

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 17, 2022

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

I. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

- A.** Notification from the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District regarding flea borne typhus.
- B.** Southern California Edison Company's notice of filing an application for approval of its 2024-2031 Energy Efficiency Business Plan and 2024-2027 Portfolio Plan.
- C.** OC Streetcar construction alert for the week of March 14, 2022.

• **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 C. Stiles
City Manager

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Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

(<https://www.ocvector.org/>)

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THIS ITEM APPEARS ON

[HOW HAVE HUMANS CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONTINUED THREAT OF FLEA-BORNE TYPHUS? \(/HOW-HAVE-HUMANS-CONTRIBUTED-TO-THE-CONTINUED-THREAT-OF-FLEA-BORNE-TYPHUS\)](#)

[FLEA-BORNE TYPHUS \(/FLEA-BORNE-TYPHUS-CF616B7\)](#)

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Flea-Borne Typhus

Flea-borne typhus, formerly called murine typhus, is a bacterial disease found primarily in the fleas that live on animals such as opossums, cats, raccoons, and skunks and is transmitted by an infective flea bite. It is caused by the bacteria, *Rickettsia typhi*, and *Rickettsia felis*, found in infected fleas and their feces. Both types of rickettsiae are transmitted transovarially (the female fleas transmit the disease to their offspring).



Image of a Flea

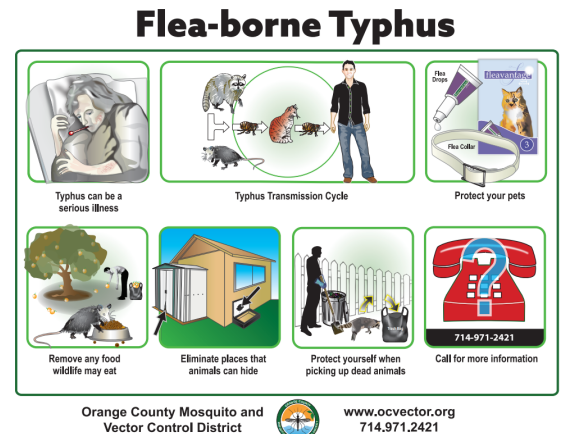
How Do I Get Flea-Borne Typhus?

Fleas defecate as they feed. Infection occurs when flea feces containing the bacteria are scratched into the bite site, other wounds, inhaled, eaten, or transferred to the eye (conjunctiva).

Even though cats, dogs, raccoons, or opossums may be infected, they do not show obvious symptoms. Cats, dogs, opossums, skunks, and raccoons serve as hosts for the fleas and facilitate their growth and development. Fleas do not survive without the presence of a host animal. It is not known if cats, dogs, raccoons, or skunks are reservoir hosts for the bacteria. Opossums have been found infected with the bacteria.

This disease is found in residential communities. The disease is transmitted by the common cat flea which can be found on:

- Feral and domestic cats
- Opossums
- Raccoons
- Skunks
- Dogs
- Rats
- Any other mammal that can carry fleas.



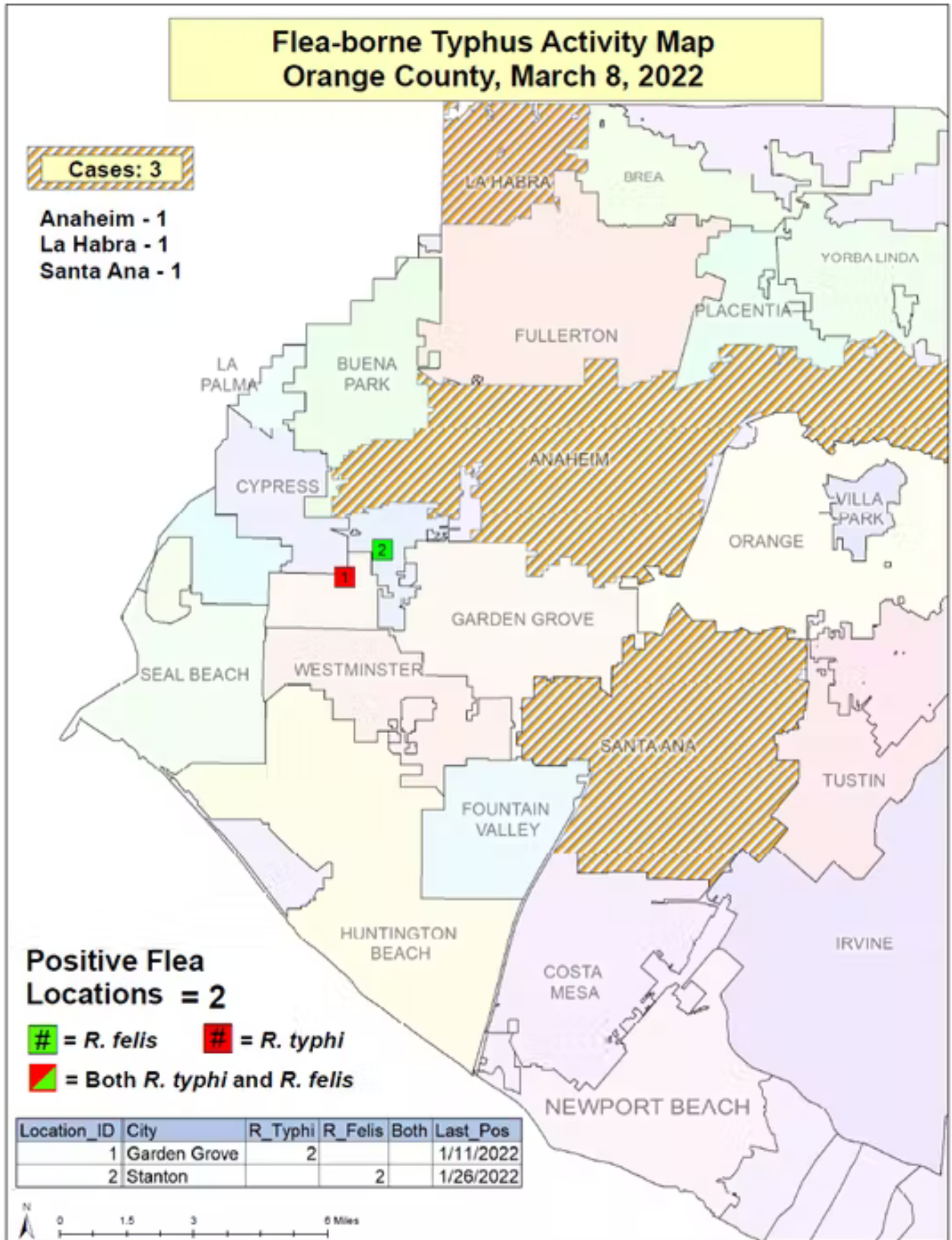
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Images showing Typhus Transmission
Cycle

How Will I Know If My Pet Has Flea-Borne Typhus?

Controlling fleas is the best way to prevent the transmission of flea-borne typhus. Pet owners should keep their pets up-to-date on a flea control program.

What Animals Are Involved?

Any animal associated with human homes such as cats, dogs, raccoons, skunks, and opossums, are responsible for bringing infected fleas into contact with the human population. The animal may or may not become infected. Cats, dogs, opossums, skunks, and raccoons serve as hosts for the fleas and facilitate their growth and development. Fleas do not survive without the presence of a host animal. It is not known if cats, dogs, raccoons, or skunks are reservoir hosts for the bacteria. Opossums have been found infected with the bacteria.



What Steps Can I Take To Avoid Contracting Flea-Borne Typhus?

These simple steps can help you reduce the risk of Flea-Borne Typhus in your area:

READ MORE »

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How Have Humans Contributed To The Continued Threat Of Flea-Borne Typhus?

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How to Mount Your Flea

A GUIDE TO THE PRESERVATION, PREPARATION, CLEARING,
AND MOUNTING OF SIPHONAPTERA

James D. Campbell

ORANGE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT



Flea Identification Key

In order to be able to zoom in on the key without restrictions, you must first download either the JPG file or PDF file and then view the downloaded file. The JPG is the full-sized version of the key and is the best for identification and the maximum zoom level. The PDF file is a very large file and may not download to some mobile devices. If this happens, you will need to download it first to a...

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(/flea-identification-key)

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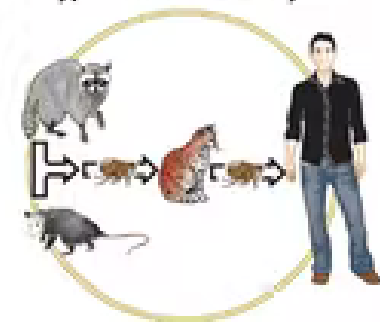
AVISO

FLEA-BORNE TYPHUS HAS BEEN DETECTED IN YOUR AREA

EL VIRUS DEL TIFUS HA SIDO DETECTADO EN SU ÁREA



Typhus Transmission Cycle



Fleas found on cats, dogs, raccoons, and opossums can carry the bacteria that causes flea-borne typhus in humans.

El tifus transmitido por pulgas es transmitido por la pulga común del gato que se puede encontrar en tlacuaches, mapaches, zorrillos, gatos salvajes y domésticos, perros y otros mamíferos.

To reduce your exposure to fleas, follow these guidelines:

- Ensure pet cats and dogs are free from fleas and consult your veterinarian about flea control options
- Keep pet cats indoors
- Remove outside food sources
- Cover garbage containers
- Trim vegetation around buildings to discourage wildlife
- Report dead opossums, cats, or other animals to local Animal Control Agencies

Para reducir su exposición a las pulgas, siga estas instrucciones:

- *Asegúrese de que los perros y gatos domésticos no tengan pulgas y consulte a su veterinario sobre las opciones de control de pulgas*
- *Mantenga gatos domésticos dentro de la casa*
- *Elimine fuentes externas de alimentos*
- *Cubra los contenedores de basura*

- *Recorte la vegetación alrededor de los edificios para desanimar la vida silvestre*
- *Reporte tlacuaches, gatos o otros animales muertos a las agencias locales de control de animales*



**For further information, please visit /
Para más información, visite:
www.ocvector.org • 714.971.2421**

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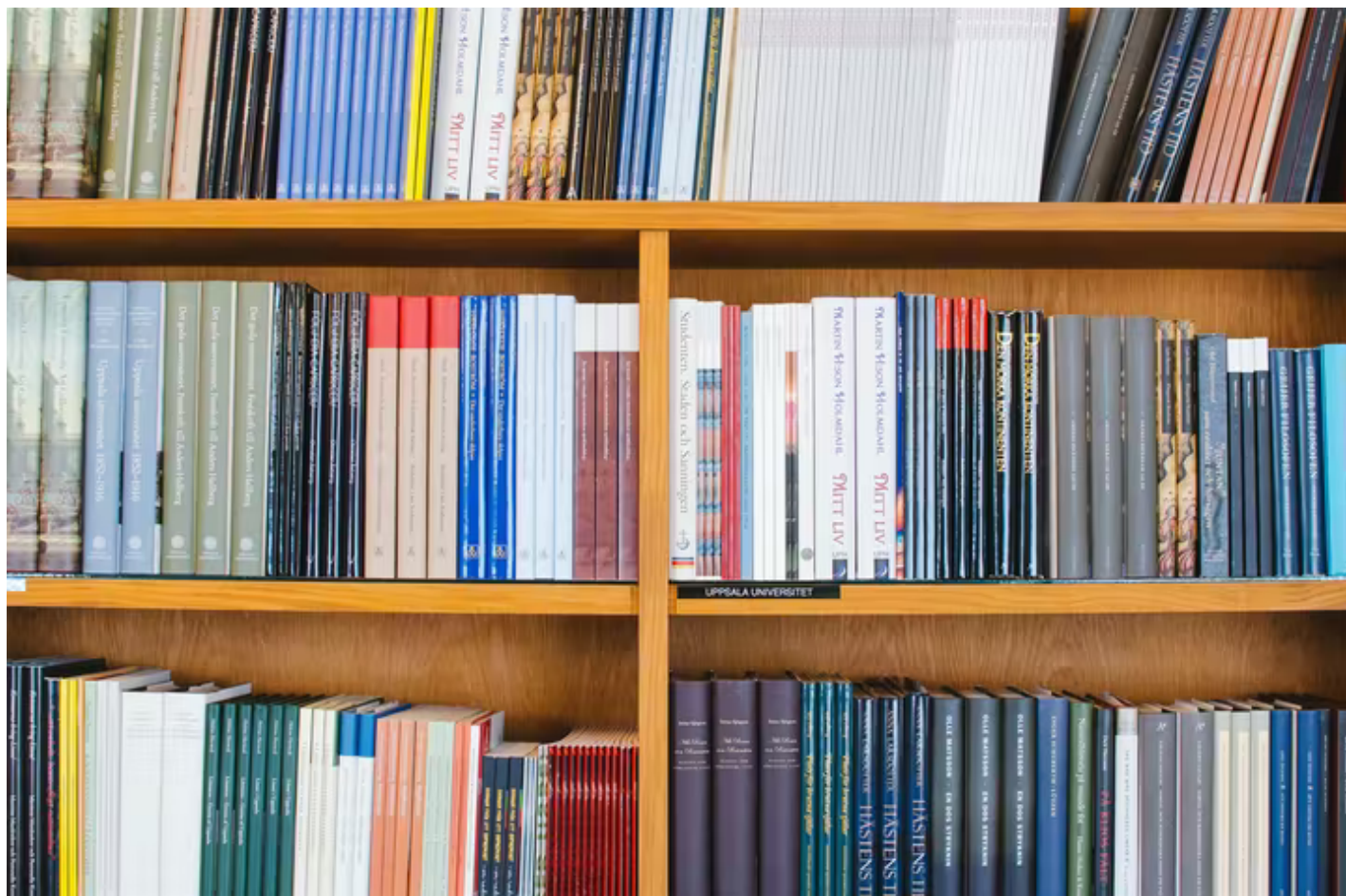
TYPHUS SYMPTOMS

Once a person is infected, flea-borne typhus normally has an incubation period of 6-14 days before symptoms appear.

READ MORE »

(/typhus-symptoms)

<https://www.ocvector.org/flea-borne-typhus>



VISIT THE CDC'S WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TYPHUS

READ MORE »

(<https://www.cdc.gov/typhus/>)

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March 7, 2022

Re: Southern California Edison Company's Notice of filing an Application for Approval of its 2024-2031 Energy Efficiency (EE) Business Plan and 2024-2027 Portfolio Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 4, 2022, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting Approval of its 2024-2031 Energy Efficiency (EE) Business Plan and 2024-2027 Portfolio Plan. The CPUC has assigned Docket Number A.22-03-007.

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county within SCE's service territory, and included as a bill notice provided to every SCE customer. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCEs filing and supporting testimony on our website, at www.sce.com/applications. You may also request a printed copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

/s/ David Gomez

David Gomez

Enclosure(s)

Para obtener información sobre como este cambio afectará su factura y/o una copia de esta notificación en español visite www.sce.com/avisos o llame al 1-800-798-5723.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Southern California Edison Company Request for Approval of its 2024-2031 Energy Efficiency (EE) Business Plan and 2024-2027 Portfolio Plan

Application A.22-03-007

Why am I receiving this notice?

On March 4, 2022, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting approval of its 2024-2031 Energy Efficiency (EE) Business Plan and 2024-2027 Portfolio Plan.

SCE seeks approval of its Business and Portfolio Plans, with a total portfolio request of \$1.767 billion for 2024-2027, to allow SCE to continue to support the development and expansion of EE programs and the EE marketplace as a whole. SCE's application seeks approval not just of ongoing and future resource acquisition programs, but also of SCE's plan to address and develop the market support, equity, and codes and standards segments of the EE portfolio. In addition to seeking approval for its EE Business and Portfolio Plans, in this application SCE also seeks approval of certain new policy recommendations as outlined in SCE Testimony.

Why is SCE requesting this rate increase?

SCE requests approval to recover the revenue requirements associated with \$1.767 billion on an annual basis for the period from 2024 to 2027. The total expected recovery for the full period of the application from 2024 to 2031 is \$3.716 billion.

How could this affect my monthly electric rates?

If the CPUC approves SCE's application as proposed, an average residential customer using 500 kWh per month could see a monthly bill increase of \$1.70 from a current monthly bill of \$149.80.

The following table compares customer rates as of March 1, 2022, to proposed average rates if SCE's application is approved by the CPUC. Due to anticipated changes in rates and/or EE funding levels between the current levels and the levels that will be effective as of the end of 2023, the actual rate and bill impacts of this application may vary from what is shown below:

Proposed Electric Rate Increase ¹

Bundled Average Rates (¢/kWh)					
Customer Group	Current Rates	Proposed Increase	Proposed Rates	% Increase	
Residential	25.6	0.3	25.9	1.2%	
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	25.9	0.3	26.2	1.2%	
Large Power	17.8	0.2	18.1	1.3%	
Agricultural and Pumping	21.2	0.3	21.5	1.2%	
Street and Area Lighting	27.2	0.3	27.5	1.2%	
Standby	14.4	0.2	14.6	1.4%	
Total	23.3	0.3	23.6	1.3%	

Residential Bill Impact (\$/Month)					
Description	Current	Proposed Increase	Proposed	% Increase	
Non-CARE Residential Bill	\$ 149.80	\$ 1.70	\$ 151.50	1.1%	
CARE Residential Bill	\$ 101.37	\$ 1.15	\$ 102.51	1.1%	

How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to CPUC Administrative Law Judge(s) who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge(s) will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SCE's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review SCE's application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact SCE:

You may review a copy of SCE's Application, A.22-03-007, at SCE's corporate headquarters (2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770). You may also call SCE's customer service line at **1-800-655-4555**.

Phone: SCE's customer service line at **1-800-655-4555**

Mail: EE Business Plan Application
Southern California Edison Company
P.O. Box 800

Rosemead, CA 91770

Attention: Elizabeth Gomez

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at www.sce.com/applications

¹ The table shows the impact of the total program on an average (of four years) annualized basis compared to current rates with current EE funding levels.

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2203007 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on SCE's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Application A.22-03-007** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

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brigitte-temp@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

Fwd: OC Streetcar Construction Alert

From : Brigitte Pfifer <brigitte-temp@ggcity.org>
Subject : Fwd: OC Streetcar Construction Alert
To : Brigitte Pfifer <brigitte-temp@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>

Thu, Mar 17, 2022 02:19 PM

From: OC Streetcar <ocstreetcar@octa.net>
Date: March 11, 2022 at 4:46:21 PM PST
To: sstiles@ggcity.org
Subject: OC Streetcar Construction Alert
Reply-To: ocstreetcar@octa.net

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Construction Alert Week of March 14, 2022

Construction Highlights:

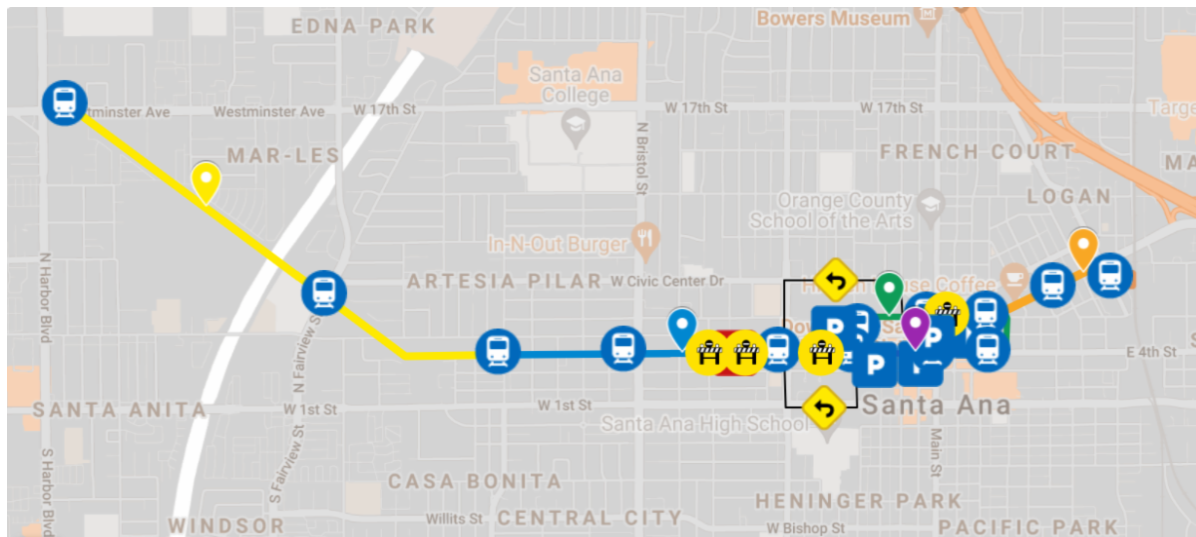
- On Monday, March 14, crews will be transporting rail from Sasser Park to various locations on 4th Street. Intermittent closures at intersections will be necessary. Flaggers will be in place to direct traffic. Learn more [here](#).
- Track installation in Segment 2. Work requires eastbound and westbound traffic to be shifted to the south side Santa Ana Boulevard between Bristol Street and Parton Street. Learn more [here](#).
- Platform installation at French Street and Sycamore Street. Work requires lane closures on Santa Ana Boulevard from Parton Street to Mortimer Street. Learn more [here](#).
- Track installation in Segment 4. Work requires the full closure of two, two-block segments along 4th Street. Detours are available. Learn more [here](#).
 - 4th Street between Broadway and Main Street is closed
 - 4th Street between Bush Street and French Street is closed

Access will be maintained for all residents and businesses. Construction activities are dependent on weather and resource availability.

[Click here](#) form more information on track installation activities.

[Click here](#) to check out featured businesses, services and events!

For specific work activities in your area, click on the map below.



Pedestrian Access and Parking in Downtown Santa Ana

While track construction on 4th Street in Downtown Santa Ana is active, pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Some closures may be in place, please follow signage to stay in pedestrian safe zones.



Parking

Street parking on 4th Street will be limited during track construction. Several parking structures are available throughout the downtown area that offer free parking Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The first 2 hours of parking are free evenings and weekends:

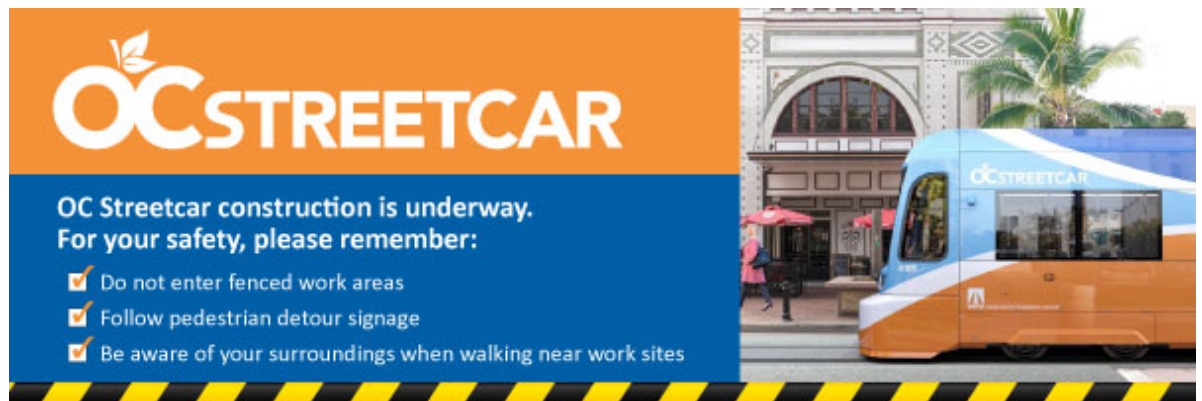
- 310 N Birch Street
- 201 W 3rd Street
- 253 E 3rd Street
- 420 N Main Street
- 300 E 5th Street

The entrances to parking structures are accessible from 5th Street and 3rd Street.

Download a PDF of the parking map [here](#).



OCTA's Eat Shop Play program supports businesses located along the future OC streetcar route. Benefits to customers include special deals, invitations to community events and free parking for the first hour in nearby structures. Learn more at octa.net/eatshopplay.



About the Project

OC Streetcar is the first modern streetcar project to be built in Orange County and will serve Santa Ana's historic and thriving downtown, which includes federal, state and local courthouses, government offices, colleges, an artists' village and a thriving restaurant scene. It will operate along a 4.15-mile route that connects the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) and a new transit hub at Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove.

To share this e-blast, forward this [link](#)

 OCstreetcar.com	 OCstreetcar@octa.net	 1(844) 7GO-OCSC or 1(844) 746-6272
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OC Streetcar | 550 S. Main Street , Orange, CA 92868

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WEEKLY MEMO 3-10-2022

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

March 3, 2022 - March 9, 2022


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

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 Garden Grove City Hall


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 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Thu 3/3/2022 3:52 pm PST


Homeowners: It's your time to shine! 🏡💎
The City of Garden Grove is excited to invite homeowners to start sprucing up...




Impressions	2,841
Reach	2,784
Engagements	35
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 3/3/2022 3:53 pm PST


Homeowners: It's your time to shine! 🏡💎
The City of Garden Grove is excited to invite homeowners to start sprucing up...



Impressions	758
Reach	695
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Thu 3/3/2022 3:58 pm PST

Homeowners: It's your time to shine! 🏡💎
The City is excited to invite homeowners to spruce up their home's exterior & garde...



Impressions	195
Potential Reach	4,537
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 3/4/2022 1:52 pm PST

History has been made again! 🏀🎉🏆 In this #FeelGoodFriday, we are happy to announce that Garden Grove High Scho...



Impressions	34,477
Reach	34,477
Engagements	1,458
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 3/7/2022 3:43 pm PST

🗣️ Join us for the fourth public hearing regarding the redistricting process tomorrow, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., ...



Impressions	461
Reach	453
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 3/7/2022 3:43 pm PST

🗣️ Join us for the fourth public hearing regarding the redistricting process tomorrow, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., ...



Impressions	188
Potential Reach	4,686
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.1%



gardengrovecityhall

Mon 3/7/2022 3:44 pm PST

Join us for the fourth public hearing regarding the redistricting process tomorrow, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., ...



Impressions	1,157
Reach	1,064
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 3/8/2022 8:30 am PST

The City of Garden Grove would like to wish everyone a Happy International Women's Day. You are all loved,...



Impressions	717
Reach	716
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 3/8/2022 8:30 am PST

The City of Garden Grove would like to wish everyone a Happy International Women's Day. You are all loved,...



Impressions	258
Potential Reach	4,511
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



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Tue 3/8/2022 8:30 am PST

The City of Garden Grove would like to wish everyone a Happy International Women's Day. You are all loved,...



Impressions	457
Reach	429
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



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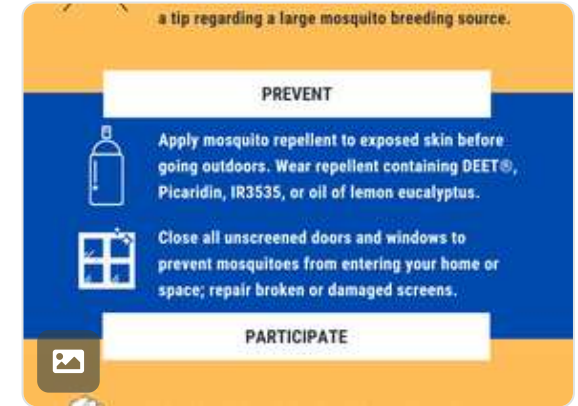
Impressions	340
Reach	321
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 3/8/2022 4:48 pm PST

As the weather warms up, it's important to protect your loved ones from mosquitos. 🦟
 🚫 The Orange County Mosquito and...



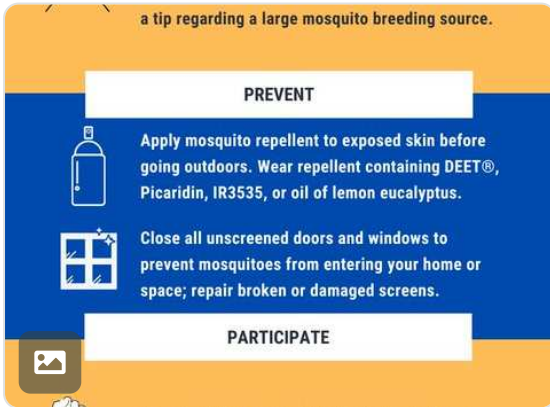
Impressions	961
Reach	945
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 3/8/2022 4:59 pm PST

It's important to protect your loved ones 🦋
 🚫 The OCMVCD confirmed that mosquitoes collected in Fullerton have...



Impressions	199
Potential Reach	4,686
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 3/9/2022 1:24 pm PST

Our Garden Grove Police Department had the honor of attending and being a part of memorial services to honor Officer...



Impressions	194
Reach	194
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 3/9/2022 3:00 pm PST

Need an at-home #COVID19 test? USPS recently announced that they will be delivering at-home COVID-19 tests again...



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 3/9/2022 3:01 pm PST

Need an at-home #COVID19 test? USPS will be delivering at-home COVID-19 tests again! If you ordered 4 tests in January,...



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,510
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—




Post Performance

March 3, 2022 - March 9, 2022


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

Included in this Report


 Garden Grove Police Department  ggpd9unit

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Wed 3/9/2022 9:02 am PST


In Memory of Master Officer Howard E. Dallies #EOW March 9, 1993. Master Officer Howard Dallies, Jr. began his law...



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Tue 3/8/2022 6:00 pm PST

Today, #GardenGrovePD had the honor of attending and being a part of memorial services to honor Officer Nicholas Vella...



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Mon 3/7/2022 3:00 pm PST

On March 5, 2022, at 10:12 AM, #GardenGrovePD responded to a residence on the 12800 block of Safford,...



Impressions	7,752
Reach	7,752
Engagements	640
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sun 3/6/2022 3:00 pm PST



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sun 3/6/2022 3:00 pm PST



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sun 3/6/2022 3:00 pm PST

Over the past week, Community Impact Unit (CIU) Officers made several gun arrests while conducting directed...



Impressions	10,171
Reach	10,171
Engagements	1,287
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.7%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 3/3/2022 6:32 pm PST

#DidYouKnow, every March, #GardenGrovePD participates in the Annual #ReadAcrossAmerica Event? Rea...



Video Views	657
Impressions	1,458
Reach	1,404
Engagements	196
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.4%



ggpdk9unit

Thu 3/3/2022 12:28 pm PST

Gas Gas Gas.... you can't see it but we promise it's in there. We try to expose our dogs to as many scenarios and...



Video Views	767
Impressions	1,507
Reach	1,362
Engagements	183
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.1%



Post Performance

March 10, 2022 - March 16, 2022

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Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/10/2022 3:07 pm PST



Impressions	1,830
Reach	1,753
Engagements	72
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/10/2022 3:38 pm PST

⚠️ UPCOMING FREEWAY CLOSURE ⚠️ - Starting Monday (3/14) , 10:00 p.m. -- northbound (NB) I-405/ Westbound (WB)...



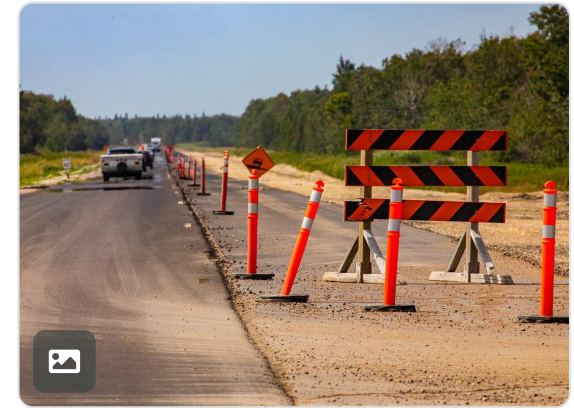
Impressions	6,253
Reach	6,253
Engagements	63
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



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Thu 3/10/2022 3:39 pm PST

⚠️ UPCOMING FREEWAY CLOSURES ⚠️ - Starting Monday (3/14) , 10PM-- northbound (NB) I-405/ Westbound (WB)...



Impressions	334
Potential Reach	4,688
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.1%



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Thu 3/10/2022 5:06 pm PST

On Saturday, April 2, a number of #GardenGrove streets will be closed to motorists to make way for this year's...



Impressions	1,657
Reach	1,528
Engagements	54
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/10/2022 5:06 pm PST

On Saturday, April 2, a number of #GardenGrove streets will be closed to motorists to make way for this year's...



Impressions	2,136
Reach	2,052
Engagements	54
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 3/14/2022 1:30 pm PDT

The City of Garden Grove would like to wish you all a Happy Pi Day! Take today to celebrate mathematics and sweet treats...



Impressions	710
Reach	709
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



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Mon 3/14/2022 1:30 pm PDT

The City of Garden Grove would like to wish you all a Happy Pi Day! Take today to celebrate mathematics and sweet treats...



Impressions	273
Potential Reach	4,514
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%



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Mon 3/14/2022 3:07 pm PDT

It's giveaway time! That's right! 🎁🎉
@ggopenstreets and
@foodsofgardengrove are partnering to...



Impressions	2,483
Reach	2,261
Engagements	217
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 3/14/2022 3:22 pm PDT

Community Cleanup is coming back! 🧹🌟
Join us for our next Community Cleanup Day this Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m...



Impressions	623
Reach	617
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%



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Mon 3/14/2022 3:23 pm PDT

Community Cleanup is coming back! ✨🧹
Join us for our next Community Cleanup Day this Sat. 3/19, from 9-11AM at the...



Impressions	250
Potential Reach	4,514
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6%



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Mon 3/14/2022 3:24 pm PDT

Community Cleanup is coming back! ✨🧹
Join us for our next Community Cleanup Day this Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m...



Impressions	1,254
Reach	1,182
Engagements	41
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 3/15/2022 1:27 pm PDT

The City is proud to share the good news that the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will be held on Memorial Day weekend, ...



Impressions	2,514
Reach	2,454
Engagements	351
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14%



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Tue 3/15/2022 1:31 pm PDT

The City is proud to share the good news that the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will be held on Memorial Day weekend, ...



Impressions	268
Potential Reach	4,517
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 3/15/2022 3:18 pm PDT

⚠️ ATTENTION COMMUTERS - FREEWAY OPENING ⚠️ Now Open! -- Southbound I-405 Off-Ramp to Goldenwest Street /...



Impressions	1,349
Reach	1,316
Engagements	45
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



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Tue 3/15/2022 3:19 pm PDT

⚠️ ATTENTION COMMUTERS - FREEWAY OPENING ⚠️ Now Open! -- Southbound I-405 Off-Ramp to Goldenwest Street /...



Impressions	302
Potential Reach	5,066
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6%



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Wed 3/16/2022 1:44 pm PDT

HAVE YOU ENTERED THE @GGOPENSTREETS AND @FOODSOFGARDENGROVE GIVEAWAY...



Impressions	128
Reach	128
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	0



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 3/16/2022 1:55 pm PDT

Haven't done your taxes yet? 📝 If your household income was less than \$60,000 in 2021, you may be eligible to file your...



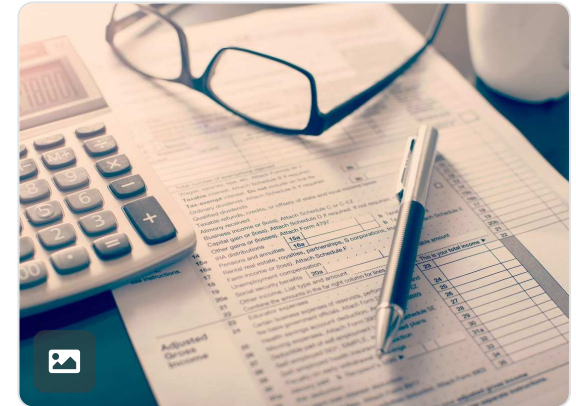
Impressions	61
Reach	61
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%



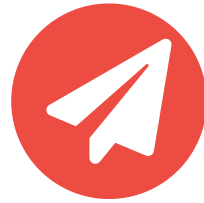
@CityGardenGrove

Wed 3/16/2022 1:55 pm PDT

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Impressions	68
Potential Reach	4,517
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



Post Performance

March 10, 2022 - March 16, 2022

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department  ggpdk9unit



ggpdk9unit

Wed 3/16/2022 10:48 am PDT

Working on the basics here with a game of hide and seek. Can you see his change of behavior when he is on odor and how th...



Video Views	237
Impressions	339
Reach	328
Engagements	72
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	21.2%



ggpdk9unit

Sun 3/13/2022 10:36 am PDT

On March 13, military working dogs throughout American history are remembered and celebrated on National...



Impressions	796
Reach	746
Engagements	130
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	16.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 3/12/2022 3:00 pm PST

A reminder to set your #clocks forward one hour tonight, before bed. With the #TimeChange, you might feel like you're...



Impressions	3,517
Reach	3,376
Engagements	111
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 3/11/2022 3:00 pm PST

Yesterday, March 10, 2022,
#GardenGrovePD Detectives arrested a
suspect who had been stalking and...



Impressions	9,409
Reach	8,800
Engagements	972
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 3/10/2022 6:06 pm PST

The Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open
Streets event is back, and scheduled for
Saturday, April 2, 2022. A number of...



Impressions	5,817
Reach	5,714
Engagements	675
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.6%

WEEKLY MEMO 3-10-2022

NEWS ARTICLES

OC Register
March 9, 2022



The Garden Grove Elks Lodge had its third annual golf tournament for the Purple Pig, the fundraising arm of the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project Inc., to help children with disabilities. Sixty six players tackled the 18 holes at the Dad Miller Golf Course in Anaheim. The Elks raised \$5,000.(Photo courtesy of Garden Grove Elks Lodge)

Southern California gas prices continue to soar, rising 27 cents Saturday-Monday

The price spike "is not exactly surprising," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.



High gas prices at stations on the corner of Beach Boulevard and Lampson Avenue in Stanton, CA, on Monday, March 7, 2022. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By [NEWS SERVICE REPORTS](#) |

PUBLISHED: March 7, 2022 at 9:01 a.m. | UPDATED: March 8, 2022 at 10:32 a.m.

Motorists got an in-their-face look at the battle for oil and inflation rolled into one this weekend as gas prices across Southern California sped past \$5 en route to nearly \$6 per gallon.

In just three days, prices in Los Angeles County rose 28 cents to \$5.43 for a gallon of regular fuel, according to figures from the AAA and Oil Price Information Service. Prices in the county have risen 33 times in 36 days, up 76 cents.

In Orange County, the average price hit \$5.42 per gallon on Monday, increasing 70.4 cents in 23 of the past 25 days. The story was similar in the Inland Empire, where the average price in Riverside County hit \$5.30, up 27 cents in three days. In San Bernardino, prices hit \$5.33 on Monday, up 53 cents in seven days.

Workers at the Chevron station at Kester Avenue and Burbank Boulevard in Sherman Oaks begin the process of raising the price of a gallon of regular gasoline from \$5.599

per gallon to \$5.799 just before 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022, following President Biden's announcement banning imports of Russian oil in response to the Ukraine invasion. At the Sherman Oaks station workers are seen changing the numbers on their lower signs before changing the prices on their main electronic sign — and at the pumps, where a gallon could still be had for the “old” price until the sign changes were complete. (Photo by Steven Rosenberg/Los Angeles Daily News)

“There are few words to describe the unprecedented rise in gasoline prices over the last week, with massive spikes coast to coast in both gasoline and diesel prices, as oil prices jump to their highest since 2008,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan said Americans should “prepare to pay more for gas than they ever have before.”

Three states in the West all had the nation's highest average prices for gas. California was No. 1 at \$5.32 per gallon, followed by Hawaii at \$4.65 and Nevada at \$4.60.

California's average price could be heading “for \$5.50 per gallon with more stations charging \$6 and beyond,” said De Haan. “We've never been in this situation before, with this level of uncertainty. As we lose a major global producer under the weight of deserving bipartisan sanctions for invading a sovereign country, the cost is high.



High gas prices at a station on Lampson Avenue in Seal Beach, CA, on Monday, March 7, 2022. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

“Americans will be feeling the pain of the rise in prices for quite some time, with little good news foreseen,” he said.

Markets swing wildly

Oil had its biggest daily swing ever Monday, with Brent surging to nearly \$140 after the U.S. said it was considering a ban on Russian petroleum imports.

The international benchmark subsequently pulled back to settle at the highest price since 2012. In New York, West Texas Intermediate closed at the highest in nearly 14 years. Prices from oil to nickel to wheat are surging to new highs, as fears exacerbated from a major inflationary shock to the global economy.

“The U.S. is staring down the barrel of a supply crisis,” said Louise Dickson, Rystad Energy’s senior oil market analyst.

An outright export ban on Russian crude from the U.S. and its allies could remove as much as 4 million barrels a day from the market, and participation from China and India would take out even more.

Record prices of oil and other commodities are raising alarm bells everywhere. The International Monetary Fund over the weekend warned of severe consequences for the global economy.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken told NBC over the weekend that the White House is in “very active discussions” with Europe about a ban to tighten the economic squeeze on Putin, but most buyers are refusing to take it anyway, resulting in an embargo in all but name.

There are efforts underway to try to increase supply. Two senior U.S. officials met with members of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro’s government in Caracas to discuss global oil supplies and the country’s ties to Russia, Bloomberg reported.

Iran, meanwhile, made progress toward a deal with world powers over its nuclear program, which could pave the way for sanctions on Tehran’s oil to be lifted by the third quarter.

More immediately, though, supply from some of the other biggest producers continues to be a worry. OPEC member Libya said its output fell below 1 million barrels a day because of a domestic political crisis. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies last week also decided to stay the course with only gradual output increases.



High gas prices at stations on the corner of Valley View Street and Chapman Avenue in Garden Grove, CA, on Monday, March 7, 2022. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

City News Service and Bloomberg contributed to this report.

Suspect arrested in Garden Grove sober living home stabbing

By [QUINN WILSON](#) | qwilson@scng.com |

PUBLISHED: March 6, 2022 at 10:25 p.m. | UPDATED: March 6, 2022 at 11:37 p.m.

A Garden Grove man accused of stabbing his roommate at a sober living home was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, police said Sunday, March 6.

The stabbing happened Saturday, March 5, at about 10:12 a.m. in the 12800 block of Safford West, said the Garden Grove Police Department in a news release. A man was found stabbed on the front lawn of the home and he was taken to a hospital, police said.

The victim went through a four-hour surgery and was listed as being in an “improving,” but critical condition as of Sunday, authorities said.

The suspect fled before police arrived, however, detectives were able to identify the victim’s roommate, 33-year-old Gustavo Pablo Munguia, as the suspect in the stabbing, police said. Riverside County Sheriff’s deputies located Munguia driving in Perris and took him into custody, the Police Department said.

While the motive was unknown, police said the stabbing happened in the roommates’ shared bedroom.

Any witnesses with information about the stabbing were asked to contact the Detective Rogers at 714-741-5413.



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Community Services Supervisor
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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, March 10, 2022



OPEN STREETS CAR-FREE EVENT TO CAUSE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

On Saturday, April 2, 2022, a number of Garden Grove streets will be closed to motorists to make way for this year's Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets event. The 2.2-mile, car-free route spans from Brookhurst Street to Nelson Street on the Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail, and from Nelson Street to 8th Street on Acacia Parkway. A number of activities and programming are being planned along the route for the free event.

For the safety of event-goers, the Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will close the following streets on Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.:

- Acacia Parkway: closed between Nelson Street and 9th Street.
- Nelson Street: closed between Pearl Street and Stanford Avenue.
- Main Street (closed from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.): closed between Garden Grove Boulevard and Stanford Avenue.
- Euclid Street: northbound closed between Garden Grove Boulevard and Stanford Avenue.
- Euclid Street: southbound closed between Garden Grove Boulevard and Lampson Avenue.

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OPEN STREETS CAR-FREE EVENT TO CAUSE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES 2-2-2

- Civic Center Drive and 7th Street: closed between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway (residential access only).
- 8th Street: closed between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway.

The following streets will be speed reduced zones on Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.:

- Stanford Avenue: speed reduced between Nutwood Street to Nelson Street.
- Nutwood Street: speed reduced between Stanford Avenue and Lampson Avenue.
- Lampson Avenue: speed reduced between Brookhurst Street and Nutwood Street.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be onsite to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes.

The Open Streets event takes place from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with an after party at Historic Main Street, Garden Grove Festival Amphitheater, and SteelCraft Garden Grove. The event is part of the City's continuing efforts to highlight Garden Grove's Downtown, while promoting the Re:Imagine Garden Grove mission of bringing more art to the community, create more walkable areas of the city, and encourage people to live a healthier, more connected life.

For more information on street closures, please contact the Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit at (714) 741-5252. Visit ggcity.org/openstreets or @ggopenstreets on Facebook for event details and updates.

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Friday, March 4, 2022

**START SPRUCING UP YOUR HOME & GARDEN FOR NEW
HOME BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM HONORING BEST-KEPT "GEMS"**

The City of Garden Grove is excited to invite homeowners to start sprucing up their home's exterior and gardens in preparation of a new home beautification recognition program coming next month called Garden Grove Gems. The virtual program launches on Monday, April 11 with a 3-week home nomination period, followed by online voting from May 9 through May 13. Winning homes will receive citywide recognition with homeowners being honored by the Garden Grove City Council and invited to an upcoming awards reception.

"This new program brings back a long-standing City tradition of recognizing Garden Grove homeowners for their deep pride of ownership and amazing efforts in maintaining gorgeous homes and gardens," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones.

For over 40 years, the City held an annual home beautification program that was paused in recent years to re-introduce a new program based on a virtual format.

From Monday, April 11 through Friday, April 29, Garden Grove homeowners can self-nominate their homes by completing an online application and submitting a recent, unaltered photo of their house's exterior.

From Monday, May 9 through Friday, May 13, the public can vote online for their favorite home from each of the City's six districts.

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Start Sprucing Up Your Home & Garden For New Home Beautification Program
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Nominations and voting will take place via the Garden Grove Gems City webpage at www.ggcity.org/gems.

The home with the highest number of votes, along with a second-place runner up, will be determined for each district. All winners will be announced during the week of May 16, 2022 through the City's website, social media platforms, and local media.

For more information and program guidelines, visit www.ggcity.org/gems or call (714) 741-5200.

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2022 Election: 28 candidates compete for six House seats in Orange County

Four districts are considered safe or 'lean' Democrat, one is 'likely' GOP and one is a toss-up.



The U.S. Capitol, Tuesday morning, March 1, 2022, in Washington. For the June 7 primary, there are 28 candidates in six Congressional races that cover portions of Orange County. (AP Photo/Mariam Zuhair)

By **BROOKE STAGGS** | bstaggs@scng.com | Orange County Register

PUBLISHED: March 15, 2022 at 6:23 p.m. | UPDATED: March 16, 2022 at 8:01 a.m.

There are 28 candidates vying for a shot in the June 7 primary to advance to the general election for Orange County's six newly drawn Congressional seats, according to records from county elections officials.

A few new faces jumped in within days of the March 11 deadline to register as a candidate, including an Oscar-winning producer who joined three other Republicans challenging Rep. Katie Porter, D-Irvine, in a new coastal district.

The primary election, of course, will simply narrow the field, as the top two candidates in each race who receive the most votes will face off again in the decisive general election on Nov. 8.

Orange County features some of the nation's most evenly divided congressional districts, and several of the races figure to be competitive.

Rep. Mike Levin, D-San Juan Capistrano, faces the most crowded field as he goes for a third term, with five Republicans and one Democrat hoping to replace him to represent a district that straddles southern Orange County and northern San Diego County.

And while both of the county's GOP incumbents, Reps. Michelle Steel and Young Kim, are facing Republican challengers to their re-elections, their stiffest opposition is expected to come from the single Democrat in each race.

Though redistricting has substantially changed boundaries and some labels of Orange County's four swing districts, all four are still potentially in play this cycle. But the only local race rated by [forecasters](#) as a straight [toss-up](#) is the new 45th District, which now includes all or parts of Placentia, Brea, Buena Park, Cerritos, Cypress, Rossmore, Westminster, Garden Grove and Fountain Valley, and where Democrats hold a 4.9 point registration advantage over Republicans.

Freshman [incumbent Steel](#), R-Seal Beach, is already in a [heated battle](#) with Democrat [Jay Chen](#), who runs a real estate firm and is an intelligence officer in the Navy reserves. Neither candidate lives in CA-45, which isn't required but is considered favorable. Chen said he will move to the district if he wins, while Steel's campaign hasn't responded to that question.

On the final day of filing, Republican Long Pham of Fountain Valley also jumped into the CA-45 race. Pham is an engineer who was formerly on the Orange County Board of Education, so he may have some name recognition. But Steel and Chen are expected to easily advance out of the primary to the November election.

The next closest races, per forecasters, are the new 47th and 49th districts, both of which are rated as "lean" or "likely" Democrat.

Of the four Republicans challenging [Porter](#) in CA-47, only one has held office before, attorney [Scott Baugh](#) of Huntington Beach. As a former GOP Assembly leader, Baugh already won an endorsement from the state GOP, making him the favored candidate to advance with Porter to the general election. In the newly drawn district, which stretches from Seal Beach to Laguna Beach and includes Irvine, Democrats currently hold a 1.1 point registration advantage over Republicans.

Given that slim Democratic advantage, the Republican side of the race is already heating up, with rental car company owner [Amy Phan West](#), a Republican who lives in Westminster, directing early campaign attacks at Baugh. On Tuesday, she publicized poll results that show her with a 1-point advantage over Baugh, and her campaign spokesman pointed out that Baugh lost in the primary last time [he ran for Congress](#) in 2018. (West, who lives outside CA-47, also lost in a primary, in 2020, when [she ran](#) against Rep. Alan Lowenthal.)

Other Republicans hoping to win in CA-47 include I.T. consultant [Brian Burley](#) of [Huntington Beach](#), who lost in the 2020 primary that included Steel, and Errol Webber of Costa Mesa, a self-proclaimed "America First" candidate whose documentary short film won an Oscar in 2010.

While some forecasters have pegged Levin, in CA-49, as a [bit safer](#) than Porter, in CA-47, there's a bigger question about who might advance with Levin to the general election. The district covers south coastal Orange County plus northern San Diego County and Democrats hold a 1.9 point advantage in voter registration.

Campaign attacks already are heating up between five GOP challengers: O.C. Supervisor [Lisa Bartlett](#) of Dana Point; former San Juan Capistrano councilman [Brian Maryott](#); Oceanside councilmember [Christopher Rodriguez](#); San Diego County Sheriff's deputy Josiah O'Neil of Murrieta, and cybersecurity expert and veteran activist Renee Taylor of San Juan Capistrano. Maryott, who lost to Levin in 2020, has an advantage with an endorsement from the state GOP. One Democrat also joined the CA-49 race just before the filing deadline: Nadia Bahia Smalley of Chula Vista, a businesswoman who ran for president in 2020.

Only one local House district this cycle is considered "likely Republican:" CA-40, which covers eastern Orange County, from Rancho Mission Viejo up to Yorba Linda, and extends to Chino Hills in San Bernardino County. Registration in the district favors the GOP by 5.6 points.

In CA-40, freshman incumbent [Kim](#), R-La Habra, is expected advance out of the June primary with Democratic challenger [Asif Mahmood](#), a physician who had a solid showing in the 2018 primary for state insurance commissioner. But Kim does face two challengers from the political right — Mission Viejo councilman [Greg Rath](#), a Republican who lost to Porter in 2020, and junk hauler Nick Taurus of Laguna Hills, a Republican who describes himself as an [American Nationalist activist](#). The final two districts in Orange County are considered "safe Democrat" seats.

In CA-46 — a majority Latino district that includes most of Santa Ana and Anaheim plus parts of Stanton, Fullerton and Orange, and where Democrats hold a 27.5 point registration advantage — three-time incumbent Rep. Lou [Correa](#), D-Anaheim, is facing five challengers. Three of those challengers are Republican: Irvine attorney [Christopher Gonzales](#), who ran against Porter in the 2020 primary and has California GOP backing; property broker and former engineer Mike Nguyen of Santa Ana; and retired federal agent Felix Rocha Jr., whose city is unknown. The race in CA-46 also includes No Party Preference candidate [Ed Rushman](#) of Anaheim, an I.T. project manager who failed to make it out of the 2020 primary, and Democrat [Mike Ortega](#), a biomedical engineer and self-proclaimed socialist from Anaheim.

In CA-38, which also is majority Latino and includes a slice of La Habra and a much bigger slice of southeast Los Angeles County, 10-term [incumbent](#) Rep. [Linda Sanchez](#), D-Whittier, is facing Walnut Mayor Pro Tem [Eric Ching](#) and pastor and business owner John Sarega of La Mirada. Democrats hold a 26 point registration advantage in the district.

Though all the filings were turned in before the recent deadline, the Secretary of State has until the end of the month to formally qualify these candidates for the June 7 ballot.

The next indication of how these races are shaping up will come by April 15, when candidates must file reports showing how much money they've raised and spent in the first quarter of 2022.

Company sues OCTA for at least \$50 million over streetcar project



The company hired to construct the route for Orange County's first electric streetcar is suing OCTA, raising questions about whether the already delayed project will be held up even longer. A worker drills neat the track in Santa Ana on Monday, March 14, 2022. (Photo by Mindy Schauer, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By [TESS SHEETS](mailto:tsheets@scng.com) | tsheets@scng.com |

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The company hired to construct the route for OC's first electric streetcar is suing the Orange County Transportation Authority, raising the possibility the already delayed project could be held up even longer.

In a lawsuit filed earlier this month in Orange County Superior Court, attorneys representing Walsh Construction Company said the transit agency that contracted them to complete the project breached the agreement governing the scope of work, citing numerous alleged failings on OCTA's part including neglecting to pay the company more for, or extending deadlines to accommodate, added work on the project.

Walsh Construction is asking for at least \$50 million in damages as a result of the alleged contract violations. But the company is also asking the court whether its workers can halt their work on the project until the OCTA provides it finalized plans for the streetcar and "agrees to pay Walsh for the changed project scope and time for performance."

The company's representatives want a judge to declare that Walsh isn't obligated to keep working under the current agreement.

The OC Streetcar will be able to carry up to 210 people at any given time, connecting Santa Ana's train station to Garden Grove along a four-mile track with 10 stops. The

electric cabs, propelled by wires connecting above them, will link riders to other transit hubs such as Amtrak, Metrolink and OC Bus stations.

Construction on the project kicked off in [late 2018](#). Officials initially eyed a completion date in 2021, but unexpected issues including the discovery of human remains and contaminated soil beneath the streets of Santa Ana [resulted in delays and added costs](#), OCTA officials have said. The project, which now has a price tag of \$509 million, is expected to be finished in 2024.

A spokesman for the transportation authority declined to comment on the lawsuit brought by Walsh Construction or say whether agency officials were concerned that construction could be halted as a result, but in an email he said that “our goal is deliver OC Streetcar on our current timeline of March 2024 for the residents and business of Santa Ana and Garden Grove, and for the benefit of all Orange County.”

Attorneys for Walsh Construction could not be reached for comment. Walsh is the primary contractor for the construction of the streetcar’s tracks, platforms and maintenance and storage facility.

The construction company says in its lawsuit the OCTA didn’t provide finished or adequate plans and specifications for the project, and failed to grant time extensions or negotiate a new agreement in light of changes. The \$50 million or more being sought by Walsh is the cost the company will rack up “if it continues to follow OCTA’s direction,” the suit says, adding that “OCTA’s current course of action directing changed work without paying for it, and without granting time extensions for Walsh to complete the changed work, is oppressive and contrary to the contract and law.”

The lawsuit was filed at the tail end of a six-month window during which Walsh Construction was allowed to take court action following OCTA’s rejection of two claims submitted by company in June 2020.

Among other allegations laid out in the lawsuit, is that OCTA also failed to coordinate with surrounding landowners and authorities governing areas impacted by the project before awarding Walsh Construction the contract. At least two companies that operate near the streetcar route’s construction are suing Walsh over impacts from the work, which they said hurt business.

Two auto body shop businesses that run out of a facility on Westminster Avenue in Santa Ana filed a lawsuit last month, saying dust, dirt and debris from construction on the project damaged body work on vehicles, leading to a loss of business and forcing them to vacate the property in 2021 when their lease was up.

The businesses are seeking an unspecified amount in damages.

The streetcar project is more than halfway complete, and work is ongoing at this time, OCTA spokesman Joel Zlotnik said. Agency officials have said previously that the vehicles, which are being constructed in northern California, are expected to be delivered to Orange County late this year or early 2023.

“What we can say is that OCTA is committed to completing the OC Streetcar project,” Zlotnik said.

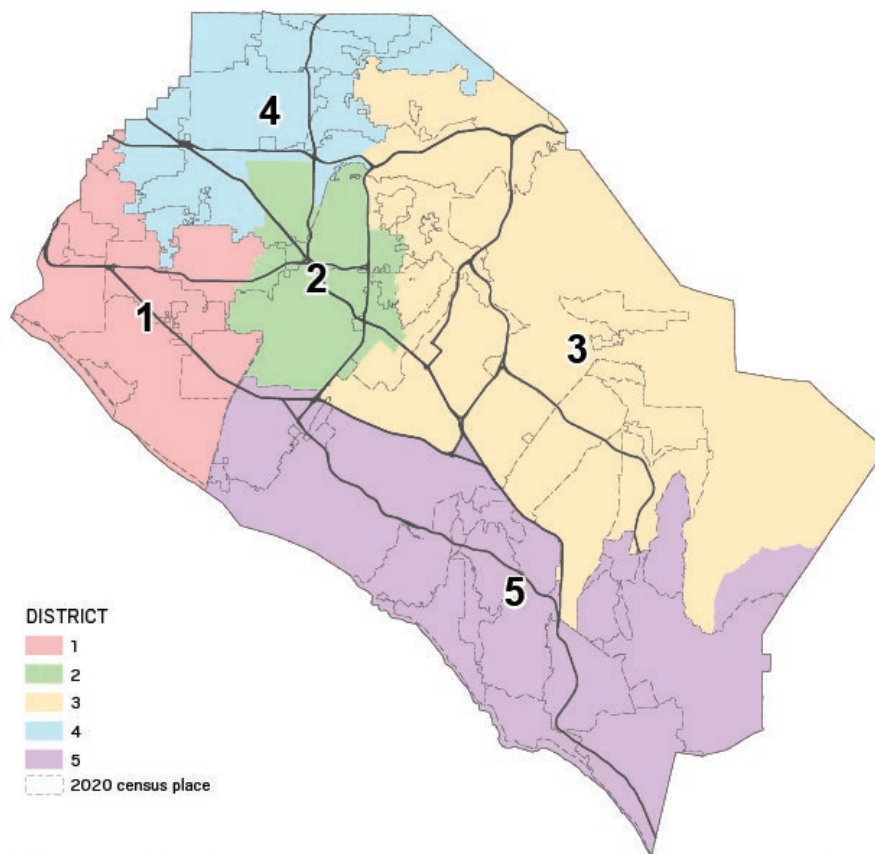
A dozen candidates fill field for three OC supervisor seats in June primary

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All three races for Orange County supervisor seats on the June 7 ballot will be contested, with three to five candidates running for each seat in the first election since supervisorial district boundaries were redrawn.

The period to file for those offices, and most others in the primary election, closed Friday.

Supervisorial districts shifting

New district boundaries that the Orange County Board of Supervisors chose in December are in effect, giving residents of more than a dozen cities a new representative.



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The five-person Board of Supervisors will see at least one new member this year, representing the reconfigured District 2. Supervisor Katrina Foley was elected to that seat a year ago, before the [boundaries changed](#), but she's seeking election in District 5, which now includes her home city of Costa Mesa.

That means the seat in District 2, the first-ever Latino majority supervisorial district, is essentially up for grabs.

The contest for that office, which represents Santa Ana plus parts of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange and Tustin, will be among Orange Councilman Jon Dumitru; Cecilia Iglesias, a former Santa Ana councilwoman and policy director; Garden Grove Councilwoman Kim Bernice Nguyen; Santa Ana Mayor Vicente Sarmiento; and Juan Villegas, a former Santa Ana councilman and special officer with the OC Sheriff's Department.

In District 4, Supervisor Doug Chaffee is seeking a second term, but will have to defeat challengers Sunny Park, the current mayor of Buena Park, and Brea Councilman Steve Vargas.

The contest for District 5 could be bruising, with four past and present elected officials vying for the seat, including state Senator Pat Bates; Foley, an attorney and the current District 2 supervisor; Diane Harkey, a financial consultant and former state assemblywoman; and Kevin Muldoon, a businessman and current mayor of Newport Beach. The district is largely coastal, stretching from Costa Mesa and Newport Beach to the San Diego County line, but also including several inland communities.

While some residents may not know who their county supervisor is, the board wields considerable political and financial power. It oversees a budget of more than \$7 billion, as well as 60,000 acres of public parks, beaches and open space and the public health department that's been leading the local COVID-19 response. Over the past two years, supervisors helped decide [how to spend more than \\$800 million](#) in federal pandemic aid.

Although supervisor seats are nonpartisan, Orange County's Republican and Democratic parties also are expected to be involved in the race. The GOP hopes to maintain a majority on the board (the current board is a 3-2 split), while Democrats hope to wrest control in what was until recently a solidly red county.

Ballots will be mailed to every registered voter in districts 2, 4 and 5 starting May 9, and polling places also will open for in-person voting several days ahead of the June 7 election. In each race, if no candidate receives at least 50% plus one of the votes cast, the top two will head to a November runoff.



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Thursday, March 17, 2022

FREE BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF AT ELKS LODGE SATURDAY

On Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the City of Garden Grove, in partnership with Republic Services, will host a community cleanup day, offering residents the opportunity to properly dispose of bulky items for free. The drop-off location will be at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge, at 11551 Trask Avenue. The event is open to Garden Grove residents only.

Residents may bring unwanted household items, including bulky items and electronic waste, such as appliances, furniture, mattresses, televisions, printers, and computers. 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, including paint and oil; and green waste, such as grass clippings and leaves. For a complete list of banned items, visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

The next community cleanup day will be on Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Morningside Elementary School, located at 10521 Morningside Drive.

The community cleanup initiative is part of the City's continued effort to keep public areas clean and clear of clutter, while providing residents with free access to disposal services.

Free Bulky Item Drop-Off at Elks Lodge Saturday
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Republic Services also provides special collections of bulky items at no charge for residents in single-family homes. 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. To schedule a pick-up appointment, call (714) 238-2444.

For more information about the City's community cleanup days, visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

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Wednesday, March 16, 2022



EASTER EGG FUN AT ANNUAL EGGS-CAVATION

The hunt is on for colorful treasures at Garden Grove's annual "Eggscavation" event on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Atlantis Play Center, located at 13630 Atlantis Way in Garden Grove Park.

In addition to egg hunts, activities at the event include carnival games, arts and crafts, a bubble activity, pictures with the Easter bunny, and more. The egg hunts take place by the following age groups:

- 3 to 4 years old - 1:45 p.m.
- 5 to 6 years old - 2:15 p.m.
- 7 to 8 years old - 2:45 p.m.
- 9 to 10 years old - 3:15 p.m.

Raffle drawings will take place after each egg hunt. Candy grabs for 2-year-olds and under will be held at 1:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 for children, ages 3 to 10, participating in the egg hunt, and \$2 for spectators, ages 11 and up.

Ticket sales for the Eggscavation begin Monday, March 28, 2022, until quantities run out. Tickets may be purchased online at ggcity.org/register, or by phone. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

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EASTER EGG FUN AT ANNUAL EGGS-CAVATION

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To order tickets by phone, or for more information, please call (714) 741-5200.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 17, 2022

1. Calendar of Events
2. The City of Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting Agenda for March 24, 2022.
3. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from March 4, 2022 to March 17, 2022.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17, 2022 – May 5, 2022

Thursday	March 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	March 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Wednesday	March 23	5:30 p.m.	Special Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 24		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	March 25		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	April 2	2:00 p.m.	Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets Event, Garden Grove Civic Center Area
			4 th Annual Art in the Park, Open Streets Event, 12732 Main Street
Thursday	April 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 8		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	April 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 22		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 26	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	April 28		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Thursday	May 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue

Thursday, March 24, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing planning@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record. Members of the public who are not vaccinated are required to wear face masks in City facilities. Please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symptoms.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, should contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-217-2022

APPLICANT: Hedra Mamlouk
LOCATION: 8725 Garden Grove Boulevard

REQUEST: To allow a new convenience store, Crazy Beer & Wine Market, to operate with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)

Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 - Existing Facilities - of the State CEQA Guidelines.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT



The American Rescue Plan one year later: How cities are using this transformative funding

Mar 9, 2022

One year ago, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), delivering \$8 billion in direct, flexible pandemic recovery funding to cities throughout California. This funding empowered cities to manage the public health emergency, address urgent needs in their community, respond to long-term fiscal impacts, and pave the way for a more equitable recovery.

The federal relief package became law following a nearly year-long advocacy effort by the League of California Cities' [\(/home/advocacy/support-local-recovery\)](/home/advocacy/support-local-recovery) **Support Local Recovery coalition** [\(/home/advocacy/support-local-recovery\)](/home/advocacy/support-local-recovery) , which included dedicated California city officials, local businesses, and federal partners like the National League of Cities.

After the law's passage, Cal Cities quickly recognized that cities needed more than fiscal relief to jumpstart recovery in their communities; they needed support during the implementation process. Cal Cities worked closely with the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the California Department of Finance to streamline the application process and provide officials with related resources. As a result, California was one of the first states to distribute federal relief funds to all municipalities.

Cities are hard at work deploying those dollars to fund transformative projects.

For example, the city of Chico allocated \$4.5 million to a countywide system for primary first responders, \$1.2 million for a citywide broadband project, and \$800,000 for individual and family-oriented shelters for unhoused residents.

Santa Ana distributed its funds under five main categories: pandemic recovery, direct assistance programs, public health and safety, critical infrastructure, and city fiscal health. This includes \$16 million in direct assistance to residents, \$1.5 million for first responder services, and \$7 million for a new library branch.

In a move that gained national recognition, Oxnard directed \$2.5 million to essential worker premium pay for retail grocery and drug store workers. Anyone who worked at least three months in a grocery store or pharmacy during the first 12 months of COVID-19 was eligible for a \$1,000 bonus.

Cities also used ARPA dollars to expand critical public services. Davis used \$1 million to help fund emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing, \$1.2 million to expand emergency mental health services, and \$790,000 for public safety reform.

Grover Beach allocated \$800,000 for homeless services and facilities, \$300,000 in small business support, \$150,000 to support local nonprofits, and \$300,000 for sewer line upgrades.

San Jacinto used \$5 million for the relocation and drilling of a new well, which will provide the city with potable water. The original well was maintained well beyond its expected life cycle but is now unstable due to structural failure.

Other cities used the funding to upgrade local streets and roads. Irvine earmarked \$6 million to improve walkability, bike use, and shared transportation options, as well as \$5.2 million for the development of parks and open spaces. Similarly, Los Angeles allocated \$15 million for alleys and pedestrian safety improvements.

Other cities used the funding to fill lost positions or prevent cuts to city services. Anaheim, which relies heavily on tourism, borrowed heavily to keep the city running during the pandemic. The city used \$108 million in funding for revenue replacement. In the city of San Diego, \$149.3 million will be used to maintain essential services that would have otherwise been eliminated or reduced due to the pandemic.

These are (<https://www.westerncity.com/article/transformative-and-desperately-needed-american-rescue-plan-act-one-year-later>) **just a handful of the ways** (<https://www.westerncity.com/article/transformative-and-desperately-needed-american-rescue-plan-act-one-year-later>) cities are using their ARPA dollars to create meaningful change for generations of Californians.

Do you have an example of how the American Rescue Plan Act is creating tangible change in your community? The Cal Cities #LocalWorks initiative shines the spotlight on examples of local actions that are making a difference to their communities. Show how #LocalWorks in your community by contacting communications@calcities.org. (<mailto:communications@calcities.org>)

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Guide to Local Recovery Update: March 9

Mar 9, 2022

The White House and partners across the country are celebrating the one-year anniversary of the American Rescue Plan Act. In a March *Cal Cities Advocate* article, the League of California Cities highlighted the different ways cities are utilizing this historic investment. Similarly, the White House has released a toolkit to help local leaders tell their own stories.

There are several new infrastructure resources available as well. The White House is hosting five more Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act webinars and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration is launching a series of webinars focused on new broadband grants. At the state level, the California Department of Community Services and Development has released more information on the federally-funded Low-Income Household Water Assistance program.

[American Rescue Plan Act storytelling resources](#)

The White House and partners across the country are celebrating the one-year anniversary of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). As we mark this occasion, it is important for cities to amplify how critical this historic relief has been in their recovery. The League of California Cities has been compiling and sharing stories of ARPA-funded projects. In a recent article, Cal Cities highlighted how California cities are using those dollars to **[fund transformative projects and expand or protect critical public services](https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2022/03/09/the-american-rescue-plan-one-year-later-how-cities-are-using-)** (<https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2022/03/09/the-american-rescue-plan-one-year-later-how-cities-are-using->

[this-transformative-funding](#) .

To help cities share their own stories, the White House has released [a toolkit \(https://mcusercontent.com/f620288bb41dd81f9c715ef4d/files/3db4e7ac-d3b0-94e3-6b47-12cece3c3407/ARP_Anniversary_Toolkit.pdf\)](#) that includes links to op-eds and press events from local leaders, an event planning checklist, sample social media posts, and suggested talking points. In addition to the toolkit, the White House released [a summary of the American Rescue Plan Act \(https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/American-Rescue-Plan-Fact-Sheet.pdf\)](#) , which includes an overview of its main components.

New infrastructure webinars announced

The White House is hosting five additional “ [\(https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2022/02/16/infrastructure-school-offers-cities-crash-courses-on-accessing-funds-for-critical-projects\)](#) **Infrastructure School** [\(https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2022/02/16/infrastructure-school-offers-cities-crash-courses-on-accessing-funds-for-critical-projects\)](#) ” webinars this month. Unlike the American Rescue Plan Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes competitive and noncompetitive funding, making these webinars, along with the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law guidebook, \(https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/\)](#) a critical resource for city leaders. A list of upcoming webinars, along with registration links, is below.

- **[Clean Energy and Power:](#)**
[\(https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_T0pO7Q7-SXGtdBJC2_ZYRA\)](#)
Thursday, March 10 at 1:00 p.m.
- **[Water:](#)**
[\(https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_S2xQ3YRJTH6t_EVoGLc59w\)](#)
Tuesday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m.
- **[Resilience:](#)**
[\(https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_wE8HdtekTqWKMwhkvilYEw\)](#)

Thursday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m.

- **Environmental Remediation:**

https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_6KHGgYkwQwKFr4uqWkmvkQ

Tuesday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m.

- **Broadband:** https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_ygnjxTvSTQGc-jWYWB-nQw Thursday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Broadband technical assistance webinars

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration is hosting several webinars in connection with the six

[https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/news/latest-news/ntias-role-implementing-](https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/news/latest-news/ntias-role-implementing-broadband-provisions-2021-infrastructure-investment-and)

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[implementing-broadband-provisions-2021-infrastructure-investment-and](https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/news/latest-news/ntias-role-implementing-broadband-provisions-2021-infrastructure-investment-and)) authorized and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events>) **series**

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events>) will cover the agency's

various broadband programs and help applicants to prepare high-quality grant applications. The [\[gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_4isuAyedR_2NHTDXZSO_MA?\]\(https://ntia-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_4isuAyedR_2NHTDXZSO_MA?\)](https://ntia-</p>
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[timezone_id=America%2FLos_Angeles](https://ntia-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_4isuAyedR_2NHTDXZSO_MA?)) will focus on engagement and partnerships.

One-time, low-income water assistance program rolls out in May

The California Department of Community Services and Development has released the recording of a recent <https://hornellp.wistia.com/medias/w2ji3qi5i0>)

informational webinar <https://hornellp.wistia.com/medias/w2ji3qi5i0>) on the

federally-funded <https://www.csd.ca.gov/waterbill>) **Low-Income Household Water**

Assistance program <https://www.csd.ca.gov/waterbill>) . Under the program,

qualified, low-income households can apply to their local service provider to receive a one-time credit of up to \$2,000 on their water or wastewater bill. For a customer to apply, their water or wastewater system must enroll in the Direct Payment program.

The program is scheduled to open in May 2022, but those interested can begin the enrollment process via an [online interest form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/68f3e45e80594a60814f359001989986) (<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/68f3e45e80594a60814f359001989986>) today. For questions, email (<mailto:support@ca-lihwap.com>) support@ca-lihwap.com (<mailto:support@ca-lihwap.com>) .

Study shows how cities are investing in afterschool programs

Pandemic-related school closures highlighted the essential role afterschool programs play in communities. The National League of Cities [National Municipal Afterschool and Summer Learning survey](https://www.nlc.org/resource/meeting-the-momentcities-increase-investmentsin-young-people-to-supportpandemic-recoveryand-beyond/) (<https://www.nlc.org/resource/meeting-the-momentcities-increase-investmentsin-young-people-to-supportpandemic-recoveryand-beyond/>) captured the evolution of these programs in municipalities across the country over the course of the pandemic.

The survey found that local leaders overwhelmingly believe that afterschool programs play an important role in pandemic recovery, and cities across the country are increasing their investments in afterschool and summer learning programs. The report contains eight key findings and ten possible action steps for local leaders.

City officials looking for additional information about the American Rescue Plan Act, the Infrastructure and Jobs Act, or additional recovery tools can visit the [Cal Cities Guide to Local Recovery portal](/home/resources/guide-to-local-recovery) (</home/resources/guide-to-local-recovery>) .



Manteca shows how small actions can create big impacts in the housing market

Mar 9, 2022

#LocalWorks

Solving California's housing crisis requires solutions both big and small by a cast of actors in the

public, private, and non-profit sectors. Cities, for example, plan, zone, and create incentives for homes often with requirements for the inclusion of affordable homes within a new development. Developers build new homes where it is profitable and where local regulations are light on bureaucracy, ensuring a smooth and less costly path to approval.

The city of Manteca worked hard over the past decade to forge a reputation as one of the "light on bureaucracy" cities. By reducing barriers to development and streamlining approval processes, the city has encouraged development and become a building mecca. Although these actions alone will not solve the housing crisis, they can have a big impact. Manteca has seen between 500 and 700 new homes built in the city each year for the past five years.



"Housing is the strongest it's been in the 13 years I've been here," said Manteca Deputy Director of Development Services Brad Wungluck.

While construction has always been strong in Manteca, even in the aftermath of the Great Recession, residential development has soared in recent years. Last year, developers built 724 single-family homes and 201 multifamily units. Currently, the city has 10,000 housing units — including 1,500 multifamily units — in the development pipeline. Most homes are sold three to six months before construction even starts.

Removing barriers to the development process keeps production humming

City officials say the city's clear and consistent policies, commitment to flexibility, fast response times, and relationships with local builders are the key ingredients to the success.

Toni Raymus, who owns the nearly 80-year-old Raymus Homes with her brother, agrees. "The current management of the city of Manteca is probably the best I've seen in years. They are responsive ... and their leadership and follow-through have smoothed out the process completely."



It is not just timeliness that keeps housing production humming along in Manteca. Officials regularly defer fees, streamline the permitting process, and notify developers of any upcoming changes well in advance. Most importantly, city staff and developers are always looking for solutions.

Recently, the city allowed a developer to install a temporary gravel road at the back of a residential project. This allowed construction to continue while the city sought a permanent fix, which took three months. City officials often modify permitting timelines in response to

third-party schedules or delays, allowing construction to continue mostly uninterrupted.

According to Raymus, this flexibility makes building in Manteca extremely attractive. In fact, Raymus Homes operates almost entirely in Manteca.

Albert Boyce, who runs Atherton Homes, has been developing housing in Manteca since 1996 and operates exclusively in the city. He also credits his home-building success to the hassle-free process and great collaboration with the city.

“I’m grateful that I’m building in Manteca,” said Boyce.

All this positivity can be attributed to relatively small actions from city staff that, when combined, led to big results. For example, officials pride themselves on a quick permitting process with few redundancies.

“In my experience — and I’ve been around for some time now — that is one of the biggest factors to cultivating relationships with builders: being sensitive to their time frames and trying to work with them,” said Director of Development Services Chris Erias.

Building for the future

While Manteca is doing all it can to remove barriers to development, it must also ensure the city’s infrastructure keeps pace with the growth.

“Having come from a growing community myself, the roads often take time to catch up to the overall transportation system you envision when you are going through rapid development,” said Erias.

To help mitigate those costs, developers will soon pay into a citywide community facilities district, which will finance related infrastructure maintenance and development costs.

Likewise, staff are looking at ways to increase the supply of affordable housing, something the area needs. Officials hope to roll out an affordable housing ordinance later this year, which will likely include a fee-based component. This means that when a developer pulls a permit for a single-family home, they may pay a fee that goes towards affordable housing financing.



The city is also looking at adopting an inclusionary housing policy. This would require developers of multifamily apartments to reserve a certain number of units for lower-income households.

Despite all of the work Manteca has done to pave the way for housing supply and affordability to keep pace with the need, there is only so much the city can do.

For more than a decade, local leaders throughout the state have been asking for long-term funding from the state to support housing production, instead of one-time or short-term investments, which make it difficult for cities to adequately plan for the future.

Manteca city officials agree that while the city has done a lot, there is so much more it could do if the state stepped up with a long-term commitment.

“Looking at our city, we have the opportunity for growth and with financing tools, mechanisms, grants — whatever it might be — we have the opportunity to do even more, to provide a greater number of houses,” said Wungluck.

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Cal Cities-sponsored bond agency issues \$95 million in tax-exempt bonds for housing in Glendale

Mar 16, 2022

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) announced the issuance of \$95,641,006 in tax-exempt Essential Housing Revenue Bonds to acquire Towne at Glendale Apartments in Glendale.

The 126-unit multifamily residential rental community includes 206 parking spots, a fitness center, business center, theatre room, game room, sun deck, pool and spa, children's play area, and an outdoor seating area.

The joint powers authority partnered with the city of Glendale and others for the issuance of bonds. One-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom units will be restricted for households earning less than 80%, 100%, and 120% of the median area income.

About CSCDA

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. More than 530 cities, counties, and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently financed, locally approved projects. Visit the organization's [\(https://cscda.org/\)](https://cscda.org/) **website** (<https://cscda.org/>) to learn how CSCDA can help your city.