparency:** Proposes statutory changes to the HHAP program to prioritize spending on activities such as encampment resolution,

Homekey operating sustainability, and Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act housing supports. This focus may also be accompanied by expanded housing streamlining provisions.

- **Homelessness Funding Eligibility:** Seeks to condition eligibility for any future homeless-related grants and competitive programs through the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency and the Health and Human Services Agency, on compliance with state housing law.
- **CARE Act Funding:** Maintains \$88.3 million for county start-up and state implementation of the CARE Act and proposes additional funding for local assistance ongoing costs, including \$16.5 million in 2023-24, \$66.5 million in 2024-25, \$108.5 million in 2025-26, and annually thereafter to support estimated county behavioral health department costs for the CARE Act.
- **Behavioral Health**
 - Delays \$250 million General Fund out of a total of \$1.5 billion General Fund to 2024-25 for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program.
 - Delays \$480.7 million General Fund to \$240.4 million in 2024-25 and \$240.3 million in 2025-26 for the final round of behavioral health continuum infrastructure capacity grants.
 - Delays \$130 million General Fund for the California 25x25 Community Health Worker Initiative Grant program to \$65 million in 2024-25 and 2025-26.
 - Maintains \$1 billion to the Department of Health Care Access and Information to strengthen and expand the state's health and human services workforce to increase nurses, community health workers, and social workers, as well as support new individuals coming into the workforce in behavioral health.
- **Parks and Open Space:** Cuts the Statewide Parks Program by 40% with a \$150 million reduction for the Statewide Parks Program across 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25. If there is sufficient General Fund in January 2024, this reduction will be restored.

- **Libraries:** Delays investment of \$100 million in 2023-24 to support local library infrastructure projects to the 2024-25 (\$33 million), 2025-26 (\$33 million), and 2026-27 (\$34 million) fiscal years.

Housing, Community, and Economic Development

The Governor's proposed budget does not contain any additional funding to help address the housing crisis gripping the state. Instead, it focuses heavily on implementing recently approved housing laws, providing local governments with technical assistance, encouraging regional collaboration, and holding cities and counties accountable when violating state housing laws.

Cal Cities will double down on its call on the Governor and Legislature to provide an ongoing funding source to address the housing and homelessness crisis. Uncertain fiscal times present difficult decisions and demand bold action to ensure that everyone has a place to call home.

Below is a breakdown of the major program cuts proposed in the state budget.

- **Dream For All Program:** The 2022 Budget Act included \$500 million one-time General Fund to the California Housing Finance Agency to provide shared-appreciation loans to help low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers achieve homeownership. The Budget reduces this to \$300 million General Fund in 2023-24.
- **CalHome Program:** The 2022 Budget Act included \$100 million one-time General Fund for 2023-24 to the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide local agencies and nonprofits with grants to assist low- and very-low-income first-time homebuyers with housing assistance, counseling, and technical assistance. The budget proposes to remove this funding.
- **Accessory Dwelling Unit Program:** The 2022 Budget Act included \$50 million one-time General Fund for the California Housing Finance Agency's Accessory Dwelling Unit program. The budget proposes to remove this funding.

Environmental Quality

Cities are leading the way on many important environmental goals, such as single-use plastic reduction. However, they must also adapt to rapidly changing climate conditions, including extreme weather events such as drought, flooding, and wildfires.

The Governor's proposed budget maintains noteworthy investments despite significant revenue volatility but makes substantial adjustments that will impact city climate programs. The budget maintains 89% of the \$54 billion dedicated over 5 years and includes triggers to increase funding back to pre-approved levels should the budget condition improve. The Administration is also seeking federal funds and considering a resources revenue bond to cover any shortfalls.

Below is a breakdown of the major program adjustments proposed in the state budget.

- **Water and Electricity Bill Relief:** Shifts \$400 million from the state arrearage support program to the General Fund effectively winding down this program.
- **Residential Solar Subsidy:** Reduces funds significantly for the residential solar and storage program while maintaining 70% of funds available to support low-income utility customers.
- **Wildfire Response:** Maintains nearly all fire prevention funds. There is a reduction of \$10 million for defensible space inspections and monitoring. Workforce training funds in this space are largely maintained.
- **Extreme Heat:** Maintains 70-85% of total funds made available in prior years, but significantly cuts programs of importance to cities. Adjustments include a nearly 40% cut to the extreme heat and community resilience program and a reduction of \$100 million from the Urban Greening Program.

- **Coastal Resilience:** Reduces 40% of funding to coastal resilience funding contingent on budget conditions. Significant adjustments include cuts to the Coastal Commission programs of \$175 million in 2022-23 and \$297 million in 2023-24.
- **Organic Waste:** Maintains the \$180 million for SB 1383 (Statutes of 2016) implementation that Cal Cities successfully fought for in 2022. The budget maintains 95% of funds available to support the implementation of short-lived climate pollutant strategies and organic waste infrastructure.

Revenue and Taxation

The Governor's proposed budget does not draw from the state's reserve accounts to address the deficit. Instead, it proposes balancing the state's budget with a combination of funding delays, shifts, and reductions. The Governor cited ongoing investments in the state's financial reserves and appropriating most of last year's [historic \\$97.5 billion surplus](#) to one-time investments as the reason why this budget avoids deep reductions to ongoing programs.

Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the Governor's January budget.

- **Film and Television Tax Credit Program:** Continues the program with additional investments starting in fiscal year 2025-26 for five subsequent years, allocating \$330 million in tax credits annually.
- **IBank's Small Business Finance Center:** Reduces funding for the center and the California Rebuilding Fund by \$50 million.
- **California Competes Program:** Maintains \$120 million included in the 2022 Budget Act for the 2023-24 fiscal year for a third year of the grant program (an extension of the California Competes Tax Credit program).
- **New Employment Credit:** Eliminates the geographic restrictions of the state's existing credit for qualifying semiconductor manufacturing and research and development firms.

- **Student Loan Debt Forgiveness:** Exempts student loan debt forgiven under the 2022 federal student loan debt relief plan from state income taxation.
- **Non-Grantor Trusts:** Proposes requiring net income derived from incomplete non-grantor trusts be subject to California income tax if the grantor of the trust is a California resident, resulting in tax revenues of \$30 million in 2023-24 and \$17 million annually thereafter.

Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

The Governor's proposed, multi-year combination of deferrals and investments impacts a number of statewide infrastructure projects. This includes funding to accelerate the transition to zero-emission vehicles, broadband connectivity investments, and \$8.6 billion of previously committed funding to address the state's drought resiliency and response.

The budget proposes \$17.7 billion overall for transportation programs. It anticipates \$9.7 billion from the Highway User Tax, revenues from the fuel excise tax used by cities and counties for public streets and highways. The budget would close the deficit by delaying spending in some transportation areas and changing how others are funded.

Further aligning the state's transportation and climate goals, the budget proposes shifting \$4.3 billion in spending on zero-emission vehicles from the state's General Fund to a special fund paid into by drivers of cars with internal combustion engines. The budget would delay \$3.1 billion in climate and transportation funding allocated in the 2023-24 budget, with the hope of restoring that spending in 2024 or offsetting it with federal money. Specific reductions include:

- **Zero-Emission Vehicles:** Reduces \$2.5 billion General Fund across various zero-emission vehicle programs, which are partially offset by approximately \$1.4 billion in fund shifts to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.
- **Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program:** Reduces \$2 billion over three years to transit infrastructure funding.
- **Active Transportation Program:** Reduces \$200 million from the program while allowing the program to sustain full programming capacity approved for the 2023 programming cycle.
- **Last-Mile Infrastructure Grants:** Defers \$550 million at the California Public Utilities Commission for grants in 2023-24 to future years (\$200 million in 2024-25, \$200 million in 2025-26, and \$150 million in 2026-27).
- **Loan Loss Reserve Fund:** Defers \$175 million from 2022-23 and \$400 million from 2023-24 from the California Public Utilities Commission to future years (\$300 million in 2024-25 and \$275 million in 2025-26).
- **Drought and Flood Response:** The proposed budget also includes new investments to support the state's drought response, accelerate the implementation of the state's water supply strategy, and increase flood preparedness and response, including:
 - **Urban Flood Risk Reduction:** Provides \$135.5 million General Fund over two years to support local agencies working to reduce urban flood risk.
 - **2023 Drought Contingency:** Sets aside \$125 million General Fund to be allocated as part of the spring budget process when additional water data is available to inform future drought needs.
 - **Delta Levees:** Allocates \$40.6 million General Fund for ongoing delta projects that reduce the risk of levee failure and flooding, provide habitat benefits, and reduce the risk of saltwater intrusion contaminating water supplies.
 - **Central Valley Flood Protection:** Provides \$25 million General Fund to support projects that will reduce the risk of flooding for Central Valley communities while contributing to ecosystem restoration and agricultural sustainability.

Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

The Governor continues to focus on keeping Californians safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, improving government operations, paying down long-term pension benefit liabilities, and unfortunately, pausing investments in workforce development. Below are highlights proposed in the Governor's budget.

- **Pandemic Response:** Proposes \$176.6 million General Fund to continue the state's efforts to protect the public's health against COVID-19 and maintain related information technology systems, including the California COVID-19 Reporting System for laboratory data management and CalCONNECT for case and outbreak investigation.
- **COVID-19 Workforce Outreach Program:** Eliminates \$25 million in 2023-2024 for the program to partner with organizations to perform COVID-19 outreach and education to workers and employers in high-risk industries.
- **Unfunded Pension Liabilities:** Provides \$8.5 billion (\$4.7 billion General Fund) for the statutorily required annual state contribution to CalPERS for state pension costs based on the CalPERS actuarial valuation projected contribution rates as of June 30, 2021. This is \$255 million higher than the 2022 Budget Act due to payroll growth and the normal progression of amortization bases, including the 7.4% investment loss in 2021-22.
- **Non-Traditional Apprenticeships:** Removes \$40 million from the Department of Industrial Relations to expand nontraditional apprenticeships, reducing the total three-year investment to \$135 million. If there is sufficient General Fund in January 2024, this reduction will be restored.
- **Skilled Trade Careers:** Pauses funding in 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the Department of Industrial Relations to promote and support women and nonbinary individuals in skilled trade careers. Resumes funding of \$15 million General Fund ongoing in 2025-26.

If there is sufficient General Fund in January 2024, this pause will be removed.

- **Targeted Emergency Medical Technicians:** Removes \$20 million (\$10 million in each 2023-24 and 2024-25) at the Employment Development Department to provide targeted emergency medical technician training, reducing the total three-year investment to \$40 million. If there is sufficient General Fund in January 2024, this reduction will be restored.
- **Career Pathways:** Removes \$20 million (\$10 million in each 2023-24 and 2024-25) to the California Workforce Development Board to invest in career pathway programs at community colleges, reducing the total three-year investment to \$40 million. If there is sufficient General Fund in January 2024, this reduction will be restored.
- **Unemployment Insurance:** Removes the \$750 million one-time General Fund payment planned for 2023-24 to pay down a portion of the state's approximately \$18 billion Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund debt. Provides \$279 million one-time General Fund to pay the annual interest payment on the state's Unemployment Insurance loan balance.
- **Wage Claims:** Proposes \$11.7 million and 42 positions in 2023-24 and \$6.5 million special funds ongoing for the Department of Industrial Relations to address wage claim processing times.
- **Case Management:** Proposes \$21.1 million special funds in 2023-24 for the Department of Industrial Relations to support the replacement of the Division of Workers' Compensation's electronic case management and document storage system.
- **Office of Data and Innovation:** Invests \$17.3 million ongoing General Fund and 65 positions from the Government Operations Agency to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services delivered to Californians by providing process improvement and data solutions that are easy to use.

Public Safety

Cities have seen a significant increase in opioid and fentanyl-related deaths and the Governor's proposed budget includes resources to meaningfully

address this issue. The Governor also acknowledged increasing concerns about illegal cannabis operators and proposed additional resources for enforcement efforts. However, cities continue to be impacted by planned prison closures and the budget outlines additional facilities for closure through 2025.

Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the Governor's January budget.

- **Fentanyl Response:** Proposes \$79 million for the Naloxone Distribution Project to increase distribution to first responders, law enforcement, community-based organizations, and county agencies.
- **Fentanyl Grants:** Proposes \$10 million for grants to increase local efforts in education, testing, recovery, and support services to implement Chapter 783, Statutes of 2022 (AB 2365).
- **Fentanyl Test Strips:** Proposes \$4 million to support innovative approaches to make fentanyl test strips and naloxone more widely available.
- **Fentanyl Impacts on Youth:** \$3.5 million ongoing to provide all middle and high school sites with at least two doses of naloxone hydrochloride or another medication to reverse an opioid overdose on campus.
- **Planned Prison Closures:** California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facility closures throughout the state will result in \$150 million in ongoing General Fund savings. This will impact employment opportunities within impacted cities. These facilities include:
 - Chuckawalla Valley State Prison in Blythe — March 2025
 - California City Correctional Facility — March 2024
 - Deactivation of specified facilities within six prisons by the end of 2023
 - California Rehabilitation Center — Norco
 - California Institution for Men — Chino
 - California Correctional Institution — Tehachapi

- Pelican Bay State Prison — Crescent City
- California Men’s Colony — San Luis Obispo
- Folsom Women’s Facility — Folsom
- **Cannabis Tax:** In exchange for the elimination of the cannabis cultivation tax, the Governor committed to maintaining a baseline of approximately \$670 million to fund Proposition 64 programs. To meet this requirement, the Budget includes \$95.4 million General Fund in 2023-24 to backfill the estimated decline in revenues to fund the prescribed programs:
 - **Youth:** Education, prevention, and treatment of youth substance use disorders and school retention — 60% (\$401.8 million)
 - **Environmental Impacts:** Cleanup, remediation, and enforcement of environmental impacts created by illegal cannabis cultivation — 20% (\$133.9 million)
 - **Miscellaneous:** Public safety-related activities — 20% (\$133.9 million)
- **Cannabis Local Assistance Grants:** \$83.9 million allocated to the Board of State and Community Corrections to award grants to local governments to assist with law enforcement, fire protection, or other local programs addressing public health and safety associated with cannabis regulation.
- **Water Quality Impacts from Cannabis:** \$6.4 million and \$5.7 million in other special funds to continue the State Water Resources Control Board's statutorily mandated efforts to address water quality and instream flow-related impacts from cannabis cultivation through enforcement against illegal cultivation.
- **Cannabis Enforcement:** \$8 million to continue the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Cannabis Regulatory and Enforcement Program. \$1.9 million to establish a permanent Department of Cannabis Control Enforcement District Office in Fresno to further the enforcement activities of the department in the Central Valley. \$10 million to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to support its cannabis tax enforcement program.



Ongoing investments in homelessness missing from Governor's proposed state budget

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Sacramento — Following Gov. Gavin Newsom's introduction of the 2023-24 State Budget, League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman issued the statement below:

"The Governor's proposed 2023-24 State Budget honors funding commitments to local governments made in the 2022 Budget that bolster essential local programs and support our most vulnerable residents. Cal Cities appreciates the Governor prioritizing these investments and honoring this commitment to our communities. Yet, in the face of the uncertain economic environment, the state needs to double down on ongoing investments to address homelessness.

Make no mistake: Funding included in previous state budgets to reduce and prevent homelessness is welcomed. But one-time investments will not solve this crisis. We need ongoing state funding and a coordinated approach with clearly defined roles and

responsibilities for all levels of government that supports long-term solutions. With [half of the entire country's unsheltered population](#) residing in our state, our unsheltered residents deserve nothing less, and the scale of the crisis requires it.

Cal Cities looks forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature to achieve what we all want: a safe, permanent, and healthy home for every Californian.”

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