

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
July 27, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager
Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. Planning Commission Public Hearing Notice
An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the August 17, 2023 Planning Commission meeting study session.

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

- A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY
A copy of the notification of request for compensation through the gas cost incentive mechanism A.23-07-005 is attached.
- B. ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
OCFA August 2023 Social Media Campaign

• **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.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

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Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I am a citizen of the United States; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principle clerk of the printer of ORANGE COUNTY NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation, published ONCE WEEKLY in the city of GARDEN GROVE, County of ORANGE, which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of ORANGE, State of California under the date of March 20, 1964, Case Number A-31502; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

July 26, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A STUDY SESSION IN THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW:

* THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., AUGUST 17, 2023

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

STUDY SESSION - HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

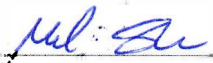
▲ Planning Commission Study Session to discuss the status of the Housing Element Update, including proposed revisions to the Adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Study Session on August 17, 2023 and express opinions or submit evidence related to the Housing Element, or to submit comments and evidence in writing in advance of the Meeting. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

DATE: July 24, 2023
PUBLISH: July 26, 2023
Orange County News 7/26/2023-133212

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Orange County News

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 26th day of July
2023.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

**Certificate of Mailing Notice of Application
To the City, County and Municipal
Governmental Agencies**

I hereby certify that a Notice of Application made by Southern California Gas Company regarding Application of Southern California Gas Company, Regarding Year 29 (2022-2023) of Its Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism. Application No.23-07-005, was mailed First Class - US Mail on July 20, 2023, to all the appropriate state, county and municipal governmental agencies appearing on the current rooster.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own personal knowledge.

Executed at San Diego, California this 20 day of July 2023.


Name (Sign)

Martha Cendejas
Name (Print)

Regulatory Affairs Analyst
Title

Esté es un anuncio de que sus tarifas pueden cambiar. Para más detalles en español llame al 1-800-342-4545.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY
NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION
THROUGH THE GAS COST INCENTIVE MECHANISM
A.23-07-005**

Why am I receiving this notice?

On July 17, 2023, Southern California Gas (SoCalGas[®]) filed an application (A.23-07-005) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application is requesting approval of its management of savings incurred during the purchase of natural gas for its customers.

Natural gas purchases are reviewed through a mechanism referred to as the Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM). The CPUC authorized the GCIM as a means of encouraging utilities to seek the best rates available for natural gas. Under the GCIM, a target price is set and if the utility secures a better rate, the savings are shared with customers and shareholders. If a high rate is paid, the utility must absorb a portion of the higher rate. SoCalGas shares the savings with its “Core” customers, that is, customers who rely on the utility for all their natural gas needs, including both gas transportation and gas commodity service.

Why is SoCalGas requesting compensation?

In the latest GCIM year, SoCalGas purchased natural gas at \$417.6 million below the target price during the program period of April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. Using the CPUC’s formula to determine the incentive for purchasing gas below the target price, SoCalGas has calculated a \$62.8 million allocation for its shareholders. This means that these purchases provided customers a benefit of \$354.8 million in lower gas costs. In this application, SoCalGas requests that the CPUC approve SoCalGas’s shareholder allocation of \$62.8 million. SoCalGas is also requesting to share \$37.4 million of the \$62.8 million shareholder reward with customers. That would result in a net shareholder reward of \$25.4 million.

How could this affect my monthly gas bill?

A typical residential customer’s average monthly bill for 36 therms of gas has already increased by 0.60 cents/month, from \$85.80 to \$86.40. A typical residential customer’s monthly summer bill for 23 therms of gas has already increased by 0.38 cents/month, from \$45.55 to \$45.93. The impact on each customer and customer class has varied depending on individual usage. **If the CPUC approves SoCalGas’s request to share a portion of the shareholder reward, future bills will be lower as a result. If the CPUC approves a different allocation for SoCalGas shareholders, the difference will be credited or charged to customers through a rate change in future months.**

How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SoCalGas’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 SoCalGas's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which 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, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit **PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov**.

Where can I get more information?

Contact SoCalGas

Jordan Calzadillas
Regulatory Case Manager for SoCalGas
555 W 5th Street, GT14D6
Los Angeles, CA 90013

A copy of the GCIM Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at <https://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/cpuc>

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2307005 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 SoCalGas'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 SoCalGas' GCIM **Application A.23-07-005** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

ABC's OF WATER SAFETY



Water safety starts at home. Keeping yourself and others safe in and around the water is as easy as ABC. Follow the safety tips below to make sure you know how to be water safe!



Children and adults drown without a sound. No one should ever swim alone.

A is for ACTIVE ADULT SUPERVISION

- Keep infants and toddlers within an arm's reach.
- No one should ever swim alone, including adults.
- Never rely on water wings, rafts, or other swimming aids in place of U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.
- Assign an adult to be a Water Watcher, actively keeping their eyes on the water without ANY distractions.
- If a child or adult is missing, every second counts! Check the water FIRST!

B is for BARRIERS

- Install and maintain proper fencing around the pool and spa to isolate swimming areas.
- Use multiple layers of protection, such as fences, gates, doors, alarms, and safety covers.
- Use self-closing, self-latching gates that open outward and away from the pool.
- Remove items such as chairs or tables that a child could use to climb over a fence.

C is for CLASSES

- Learn to swim by taking lessons.
- Learn first aid and CPR. Always keep a phone nearby to call 9-1-1.
- Teach children that running, jumping, and pushing others on pool decks is dangerous and can cause injuries. Always enter the pool feet first so you know how deep the water is in that area.

Drain Safety

- Keep children away from pool and spa drains to avoid entrapment and entanglement.
- Keep long hair tied back and remove dangling items like jewelry or bathing suit ties.
- Install compliant safety drain covers and automatic shut-off pump systems.
- Know where the pool and spa pump switch is and how to turn it off and on.



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READY, SET, GO!

AS WILDFIRE APPROACHES



Early evacuation is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones during a wildfire. As a wildfire approaches, follow these steps to help prepare your family and home, and make your evacuation safer.



Review your Wildfire Action Plan so all family members have the same information and know what to do.



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Have all necessities ready, including the 6 P's, in case you have to evacuate:

1. People and pets
2. Papers, phone numbers, and important documents
3. Prescriptions, medical equipment, and eyeglasses
4. Pictures, family keepsakes, and other meaningful items
5. Personal computers, hard drives, tablets, or other data storage devices, including cell phones, and chargers
6. Plastic credit cards, ATM cards, and cash

Load everything into your car, including your Disaster Supply Kit and Go! Bag. Then, back the car into the driveway and close the windows and doors. Keep the keys with you, in case you need to leave quickly.

At Home:

- Close all windows and doors
- Shut off air conditioning and fans
- Close the fireplace flue
- Leave lights on, including porch lights
- Move outdoor combustible items (patio furniture, door mats, charcoal, firewood, lighter fluid, brooms, trash cans, etc.) away from the house or bring them inside
- Turn off propane tanks
- Close the garage door
- Connect garden hoses to spigots and place them so they can reach any area of the house
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running as this can waste critical water pressure

For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call **(714) 573-6774** to schedule a Wildfire Home Assessment.

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AUGUST SOCIAL MEDIA TOPICS



WEAR SUNSCREEN and DRESS in PROPER ATTIRE

A person in a blue long-sleeved shirt and a hat is applying sunscreen to their face. Two circular insets show a hand applying sunscreen to a wrist and a pair of hiking boots.

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Outdoor Activities: Outdoor activities are popular attractions in the summer season! Avoid sunburns by repeatedly applying sunscreen every two hours and layering lightweight clothes. Depending on what activity is being performed, choice of clothing is important, keep in mind to wear comfortable and sturdy shoes for comfort and safety. For more information regarding outdoor safety tips, visit ocfa.org.

BRING a MAP and TAKE a PHONE CHARGER

A person is holding a smartphone displaying a map. A circular inset shows a hand holding a black phone with a charging cable plugged into the bottom.

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Outdoor Activities: Heading out to enjoy the summer sun? Don't forget to keep all devices charged and ready to go. You can never be too prepared, consider taking a portable charger on your adventures for secure back-up too. For more information, visit ocfa.org.

STAY HYDRATED and CARRY HEALTHY SNACKS

A person is holding a clear plastic bag filled with healthy snacks like carrots and celery sticks, and a handful of almonds. A circular inset shows a hand holding a blue water bottle.

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Outdoor Activities: Beat the heat by staying hydrated! Despite staying hydrated, eating healthy food/snacks will provide a natural source of energy. For more information and tips on remaining safe during outdoor activities, visit ocfa.org.



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READY, SET, GO! SOCIAL MEDIA TOPICS

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Vegetation Management is on-going maintenance of plant material in order to prevent the spread of wildfire.

THE 4 R's:
Removal of dead and dying plants,
Reduction, or trimming, of plants including shrubs and grasses,
Replacement of fire-prone plants with fire-**R**esistant plants whenever possible during landscaping

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Vegetation Management:

The 4 R's can keep you and your family safe from wildfire: REMOVE dead plants from around your home. REDUCE the size of plants and shrubs. And finally, REPLACE dangerous plants with fire RESISTANT plants when possible. For more information on vegetation management, visit ocfa.org/RSO.

DEAD AND DYING PLANTS

Remove all dead and dying plants, leaves, and branches within 100 feet of your home or from your neighbors' homes.

Remove dry leaves, bark, and pine needles from the yard, roof, and rain gutters.

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Dead and Dying Plants: Dead and dying plants can be the perfect fuel for a wildfire. Ensure that you're removing dead and dying plants from your yard this summer. For more information on vegetation management, visit ocfa.org/RSO.

ONE LESS SPARK ONE LESS WILDFIRE

EQUIPMENT USE GUIDELINES

MOW BEFORE 10 A.M., BUT NEVER WHEN IT'S WINDY OR EXCESSIVELY DRY.

LAWN MOWERS ARE DESIGNED TO MOW LAWNS, NOT WEEDS OR DRY GRASS.

METAL BLADES STRIKING ROCKS CAN CREATE SPARKS AND START FIRES.

IN WILDLAND AREAS, SPARK ARRESTERS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL PORTABLE GASOLINE-POWERED EQUIPMENT. THIS INCLUDES TRACTORS, HARVESTERS, CHAINSAWS, WEED EATERS, AND MOWERS.

BE PREPARED!

KEEP A SHOVEL AND A FIRE EXTINGUISHER READY TO USE.

KEEP A CELL PHONE NEARBY AND CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IN CASE OF FIRE.

For more information, please visit:
 OCFA.org/RSO • PreventWildfireCA.org • #PreventWildfire • #OneLessSpark

One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire: Safe and responsible use of equipment is essential this summer, especially in wildland areas. Be prepared by keeping emergency tools in an easy access area and keep cell phones in sight for emergency dials. For further information on Equipment Safety and Preparedness, or other wildfire safety topics, please visit www.ocfa.org/RSO.

BEACH SAFETY



A day at the beach can be fun. However, swimming in the water can be dangerous if you don't know how to keep yourself from drowning. Learn how to reduce the risks of drowning by following these beach safety tips!



Approximately 50-75% of drownings happen in open waters such as the ocean, lakes, rivers, and ponds.



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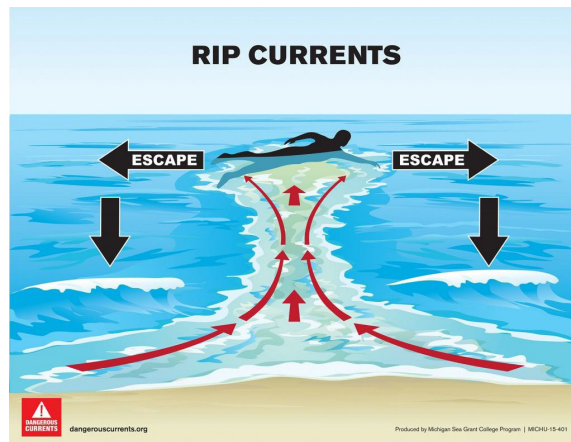
Beach Safety Tips

- Ask the lifeguard about rip currents and other hazards. If in doubt, don't go out.
- Obey the posted warnings signs and flags.
- Check the weather, water and surfing conditions.
- If someone is in trouble, get help from a lifeguard or call 9-1-1.

Swimming in the Ocean

- Keep small children and inexperienced swimmers within reach.
- Learn to swim before venturing out into the ocean.
- Use boogie boards and surfboards with leashes and only use them in designated areas.
- Choose to swim near a lifeguard and never swim alone.

Break the Grip of the RIP



Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from the shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmers out to sea.

How to survive a rip current

- Remain calm and don't fight the current. Swim to the side to get out of the current.
- If you can't escape, tread water or float.
- If you need help, call or wave for assistance.



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY DROWNING PREVENTION SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS 2022

Beginning June 8th, post every other Wednesday until August 3rd.



Week 1, June 8: Drowning happens faster than it takes to send a text. Avoid distractions and always designate a water watcher. #PreventDrowningOC

Find more information and safety tips at ocfa.org/preventdrowning



Week 3, June 22: Drowning is the number one cause of accidental death for children under the age of five. Drowning prevention is everyone's responsibility. #PreventDrowningOC

Find more information and safety tips at ocfa.org/preventdrowning



Week 5, July 6: On average two children die each day from drowning. #PreventDrowningOC and always stay within arm's reach of children and toddlers.

Find more information and safety tips at ocfa.org/preventdrowning



Week 7, July 20: 88% of child drownings are attributed to a lack of adult supervision. Drowning happens fast and can happen without a struggle. It's everyone's responsibility to #PreventDrowningOC

Find more information and safety tips at ocfa.org/preventdrowning



Week 9, August 3: Remember to remove all toys from the pool when children are done swimming so they are not tempted to reach into the water to grab their favorite toy. Learn more [#watersafety](#)

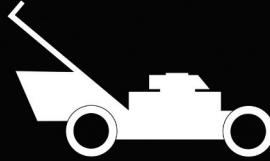


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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Throughout Orange County there are dozens of beautiful trails that residents enjoy at night or on the weekends. Being prepared is the key to staying safe while enjoying outdoor activities. Use the safety tips below to help you plan and prepare before your next hike or bike ride.



Since 2018, the number of remote rescues in Orange County continue to rise with over 100 rescues taking place per year. By the end of 2020, the number of rescues is projected to more than double!



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General Best Practices

- Drink water before, during and after your activity. The general rule of thumb is 1 liter or 32 ounces of water per hour, per person.
- Wear comfortable and breathable clothing that you can layer based on the weather. Ensure that you are wearing sturdy hiking shoes that provide ankle support.
- Pack a backpack for clothing, water, identification, gear and snacks. Don't forget to bring any medications or information on health-related issues you may have.
- Wear sunglasses that block 100% of ultraviolet rays and ensure that you are reapplying sunscreen every 2 hours or as needed.
- Consider taking a first aid class and carry a small first aid kit with you before you hit the trails.
- Ensure that your devices are charged or bring a portable charger for navigation, contact purposes or emergencies.

Trail Tips

- Keep an eye on the weather and know the conditions of the trails before you go out.
- Use the buddy system and never hike or bike alone. Consider leaving your plan detailed out at home with a responsible person. Call and check in when you start and finish your activity.
- Stay on the trail and stay alert to your surroundings.
- Use trails that fit your abilities and your health conditions. Do not take on too much if you have not prepared for the hike or the trail that you have chosen.
- Plan your hike or bike ride to avoid peak heat hours.



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



Vegetation Management is controlling plant material to prevent wildfire spread. It requires a constant commitment to follow the 4 R's of Vegetation Management to reduce the threat.



Vegetation Management isn't a one-time fix. It's an ongoing commitment.



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Removal:

- Remove all dead and dying plants within 100 feet of your home
- Identify and remove plants found on OCFA's Undesirable Plant List
- Remove dry leaves, bark and pine needles from the yard, roof, and rain gutters

Reduction:

- Prune and thin plants within 100 feet of your home, including your plants within 100 feet of your neighbor's home
- Provide 4 feet vertical separation between shrub tops and lower tree branches to reduce "ladder fuels"
- Use Horizontal Separation Guidelines for plants over 2 feet in height (15 feet minimum or 3 times the tallest plant)
- Keep all shrubs within 10 feet of your home trimmed to 2 feet or lower
- Prune or remove plants near windows
- Remove all tree branches or plants within 10 feet of chimney outlets
- Move wood piles at least 30 feet from your home, or to the property line
- Keep annual grasses and weeds cut to 4 inches or less

Replacement:

- Replace fire-prone plants with fire-resistant and drought tolerant plants. See the OCFA Planting Guide for recommendations
- When putting in new plants, leave enough space for them to grow to mature size

Resistant:

- Use fire-resistant plants whenever possible
- Keep in mind that even plants listed on the Planting Guide must be maintained using Spacing Guidelines for both vertical and horizontal separation. Plant separation is an important part reducing wildfire threat

For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call **(714) 573-6774** to schedule a wildfire home assessment.

WATER SAFETY BARRIERS



Identify your risks and have multiple barriers in place to keep children and adults safe from all water sources. Barriers buy time and offer protection if they are installed correctly and are in good working condition. The more barriers you install and maintain, the safer your family will be.



No single barrier provides 100% protection. Multiple barriers must be in place so that if one fails, there is another to slow or prevent a child from reaching the water alone and unsupervised.



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Non-Climbable Fences

- Install a 4-sided isolation fence tall enough (4-5 feet) to prevent children from climbing over.
- Make sure the bottom of the fence is close enough to the ground to prevent a child from crawling under.
- Ensure patio furniture is kept away from the fence so a child cannot use the items to climb.

Self-Closing or Latching Gates

- Install a self-closing or self-latching gate with a locking mechanism.
- Gates should be installed so that they open outward, away from the pool.
- Regularly inspect gates for damages to ensure a child's safety.

Pool and Spa Covers

- Purchase and use a pool and spa cover to protect children and pets.
- Covers for the pool and spa act as a horizontal fence should children or pets get near the water.

Alarms

- Having alarms on your doors, windows, and on the pool is important in case a child or pet comes in contact with water unexpectedly.
- Child wristband alarms and pet collars are available to purchase for additional protection. The base alarms are triggered as soon as the child or pet gets them wet, alarming others in the area.
- Purchase and use portable alarms that can be used at any pool, residential or community.

Indoor Barriers

- A child can drown in less than two inches of water. Purchase and install indoor barriers such as toilet latches, baby gates, and child-safe doorknob handle covers to ensure children cannot get into any rooms where water can be accessed.



Wildfires are unpredictable. Strong winds can change a fire's direction and strength in an instant, making it impossible for law enforcement to carry out evacuation orders or make door-to-door announcements.



GO EARLY! If your family is in danger from a wildfire, leave immediately. Early evacuation is the safest choice and gives your family the best chance of survival.



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Whether you go early or leave during a mandatory evacuation, it's important to follow your Wildfire Action Plan.

- Make sure all family members are dressed in cotton or natural-fiber clothing
- Load your family, pets, Disaster Kit and Go! Bag into one car if possible
- Follow one of your pre-determined escape routes or evacuate as directed by law enforcement. The escape route should take you away from the fire, which is the same direction it's traveling
- Tune in to a local radio station and listen for instructions
- Drive with your headlights on for better visibility. Be aware of potential road hazards, including fire vehicles
- Don't attempt to pick up children from school or daycare. Teachers and staff members will respond according to the school's disaster plan
- Drive immediately to your family's meeting location. If you're separated from one or more family members, make contact according to your communication plan

Early evacuation is the safest choice during a wildfire, but it's only possible if you're prepared.

- If you don't have a Wildfire Action Plan, start one today. Make sure it includes at least two possible escape routes, a Family Communication Plan, and a Pet Disaster Plan
- Put together a Disaster Kit and Go! Bag
- Find out about the disaster plans at your workplace and your children's schools
- Keep the car fuel tank at least half-full at all times

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WEEKLY MEMO 7-27-2023

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

July 20, 2023 - July 26, 2023

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

Included in this Report

 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

 gardengrovecityhall



[@CityGardenGrove](#)

Wed 7/26/2023 5:35 pm PDT

Tomorrow, 7/27, the pickleball courts at the Chapman Sports Complex, located at 11700 Knott Avenue, will be closed for re...



Impressions	173
Potential Reach	4,645
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.6%



[gardengrovecityhall](#)

Wed 7/26/2023 5:35 pm PDT

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Impressions	1,187
Reach	1,100
Engagements	25
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.1%



[Garden Grove City Hall](#)

Wed 7/26/2023 5:35 pm PDT

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Impressions	1,364
Reach	1,351
Engagements	42
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%



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Wed 7/26/2023 3:20 pm PDT

🏠 Do you want to learn about fair housing laws, your rights and responsibilities as tenants and landlords, and more? Join...



Fair Housing Foundation
VIRTUAL FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP
 Tuesday, August 8 @ 1:30-3:00 pm
 Open to residents of Garden Grove

Via Zoom

COST: FREE
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TALLER VIRTUAL DE VIVIENDA JUSTA
 Martes, Agosto 8 @ 1:30-3:00 pm
 Abierto a los residentes de Garden Grove

Via Zoom

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 • Evicción

Impressions	478
Reach	371
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 7/26/2023 3:20 pm PDT

🏠 Do you want to learn about fair housing laws, your rights and responsibilities as tenants and landlords, and more? Join...



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Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,645
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



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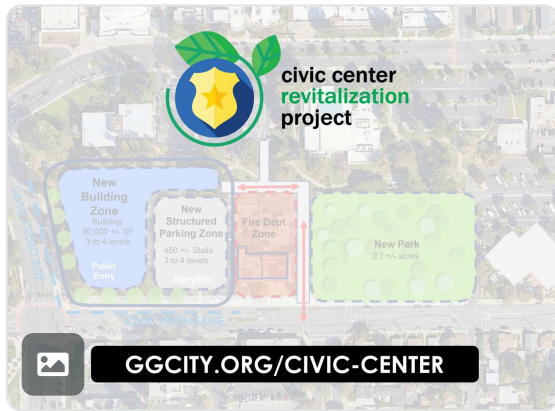
Impressions	293
Reach	290
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.5%



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Tue 7/25/2023 2:30 pm PDT

The community is invited to attend or tune in to tonight's City Council meeting for an update on the Civic Center Revitalization...



Impressions	1,129
Reach	1,054
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%



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Impressions	178
Potential Reach	4,644
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%



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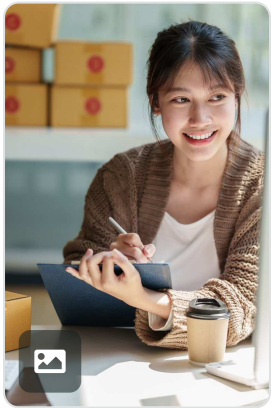


Impressions	291
Reach	286
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



@CityGardenGrove
Tue 7/25/2023 10:00 am PDT

!#DYK now through Monday, August 14, 2023, #GardenGrove businesses can apply for the California Competes Tax...



GO-BIZ
The California Competes Tax Credit is an income tax credit available to businesses that want to locate or stay and grow in California. A total of \$492,129,004 in California Competes Tax Credit is available for allocation in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Application Periods

- July 24, 2023, to August 14, 2023
\$164 million available
- January 2, 2024, to January 22, 2024
\$164 million available
- March 4, 2024, to March 18, 2024
\$164 million plus any remaining unallocated amounts

About the Credit

- Open to businesses of all sizes
- Online application
- No fee to apply

Evaluation Factors

- Number of jobs created or retained
- Strategic importance to the state, region, or locality
- Training opportunities offered to employees
- Incentives available from in-state, out-of-state, and federal government sources
- Opportunity for future growth and expansion
- Extent to which the credit influences decision to relocate jobs into California from states that have enacted laws that permit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, or deny or interfere with women's reproductive rights
- Compensation paid to employees, including wages and fringe benefits
- Extent of unemployment and poverty in current or proposed job location
- Economic impact
- Duration of the proposed project and applicant commitment to remain in California
- Extent to which the credit influences creation of new California jobs
- Commitment to treating workforce fairly and creating quality, full-time, wage and salary jobs
- Amount of investment

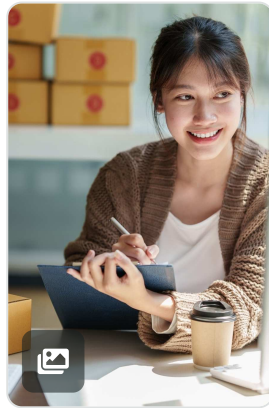
CalCompetes@govbiz.ca.gov | 916-322-4051 | www.business.ca.gov

Impressions	154
Potential Reach	4,643
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.6%



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Impressions	877
Reach	667
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%



Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 7/25/2023 10:00 am PDT

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Impressions	458
Reach	446
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%



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Fri 7/21/2023 5:00 pm PDT

The sky's the limit at the #GardenGrove Outdoor Movie Series! Join us on Friday, August 11, at 8:30 p.m., at Garden Grov...



Impressions	3,550
Reach	2,659
Engagements	211
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.9%



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Impressions	171
Potential Reach	4,649
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

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Impressions	3,501
Reach	3,360
Engagements	183
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



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Fri 7/21/2023 3:00 pm PDT

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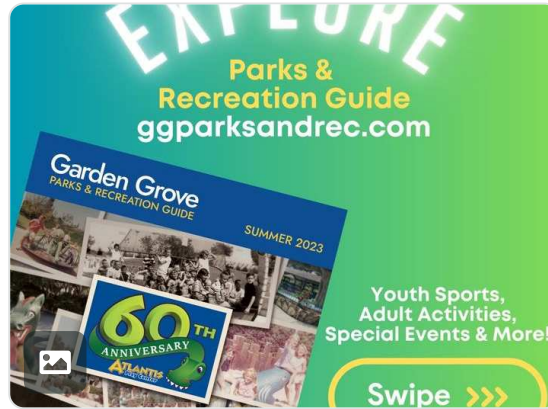
Impressions	755
Reach	502
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 7/21/2023 3:00 pm PDT

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Impressions	2,838
Reach	1,969
Engagements	173
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.1%



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Thu 7/20/2023 1:55 pm PDT

Are you a **#GardenGrove** resident that wants to help serve the community? Apply to be a commissioner! We are seeking...



Impressions	227
Potential Reach	5,005
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.9%



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Thu 7/20/2023 1:55 pm PDT

Are you a #GardenGrove resident that wants to help serve the community? Now's your chance to volunteer your time and...



Impressions	952
Reach	914
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 7/20/2023 1:55 pm PDT

Are you a #GardenGrove resident that wants to help serve the community? Now's your chance to volunteer your time and...



Impressions	337
Reach	312
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%



Post Performance

July 20, 2023 - July 26, 2023

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

Included in this Report

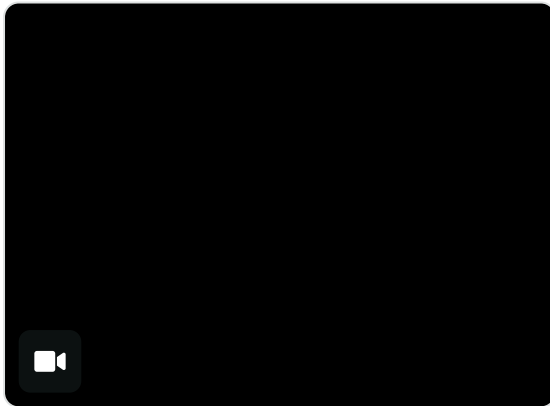
 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 7/25/2023 6:30 pm PDT

Over the weekend, six of our #GardenGrove Police Explorers (L. Aziz, L. Coronado, A. Guillen, V. Herrera, P. Luis,...



Video Views	164
Impressions	403
Reach	393
Engagements	57
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.1%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 7/22/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Usually for #SRTsaturday, we post a recap of the outreach and cleanup(s) the #GardenGrovePD's Special Resource Tea...



Impressions	2,752
Reach	2,591
Engagements	407
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.8%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 7/21/2023 6:00 pm PDT

Yesterday, July 20, 2023, after an exhaustiv investigation, two lengthy trials (the first or ending in a mistrial), Michael Varela (36-ye.



Impressions	3,383
Reach	3,192
Engagements	1,026
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	30.3%

WEEKLY MEMO 7-27-2023

NEWS ARTICLES



Contact:
Dana Yang, Program Specialist
Economic Development Department
(714) 741-5131

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, July 27, 2023

CITY ANNOUNCES CONTINUATION OF JOBS 1ST PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES WITH GROWTH, JOB CREATION

The City of Garden Grove announces the continuation of the JOBS 1st program, providing eligible businesses with zero-interest loans of up to \$50,000 and grants of up to \$25,000. Qualifying local establishments can apply for the JOBS 1st program at ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/jobs-1st.

To qualify, businesses must be located in Garden Grove and possess a valid Garden Grove business license. Establishments receiving the \$50,000 loan must show proof of full-time job creation. Establishments receiving the \$25,000 grant must verify job retention over a 3-month period, and show proof of decrease in revenue of greater than 15% from the previous year. Business owners can only be approved for one grant or loan, and past recipients can reapply for assistance after five years.

First implemented in June 2020 to help local businesses overcome the economic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the JOBS 1st program is part of the Garden Grove Business Resource and Resiliency Plan, designed to assist local businesses with financial hardships, stimulate growth, and create and retain jobs, while improving Garden Grove's economic vitality.

-more-

City Announces Continuation of JOBS 1st Program to Support Local Businesses with Growth, Job Creation
2-2-2

To apply, visit ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/jobs-1st. For more information on Garden Grove's business programs, visit ggcity.org/businesses or call the City's Office of Economic Development at (714) 741-5131.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION



INTRODUCTION

The City of Garden Grove has established the Jobs 1st Program to provide grants and loans to Garden Grove businesses that are looking for assistance to create or retain jobs.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible businesses must:

- Be located in Garden Grove
- Possess a valid Garden Grove Business License and be clear of any code violations
- Create or retain full-time jobs

JOBS 1ST CREATION LOAN

- New or existing business may apply
- A zero-interest loan up to \$50,000
- \$25,000 per full-time job created
- Business owner must secure the loan with collateral
- Business's current gross receipts must exceed 2xs the amount of the monthly loan payment

JOBS 1ST RETENTION GRANT

- Existing business may apply
- Grant up to \$25,000
- \$12,500 per full-time job retained
- Business must show a minimum of 15% decrease in revenue from the previous year
- Business must provide payroll reports showing difficulty retaining employees over the previous year

To fill out an application for the JOBS 1st Program, please visit: <https://apply.ggcity.org/>

For more information about this program, please contact the Office of Economic Development:

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Timothy Throne, Senior Program Specialist • Phone: 714.741.5144 • Email: timothyt@ggcity.org

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THÔNG TIN VỀ CHƯƠNG TRÌNH



THÔNG TIN

Chương trình 'JOBS 1st' từ Thành phố Garden Grove cung cấp các khoản tài trợ (grants và loans) cho doanh nghiệp địa phương nếu hội đủ điều kiện để giúp tạo và duy trì việc làm.

HỘI ĐỦ ĐIỀU KIỆN

Điều kiện cho các doanh nghiệp muốn ghi danh:

- Đang kinh doanh tại Thành phố Garden Grove
- Sở hữu giấy phép kinh doanh hợp lệ trong Garden Grove
- Tạo ra công việc hoặc giữ lại công việc toàn thời gian

KHOẢN VAY JOBS 1st GIÚP TẠO VIỆC LÀM

- Dành cho doanh nghiệp mới hoặc hiện đang kinh doanh tại Thành phố
- Khoản vay không lãi suất lên tới \$50,000
- \$25,000 cho mỗi công việc toàn thời gian (Full-time) được tạo ra
- Chủ doanh nghiệp phải đảm bảo khoản vay bằng tài sản thế chấp
- Tổng doanh thu hiện tại của doanh nghiệp phải gấp đôi khoản tiền vay hàng tháng

KHOẢN TÀI TRỢ JOBS 1st GIÚP GIỮ VIỆC LÀM

- Doanh nghiệp đang kinh doanh có thể ghi danh
- Tài trợ lên đến \$25,000
- Khoản tài trợ lên đến \$12,500 cho mỗi công việc toàn thời gian giữ lại
- Doanh nghiệp phải chứng minh việc kinh doanh giảm 15% so với năm ngoái.
- Doanh nghiệp phải cung cấp báo cáo bảng lương cho thấy sự khó khăn trong việc giữ nhân viên vào năm trước.

Để đăng ký chương trình vui lòng xem tại trang: <https://apply.ggcity.org/>

Để biết thông tin chi tiết về chương trình này, vui lòng liên lạc: Ban Phát Triển Kinh Tế

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INFORMACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA



INTRODUCCIÓN

La Ciudad de Garden Grove ha establecido el Programa Jobs 1st para otorgar subvenciones y préstamos a las empresas de Garden Grove que buscan asistencia para crear o conservar puestos de trabajo.

ELEGIBILIDAD

Las empresas elegibles deben:

- Estar ubicadas en Garden Grove
- Poseer una licencia comercial válida de Garden Grove y estar libre de cualquier violación del código
- Crear o retener trabajos de tiempo completo

JOBS 1ST PRÉSTAMO DE CREACIÓN DE EMPLEOS

- Pueden aplicar negocios nuevos o existentes
- Un préstamo sin interés de hasta \$ 50,000
- \$25,000 por trabajo de tiempo completo creado
- El propietario de la empresa debe garantizar el préstamo con colateral
- Los ingresos brutos actuales de la empresa deben exceder dos veces el monto del pago mensual del préstamo

JOBS 1ST SUBSIDIO DE RETENCIÓN

- Pueden aplicar negocios existentes
- Subvención de hasta \$ 25,000
- \$12,500 por trabajo de tiempo completo retenido
- La empresa debe mostrar un mínimo del 15% de disminución de los ingresos del año anterior
- La empresa debe proporcionar informes de nómina mostrando dificultad para retener a empleados durante el año previo

Para completar una solicitud para el Programa JOBS 1st, visite: <https://apply.ggcity.org/>

Para obtener más información sobre este programa, comuníquese con la Oficina de Desarrollo Económico:

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact:
Mark Freeman
Community Services Manager
(714) 741-5212

Friday, July 21, 2023

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FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES CONTINUES WITH TOPGUN: MAVERICK

The community is invited to an evening under the stars with a free movie in the park, on Friday, August 11, in Garden Grove Park, at 9301 Westminster Blvd. The featured movie, Topgun: Maverick, begins at 8:30 p.m. The 40-foot screen will be set up near the large picnic pavilion. Gates open at 7:30 p.m.

Kettle corn, ice cream, shaved ice, and lemonade will be available for purchase from local food vendor C&M Ohana. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

For more information on the Outdoor Movie Series, please visit ggcity.org/community-services/outdoor-movie-series or call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

GARDEN GROVE PRESENTS

OUTDOOR Movie Series

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023



LIGHTYEAR (PG)

EASTGATE PARK

12001 ST MARK ST, GARDEN GROVE, 92845

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023



TOP GUN: MAVERICK (PG-13)

GARDEN GROVE PARK

9301 WESTMINSTER BLVD, GARDEN GROVE, 92844

GATES OPEN 7:30 PM | MOVIE 8:30 PM

- ★ Event attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.
- ★ Movie snacks and treats will be available for purchase from local food vendor, C&M Ohana.



gacity.org/outdoormovieseries

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

July 27, 2023

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the August 3, 2023 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation of the August 10, 2023 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from July 21, 2023 to July 27, 2023.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 27, 2023 – August 24, 2023

Thursday	July 27	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
			\$2 Casual Dress Day
		6:30 p.m.	Summer Concert in the Park – Smith Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St.
Friday	July 28		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	August 1	5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	40 th Annual National Night Out Garden Grove Police Department 11301 Acacia Pkwy
Thursday	August 3	6:30 p.m.	Summer Concert in the Park – Stevie Nicks Illusion Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St.
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	August 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 10	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday Sunday	August 10- September 17		One More Productions presents “La Cage Aux Folles,” The Gem Theater
Friday	August 11		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
		8:30 p.m.	Outdoor Movie Series: Top Gun: Maverick, Garden Grove Park, 9301 Westminster Blvd.
Thursday	August 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	August 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, CMC
Thursday	August 24	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
AUGUST 3, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: July 27, 2023

JOSH LINDSAY
CHAIR



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: July 27, 2023

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



The top bills to brush up on while lawmakers are on break: Part I

Jul 26, 2023

Here are the remaining homeless, housing, public safety, and revenue bills cities need to know about. This is part one of a two-part story. Part two will run next week.

Lawmakers are on break. For now. August and September are the hottest months in California's legislative cycle. When legislators return from summer recess on Aug. 14, they will have exactly one month to get their bills through a [second suspense file](#) and/or a floor vote. Gov. Gavin Newsom then has until Oct. 14 to sign or veto any bills that make it to his desk.

These next few months are a make-or-break moment for the League of California Cities' biggest legislative priorities. Cal Cities' advocacy is most effective when local leaders from every city are at the table. Here's what city officials need to know about Cal Cities' remaining, major [priority advocacy items for 2023](#).

[Behavioral Health bills clear key hurdles](#)

Two longstanding Cal Cities priorities, [SB 43 \(Eggman\)](#) and [SB 363 \(Eggman\)](#), made it to their final appropriations committee hearings just before summer recess started. Both bills would modernize California's behavioral health care system. SB 43 would update the definition of "gravely disabled." SB 363 would create a real-time dashboard of available beds in psychiatric and substance abuse facilities.

Sen. Eggman introduced similar measures last year, which died in Assembly Judiciary Committee and Assembly Appropriations Committee respectively.

Lawmakers are also advancing several bond measures. [AB 1657 \(Wicks\)](#) — which Cal Cities supports — would provide \$10 billion for affordable and supportive housing production. [AB 531 \(Irwin\)](#) would provide \$4.68 billion for community-based treatment settings and residential care settings for individuals experiencing homelessness. Cal Cities moved to a support in concept position for AB 531 as it was significantly amended.

The two measures are a fraction of the \$100 billion in bonds proposed by lawmakers. The state's borrowing limit is an estimated \$26 billion, and voters rejected the last statewide bond measure. The Governor has already put his weight behind AB 531 and

the [2023-24 State Budget](#) is predicated on a climate bond measure. Legislators will need to make some difficult decisions.

Other priority bills include:

- [SB 326 \(Eggman\)](#) The Behavioral Health Services Act
Cal Cities Position: Support in Concept
- [AB 1215 \(Carrillo\)](#) Pets Assistance with Support Grant Program: Homeless Shelters: Domestic Violence Shelters: Pets
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [AB 67 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) Homeless Courts Pilot Program
Cal Cities Position: Support

[An annual barrage of housing measures](#)

Once again, lawmakers are trying to override the state's own housing planning law and the good faith efforts of city leaders to implement that law with their residents. [SB 423 \(Wiener\)](#) would greatly expand [SB 35 \(Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017\)](#). If passed, SB 423 would require cities to ministerially approve certain multifamily housing projects without public input or environmental review, even on land under the California Coastal Commission's jurisdiction. Cal Cities opposes SB 423.

A similar measure, [AB 309 \(Lee\)](#), would allow the Department of General Services to facilitate the construction of government-owned housing on excess state-owned property. Cal Cities has an oppose unless amended position for AB 309.

Cities would not be able to impose zoning standards, objective standards, or design review requirements on state-owned or -leased land for either bill.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 519 \(Schiavo\)](#) Affordable Housing Finance Workgroup: Affordable Housing: Consolidated Application Process
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [AB 1490 \(Lee\)](#) Affordable Housing Development Projects: Adaptive Reuse
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amend

[Facial recognition, emergency ambulance services, and fentanyl bill top of agenda](#)

Several of Cal Cities' sponsored measures advanced to appropriations committees, including [AB 1168 \(Bennet\)](#). The bill would clarify a city or fire district's right to provide emergency ambulance services (EMS). A [2021 legal decision](#) ruled that a city lost its authority to provide prehospital EMS after signing a joint powers authority agreement (JPA) with the county.

The ruling had a chilling effect and called into question any future efforts to form similar agreements. Signatories to JPA agreements should not lose their rights because they cooperated with other public agencies to provide better service to residents.

Cal Cities opposes [AB 1034 \(Wilson\)](#), which would prohibit the use of facial recognition in police cameras until January 2034. Accountability is crucial when it comes to police technology. However, banning facial recognition technology only makes it harder for law enforcement to protect their communities since it removes a source of possible investigative leads.

Several fentanyl-related bills are also moving through the Legislature, including [AB 474 \(Rodriguez\)](#) and [AB 701 \(Villapudua\)](#). AB 474 would increase statewide efforts to combat fentanyl tracking. AB 701 would add fentanyl to the list of controlled substances for large-scale dealers. Cal Cities supports both measures.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 1463 \(Lowenthal\)](#) Automated License Plate Recognition Systems: Retention and Use of Information
Cal Cities Position: Concerns
- [AB 474 \(Rodriguez\)](#) State Threat Assessment Center: Transnational Criminal Organizations
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [SB 19 \(Seyarto\)](#) Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force
Cal Cities Position: Support

Dangerous revenue bills halted. Streamlined climate grant program advances

Cal Cities is entering the final two months of the legislative session with strong tailwinds when it comes to protecting local revenues. Cal Cities already stopped or modified several [dangerous bills](#). Those wins have turned into a streak, with Cal Cities removing its opposition to [AB 84 \(Ward\)](#) and concerns from [SB 588 \(Allen\)](#) right before the break. AB 84 would expand exemptions from property taxes for affordable rental housing. Cal Cities had concerns about the bill's verification process and lack of legislative guardrails, which the author addressed. SB 588 would eliminate the property tax welfare exemption cap for nonprofit developers utilizing private funding under certain conditions. Similar to AB 84, the bill lacked sufficient legislative oversight, which Cal Cities ultimately secured.

Without these changes, the costs of both bills would have far outweighed the benefits.

That leaves the Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 972 \(Maienschein\)](#) as the biggest revenue measure of note for cities. The bill would create a statewide, cross-agency workgroup to coordinate, align, and streamline certain local government assistance resources.

Other priority bills include:

- [SB 96 \(Portantino\)](#) Historic Venue Restoration and Resiliency Act
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [SB 584 \(Limón\)](#) Laborforce Housing: Short-Term Rental Tax Law
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amend (Two-year bill)

What's next?

After lawmakers return from summer recess on Aug. 14, they will have until Sept. 1 to get their bills through appropriations committees. Then it's another two weeks to get their bills passed through both chambers and onto Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk. Each of these moments is an opportunity for city leaders to make their voices heard.

To learn more about which measures to consider advocating for or against, subscribe to [Cal Cities Advocate](#) or contact your [regional public affairs manager](#). [Action alerts](#) can happen quickly and often, so make sure to stay informed.



Five things to know about the Cal Cities

General Assembly

Jul 26, 2023

The Annual Conference and Expo in Sacramento is just two months away! During this time, member cities can vote on policy resolutions — if there are any — at the General Assembly. Here are the five most important things to know about the General Assembly.

1. The General Assembly considers different types of proposals

Policy resolutions — proposals brought forth by members on issues of importance to cities — may be considered at the General Assembly. If a majority of the General Assembly approves a resolution, it becomes Cal Cities policy. **Cal Cities staff did not receive any policy resolutions by the July 22 deadline for consideration at the 2023 General Assembly.**

Members may still introduce petitioned resolutions during the conference. If qualified, these resolutions go to the General Assembly for consideration. The Resolutions Committee may [disqualify](#) petitioned resolutions if they are non-germane to city issues or similar in substance to another resolution.

Both types of resolutions, if approved, guide Cal Cities' efforts to promote local decision-making and lobby against policies that erode local control.

Amendments to the Cal Cities bylaws are also brought to the General Assembly for approval. No bylaws amendments were proposed this year.

If Cal Cities staff do not receive any petitioned resolutions by Sept. 21 at 8:30 a.m., the General Assembly will not convene this year.

Raising awareness about the different types of proposals and the resolution process is a major Cal Cities priority. A brief breakdown of the [proposals and process](#) is available [online](#).

2. Every member city has a vote at the General Assembly

Comprised of one [voting delegate](#) from every member city, the General Assembly is just one way that city officials can shape Cal Cities policy. Council-appointed voting delegates play an important role during the General Assembly by representing their city on potential Cal Cities policy and business.

3. Debate is encouraged

The Cal Cities Board of Directors approved several changes to the General Assembly's debate guidelines and timeline in response to member feedback. If there are any qualified, petitioned resolutions, the General Assembly will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 22. This earlier time slot will give members more time to engage in full debate without worrying about missing their flight or ride back home.

The Board also made it easier for members to debate when discussion is most needed.

Representing cities with one voice to protect and promote local control is a cornerstone of Cal Cities' success. That's why participation and debate from voting delegates who represent the diversity of member cities is crucial. More information on these improved rules will be released as the [Annual Conference and Expo](#) approaches.

4. We've improved the voting delegate experience

Cal Cities is working to increase voting efficiency and limit time spent on procedural matters. Voting delegates can expect more instruction and visuals this September to help them fully understand the General Assembly process and procedures. Seating will also be set up in a business meeting format, an improvement allowed by the earlier timeslot.

5. Remember to review these helpful primers and reminders

Cal Cities is here to ensure cities have all the resources needed to assign their [voting delegate](#) and vote on potential policy changes. The Cal Cities Resolutions Process and General Assembly [webpage](#) and [one-pager](#) are great places to start. Also new this year: Cal Cities will host a pre-conference information session for voting delegates to explain their role. Information about the webinar will be available in a future issue of *Cal Cities Advocate*.



Take your advocacy up a notch with a leadership role in a policy committee

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The League of California Cities is accepting chair and vice chair applications for all seven policy committees. Applications must be [submitted online](#) by Aug. 16, 2023. Developing Cal Cities policy is a dynamic process that engages a wide range of members to ensure that Cal Cities represents California's cities with one voice. Every year, Cal Cities convenes a member-driven policy development process. These policies directly guide Cal Cities' advocacy to promote local decision-making and lobby against statewide policies that erode local control.

The strength of Cal Cities policy depends on the active involvement and expertise of city officials from all over the state. Cal Cities' seven policy committees play a central role in developing the organization's policies. During the winter, spring, and summer, the committees meet to review and recommend positions for bills and regulatory proposals. These recommendations are then forwarded to the Cal Cities Board of Directors for consideration.

If approved, these positions are official Cal Cities policy and become [part of Cal Cities' compilation of existing policy](#). This document is updated every two years. Approximately 60 city officials serve on each committee. To accurately reflect the state's diverse communities and perspectives, leaders from all regions are strongly encouraged to apply for both leadership positions. Applicants will be reviewed for their leadership skills, policy awareness, and experience within Cal Cities. Applicants are appointed by the Cal Cities President and serve a one-year term.

Each committee meets at least three times annually — January, March, and June — and for a policy committee orientation in January. One meeting will be in person and will require travel. Cal Cities does not reimburse committee members for travel expenses associated with attending policy committee meetings.

A summary of each committee and the policy areas they oversee are below:

- **Community Services:** Reviews issues related to homelessness, child care, parks and recreation, libraries, emergency/disaster preparation and response, cultural arts, and community and human services programs.
- **Environmental Quality:** Reviews issues related to air, water, and water quality, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), solid waste and recycling, hazardous materials, coastal issues, utilities, and wildfires.
- **Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations:** Reviews issues related to transparency, technology (open data), healthcare, elections and political reform, pensions, and workers' compensation reform, as well as other labor-related issues.
- **Housing, Community, and Economic Development:** Reviews issues related to general plans and zoning, housing, rent control, land use regulation, and development fees.
- **Public Safety:** Reviews issues related to law enforcement; fire and life safety policies, including emergency communications; and emergency services, including ambulance and disaster preparedness.
- **Revenue and Taxation:** Reviews issues related to finance administration, taxation reform, revenue needs, and revenue sources at the federal, state, and local levels.
- **Transportation, Communication, and Public Works:** Reviews issues related to transportation planning, technology, funding, construction, public works, telecommunications, and other related areas.

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