

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 16, 2017

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. OPEN STREETS APRIL 1, 2017
A flyer for the 3rd annual Open Streets event is included as an invitation.

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

- A. Letter from Ms. Kristen Almaraz of OC Waste & Recycling regarding waste disposal agreement contract rate and escalation calculation.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

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APRIL 1, 2017

3 PM - 6 PM // OPEN STREETS

6 PM - 10 PM // AFTER PARTY



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March 9, 2017

City of Garden Grove
Scott C. Stiles, City Manager
11222 Acacia Pkwy.
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Subject: Waste Disposal Agreement Contract Rate

Dear Mr. Stiles:

In accordance with the Waste Disposal Agreement between the City of Garden Grove (City) and the County of Orange (County), the County is obligated to provide the City with notice of the adjustment to the contract rate on an annual basis effective July 1st of each year. This letter serves as your official notice that the adjusted contract rate is effective July 1, 2017 and will be \$33.50. The escalation calculation of the adjustment is included as an attachment to this letter as set forth in Section 4.2(F) of the Waste Disposal Agreement.

If you have any questions, please call me at (714) 834-4150 or e-mail me at kristen.almaraz@ocwr.ocgov.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristen Almaraz'.

Kristen Almaraz
Contract Compliance Manager
Business Services, Contract and Program Support

Attachment

OC Waste & Recycling Accounting
Annual Contract Rate Adjustment (Escalation Calculation)
Effective July 1, 2017

(CPI) All Urban Consumers
 Use ID # CUUR0000SA0
 Update the cells in BLUE

(1) Percentage Change Calculation Formula:

Step 1:
$$\left[\frac{\text{October 2016 CPI}}{\text{October 2015 CPI}} \right] - 1 = \% \text{ Increase in Contract Rate}$$

$$\left[\frac{241.729}{237.838} \right] - 1 = 1.64\%$$

City Contract Rate:

Step 2: Current City Contract Rate x (1 + % Increase in Contract Rate) = Contract Rate as of July 1, 2017

$$\$32.96 \times (1 + 1.64\%) = \$33.50$$

Note:

(1) Complete instructions on calculating this annual adjustment are available in Section 4.2 (I) (F) of the Waste Disposal Agreement effective July 1, 2010.

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	HALF1	HALF2
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2007	202.416	203.499	205.352	206.686	207.949	208.352	208.299	207.917	208.490	208.936	210.177	210.036	205.709	208.976
2008	211.080	211.693	213.528	214.823	216.632	218.815	219.964	219.086	218.783	216.573	212.425	210.228	214.429	216.177
2009	211.143	212.193	212.709	213.240	213.856	215.693	215.351	215.834	215.969	216.177	216.330	215.949	213.139	215.935
2010	216.687	216.741	217.631	218.009	218.178	217.965	218.011	218.312	218.439	218.711	218.803	219.179	217.535	218.576
2011	220.223	221.309	223.467	224.906	225.964	225.722	225.922	226.545	226.889	226.421	226.230	225.672	223.598	226.280
2012	226.665	227.663	229.392	230.085	229.815	229.478	229.104	230.379	231.407	231.317	230.221	229.601	228.850	230.338
2013	230.280	232.166	232.773	232.531	232.945	233.504	233.596	233.877	234.149	233.546	233.069	233.049	232.366	233.548
2014	233.916	234.781	236.293	237.072	237.900	238.343	238.250	237.852	238.031	237.433	236.151	234.812	236.384	237.088
2015	233.707	234.722	236.119	236.599	237.805	238.638	238.654	238.316	237.945	237.838	237.336	236.525	236.265	237.769
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WEEKLY MEMO 3/16/17

NEWS ARTICLES

THE BUZZ

Nguyen's expanding '15 minutes' of fame

Even Democrats praise her after ouster from Senate floor

The leader of the state Senate called it Janet Nguyen's "15 minutes of fame." But getting forcibly removed from the Senate floor on Feb. 23 has made the Fountain Valley Republican something of a folk hero in the Vietnamese American community.

That means the aftereffects of the incident could well extend to 2018 and help Nguyen's reelection in a Senate district that includes much of Little Saigon. Democrats have a 9 percentage point advantage in the district and have been eying it as vulnerable for takeover.

You may recall that Nguyen was delivering a speech criticizing the late Democratic lawmaker Tom Hayden for his opposition to the Vietnam War, two days after Hayden was memorialized in the Senate. State Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens, was in charge of the proceedings and, believing she was out of order, asked Nguyen to take a seat.



**Martin
Wisckol**
Columnist



Nguyen

When she continued, Lara had the sergeants at arms escort her out of the chambers.

Republicans were predictably outraged - but plenty of Democrats also winced at the optics of free speech apparently being shut down. Some Democrats offered Nguyen their wholehearted support in the conflict.

"I commend Senator Janet Nguyen for standing up with great courage to express her deeply-held views born out of her personal experiences as a refugee fleeing communist Vietnam," Rep. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, said in an emailed statement. "She spoke to the painful history and hardship that many of our shared constituents in the Vietnamese American community feel. Senator Nguyen's removal from the Senate floor was uncalled for and it was wrong."

Perhaps not coincidentally, Lowenthal's district also includes much of Little Saigon.

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon promised to review the incident.

Meanwhile, Nguyen held a free-speech rally in Little Saigon on March 4. She held another in Sacramento on March 6 that attracted hundreds from Orange

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County, the Bay Area and Sacramento, according to news reports.

De Leon, a Democrat, showed up at the Sacramento event and said that Nguyen had violated procedural rules but vowed such an incident "will never happen again."

"I think she enjoyed her 15 minutes of fame," he said a couple minutes later. "And she doesn't want it to disappear, obviously."

Nguyen is a moderate Republican who has spoken out in support of social services and their importance in helping her refugee family get on their feet in the U.S. She has also steered clear of Donald Trump, casting a write-in vote instead for an undisclosed candidate last year.

Before being elected to the Senate, she served on the Garden Grove City Council and the county Board of Supervisors. Her popularity in Little Saigon helped carry her to a 58 percent to 42 percent victory in getting elected to the Senate over Democratic former Assemblyman Jose Solorio in 2014.

She is the nation's first Vietnamese woman to serve in a state legislature.

But Hillary Clinton won Nguyen's district by a whopping 56 percent to 34 percent over Donald Trump. I recently asked county Democratic Party Chairwoman Fran Sdao to list Republicans she was targeting for next year.

"I would say Janet Nguyen but - thank you Democrats," she said, alluding to the attention Nguyen is getting from Lara kicking her out of the chambers.

Anti-Trumpsters

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Vista, held two town hall meetings Saturday, but anti-Trump activists continue to press their cases for similar events with

Orange County's other three Republican Congress members.

The push began shortly after Trump's inauguration with weekly pilgrimages to the members' district offices.

In the case of Rep. Mimi Walters, R-Laguna Beach, activists are now taking their plea to city councils in the district, asking them to join in the call for town halls so they can express their views and asking the cities to offer to host the events.

No such luck at the Mission Viejo council meeting on Feb. 28 and the Rancho Santa Margarita meeting on March 8, according to Register reporter Nathan Percy, who was on hand.

Rancho Santa Margarita Councilman Jerry Holloway told the activists that he was concerned that they wanted "to just take shots at her."

"I would not be in favor of inviting her here for the purpose of answering questions they can't seem to get answered on their own," he said. "I would think it would be almost a setup. ... I don't think that would be appropriate or professional."

But when several activists from Lake Forest made the request of their council, the GOP-majority panel agreed to extend the invitation to Walters - and for good measure, to state Sen. John Moorlach and Assemblyman Steven Choi as well.

Among speakers making the request in Lake Forest was Kayla Francis, a member of the California 45th and the Indivisible activist groups.

"I thought this meeting was a huge success," Francis said in an email. "It was my first City Council meeting but it certainly will not be my last. The willingness of the City Council to listen to us and offer real solutions was such a positive experience that I am eager to continue to stay involved in my local community."

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Great Wolf Lodge swims to one year

By Mark Eades and Joseph Pimentel

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A giant origami paper cake was unveiled at the Great Wolf Lodge on Friday in honor of the hotel and water park's one-year anniversary.

Crowds gathered around the cake for the ceremony were handed vanilla-flavored cupcakes in paper cups afterward.

The 9-foot-tall "cake" was created by Linda Mihara, the owner of Paper Tree, and took about two weeks to fold, before it was installed in the lobby of the Garden Grove hotel and indoor water park.

"The one-year anniversary is paper, so why not an origami cake in celebration," she said.

Many theme park experts had questioned the success of the indoor water park, given the competitive theme park landscape in Southern California.



COURTESY OF GREAT WOLF LODGE

The Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove celebrated its one-year "paper" anniversary with a cake made entirely of origami folded paper. Standing next to the "cake" is Phillip Cunningham, the general manager of the lodge, and "Wiley Wolf."

"We've welcomed over 500,000 families here in one year," said Phillip Cunningham, general manager of the lodge.

Cunningham said they don't worry too much

about the competition, he said.

saying it complements the area and that they want to keep growing.

"I'd love to add the water roller coaster in the next two to three years,"

The lodge is owned by Centerbridge Partners, a private equity investment group. All told, there are 14 Great Wolf Lodge resorts nationwide and

in Canada. The Garden Grove location is the first one in Southern California. Most are in the Midwest and northern areas.

The \$250 million hotel and indoor water park was built with the help of more than \$100 million of taxpayer funds from the city.

The city forecast a \$4.5 million bump in transient occupancy tax revenues to \$23.5 million in the 2016-2017 year, thanks in large part to the opening of Great Wolf.

"This has helped put Garden Grove on the map in a fresh new way," said Garden Grove Mayor Steven Jones.

He said surrounding property values have gone up and that it would provide a constant income stream as well as provide an impetus to grow hotel, sales and property tax revenue.

"This has helped put Garden Grove on the map in a fresh new way," he said. "This is the poster child of how redevelopment ought to work."

GG workshop

The City of Garden Grove's Economic Development Division will host a free Trade Connect Introductory Workshop from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on April 5 at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

A networking reception will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit www.tinyurl.com/IntroGG.

Scholarships offered

Attention, high school seniors. Opportunity awaits.

The Women's Division of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce is offering scholarships for local youth.

Student applications must be from a current 12th grade student enrolled in the Garden Grove Unified School District. The student must have a GPA of

2.85 or above, provide his or her transcripts, along with a required essay and application, in addition to two letters of praise. Deadline for submission is April 18.

For information, call the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at 714-638-7950.

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March 15, 2017

Man suffers severe burns from butane lab

He's in stable condition after explosion occurs in backyard gazebo

He probably doesn't feel lucky.

But a local man will walk away from what could have been a fatal disaster.

Garden Grove police officers were dispatched to a scene last week after a 911 hang up call.

Upon arrival, Garden Grove Fire Department personnel were on scene and were rendering medical aid to a 32-year-old man who had severe burns on his face, arms and legs as a result of an explosion.

The victim had been living in a makeshift shed made out of an outdoor gazebo in the rear yard of the home. He was allegedly oper-

ating an illegal honey oil butane lab, which involves a process of extracting concentrated cannabis from marijuana leaves.

This extraction method is highly explosive due to butane being used. During the extraction, the butane ignited, causing a small explosion. The man was admitted into UCI for his burns and is in stable condition.

No structural damage was reported to the home.

No arrests had been made at press time.

Police investigators responded to the scene and worked with the Fire Department to collect evidence from the explosion.

School district holds art show

Orange County News
March 15, 2017

Students show off paintings, jewelry, crafts and more

By Loreen Berlin

The Garden Grove Unified School District held its 39th annual art show over the weekend for pre-kindergarten/kindergarten and elementary students through high school.

Awards were presented at the Garden Grove Community Center Saturday for first, second and third place as well as honorable mention for students in each grade level.

The art was then moved to the Courtyard on the Village Green for viewing through March 14 and what an amazing array of talent was displayed there.

The theme was "First Impressions," and showcased many budding artists and their works: ceramics, crafts, digital art, drawings, graphics, jewelry, paintings, photography and sculpture.

All of the art mediums were impressive and looked so professional for such young people just learning about art, with many displaying an understanding beyond their years.

The effort was orchestrated by the Stacy Harris, district coordi-

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nator of Visual and Performing Arts, and special assignment teacher Matt Franklin.

Professor of Music Theory Kenneth Hanlon has said, "An art education, more than any other kind, develops self-discipline, broadens one's perspective, and helps students to understand his or her world. It's the kind of education that can enrich a lifetime."

The Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools states: "Education in the arts is essential for all students," and the GGUSD is committed to the belief that arts education is for all students.

Children in first through 12th grades participate in a comprehensive curriculum designed to develop an awareness and appreciation of the arts.

"The VAPA curriculum includes courses in vocal and instrumental music, visual arts, dance and theatre arts/drama.

The Visual and Performing Arts staff consists of 26 elementary vocal music teachers, 17 intermediate and high school vocal music teachers and 25 elementary through high school instrumental music teachers.

They also have 10 intermediate school visual art teachers, 25 high school visual art teachers, 16 intermediate and high school



Photo by Loreen Berlin
Darius Cruz, 5, points to a display of masks created by Garden Grove Unified School District students on display at the Village Green gallery over the weekend.

theatre arts/drama teachers and three high school dance teachers.

With that many dedicated teachers in all areas of the arts, it's easy to see their hard work paying off in the students' artwork.

The displayed artwork was nothing short of amazing.

The GGUSD welcomes musical instrument donations of gently used band and orchestra instruments at any Garden Grove school.

Is this more than just 15 minutes of fame?

Some say State Sen. Janet Nguyen is a rising star in GOP

By Brady Rhoades

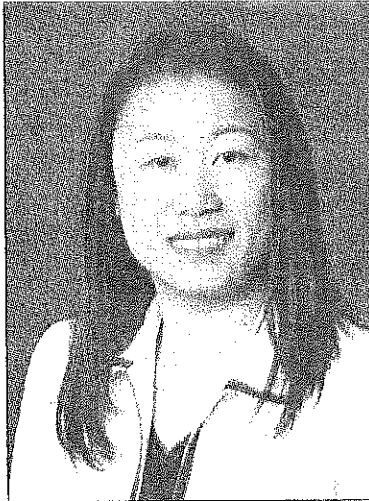
State Sen. Janet Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove and Westminster, has transformed into a national figure.

Her name and face appear in newspapers and on websites and TV as community-based as this one and as countrywide as CNN.

There have been chants among state GOP leaders: "Janet Nguyen for governor!"

The Republican and former Garden Grove city councilwoman was silenced on the Senate floor – actually, she was physically removed – while criticizing late California lawmaker Tom Hayden for his opposition to the Vietnam War.

"Tom Hayden chose to work directly with the Communist North Vietnamese Government to oppose the efforts of United States forces in South Vietnam,"



File photo

State Sen. Janet Nguyen

Nguyen said in her speech.

State Sen. Ricardo Lara, a Democrat, had her removed because, he said, she was violating procedural rules and impugning the character of

Hayden, who the legislature had posthumously memorialized two days prior.

Democrats say Nguyen was grandstanding, pandering to her base, thousands of whom are Vietnamese-Americans who were roused – or had family members roused – from their homeland by an encroaching, Communist government.

Nguyen, who immigrated from Vietnam after the war, said she was merely offering up "historical perspective" with regard to the Vietnam War and Hayden, a Democrat and activist.

Many of her constituents support her.

Hundreds protested in Westminster on a recent Saturday; hundreds more protested in Sacramento on the following Monday.

And the Vietnamese American Federation of Southern

California is demanding an apology from Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon. Nguyen's supporters also want her to be given the chance to finish her speech in the state capitol.

"Her free speech was violated," said Garden Grove City Councilman Phat Bui.

Meanwhile, de Leon, a Democrat, has appointed a three-person panel – Senate staffers – to investigate the incident.

He also stated of the flap: "It will never happen again."

Pressed on it, he took a dig at Nguyen: "I think she's enjoyed her 15 minutes of fame."

This story is not going away. Neither is Nguyen.

Grandstander or future governor? Or something in between?

We shall see.

For the full text of Janet Nguyen's speech, see page 7.

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Read State Sen. Nguyen's controversial speech

Editor's note: Following is the full speech that State Sen. Janet Nguyen attempted to deliver on the Senate floor. After being physically removed from the chamber for allegedly violating parliamentary rules, she posted the speech on her website. It has not been edited.

Dear Senators and the People:

I and the children of the former South Vietnam soldiers will never forget the support of former Senator Tom Hayden for the Communist government of Vietnam and the oppression by the Communist Government of Vietnam for the people of Vietnam.

After 40 years, the efforts by people like him have hurt the people of Vietnam and have worked to stop the Vietnamese refugees from coming to the United States, a free country. We will always continue to fight for freedom and human rights for the people of Vietnam.

Members, I recognize today in memory of the million of Vietnamese and the hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees who died seeking freedom and democracy. I recognize that on Tuesday you had an opportunity to honor Senator Tom Hayden. With all due respect, I would like to offer another historical perspective.

On Tuesday, instead of participating, I chose to step out of the chamber out of respect to his family, his friends and to you. In contrast to your comments on Tuesday, I want to share what Senator Hayden meant to me and to the over 500,000 Vietnamese Americans who call California their home, as well as to the over 1 million Vietnamese Americans across the United States.

As you may be aware, Tom Hayden chose to work directly with the Communist North Vietnamese Government to oppose the efforts of United States forces in South Vietnam.

Mr. Hayden sided with a communist government that enslaved and/or killed millions of Vietnamese, including members of my own family. Mr. Hayden's actions are viewed by many as harmful to democratic values and hateful towards those who sought the very freedoms on which this nation is founded.

Were it not for the efforts of the thousands of men and women who served bravely in the United States military and the South Vietnamese military, as well as the efforts of millions of Vietnamese citizens who resisted the communists, I would not be standing here on this Senate floor humbly representing the residents of the

34th District.

In addition to the sacrifices made during war, the efforts of President Ronald Reagan in the 1980s allowed many Vietnamese like me to seek refuge in the United States.

In contrast to the great many people who fought to defend freedom and democracy, Mr. Hayden supported a Communist agenda and traveled to North Vietnam during the war.

He believed that those who protested the human-rights violations of the Communists were tools of the CIA. It is known that he believed that the war was a conflict between Imperialism, led by the United States and the "free" people of North Vietnam. Former Senator Hayden was profoundly wrong in his support of the Communist.

Members, to this day, the government of Vietnam continues to violate the basic human rights of its citizens. They systematically continue to oppress freedoms of expression, religion and assembly and incarcerate those who speak out for freedom and democracy.

Thank you for allowing me to make my comments. I proudly stand before you as a Vietnamese-American who appreciates the freedoms that so many around the world do not enjoy.



Photo by Colleen Janssen

Girl Scouts Samantha and Megan Swett of Troop 629 in Garden Grove hug in celebration after selling their last box of cookies at Westminster Mall over the weekend. A man named David Vu bought them out.

Girl Scouts get a grand surprise!

On last day of cookie campaign, man spends \$290

By Colleen Janssen

Cue the sad music: Girl Scout cookies sales for 2017 have ended.

The annual event concluded March 12 nationwide.

At Westminster Mall, Troop 629 from Garden Grove was set up and ready near the inside Westminster

Mall entrance for Target to sell cookies from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The tablecloth with the Girl Scouts logo was draped over the tables. Signs explaining the program were displayed on the table top. A giant cookie box was installed next to the display, and the Scouts were

ready.

Then, a completely unexpected event occurred. David Vu showed up and asked if he could buy 18 boxes of the tasty treats. The girls were thrilled. It was a big sale, a really-big sale.

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Vu left, went to an ATM and returned. This time, he bought the 27 remaining boxes on the table. Just when the girls were using higher math skills to figure out his cost, he threw in a donation of \$65 for the troop.

"He paid \$290," said Daniel Swett, father of two of the Scouts.

"I do it every year," said Vu. "I find out when the last week of cookie sales is and spend \$3,000 to \$4,000 each year buying cookies."

When asked "Why?" Vu replied "Why not?"

"I know how it feels to set a goal and sell," Vu continued. "I don't want them to be in a mall all day. It's a good cause, but I want kids to be active. I like the program. It gives them a sense of achievement; the chance to meet a goal."

"I've been doing this since 2012. I like to do random things every day."

So, what constitutes a random thing? For Vu, it's things like buying out a cookie booth or, maybe, raising a duck.

"I started raising ducks. My rooster died, so now I have a duck named Waffles," Vu continued. "I already looked it up. Ducks can't eat the cookies; there's too much sugar."

So, what do you do with 45 boxes of cookies? Vu is an insurance services coordinator at AAA. He plans to bring them to the office to share with his coworkers.

"I also pass them out to random people. I give them to homeless people and anyone I meet." Vu waved goodbye and thanked the Scouts for their work.

"I'm going to look for more Scouts selling outside a grocery store and buy all of their cookies next."

The girls reminded him that another group of scouts were due to arrive later that day to set up the table outside Target and sell their troop's cookies.

Sisters Samantha, 10, and Megan Swett, 8, were still excited after Vu was gone.

"We couldn't believe it," said

Samantha. "He bought half, then came back."

Samantha is an expert cookie-seller, having participated in the program for five years. She showed the patches on her vest that she earned last year for selling many cookies.

"This one is for earning the Smart Cookie badge," said Samantha, a Junior Girl Scout. "It's for participating in cookie sales and learning the skills needed to sell cookies."

She also had patches for selling more than 200 boxes, selling on-line, attending the cookie rally to get pumped up for selling, selling 50 boxes as a goal-getter, a cookie booth badge, Cookie Share for donating cookies to others, and the Inchworm Badge for service in the community. The entire back of her vest was filled with patches.

"The biggest sale we had before today was 12 boxes," said Megan, a Brownie, participating for her second year. "A relative bought them."

Asked about their favorite cookies, Megan was quick, "I like

Thanks-A-Lots. They are short-bread with chocolate on the bottom." Samantha's favorite is "Caramel deLites. They have caramel, coconut and chocolate."

Their parents, Lisa and Daniel, are active with the troop. Mom helped at the booth, while dad, who works for a forensic software company, is the cookie coordinator for the troop. Both are proud of their daughters and their cookie sales.

So, what happens with the money Troop 629 raises? "We are debating in our troop," said Samantha. "We might go to Camp Sherman, a Girl Scout camp, or maybe, Mammoth for a weekend."

This troop is active, having helped the homeless by preparing toiletry kits. They work to earn patches, sell cookies, and spend time having fun with their Girl Scout friends.

"We have 20,000 girls and 14,000 adults in Girl Scouts of Orange County," said Emma Donahue, marketing manager. "Our coordinator here today is Marti O'Neill. She oversees 66 troops with 850 girls, along with overseeing the Cookie Cupboard in Cypress."

"The first three days, we moved out 1,400 cases of cookies each day, and restocked those cases each day," said O'Neill. "All work is done by volunteers."

"I like doing this work. It gives me a more community-wide understanding. I get to meet and talk to the troops when they pick up their cookies," said O'Neill.

"We are always looking for volunteers who want to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place," said Donahue.

"If someone has an interest, we can find a place for them," said O'Neill. "We also need people who can help with STEM topics and the creative arts programs. We can always use cookie warehouse volunteers, people to speak at events, people who can give girls career tours of their business, help with the Lego robotics program and the Raspberry Pi coding program."

For more information on any topics related to Girl Scouting or for volunteer information, check their website: GirlScoutsOC.org.

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Photo by Colleen Janssen

Samantha Swett, 10, a Junior Girl Scout, explains the badges she has earned selling cookies.

The Duke has a message for locals



Photo by Dave Smithson

This billboard appeared earlier this year - and still stands - on Katella Avenue in Garden Grove, between Dale Street and Beach Boulevard. Some commuters are wondering what it means. Let's see. You've got John "The Duke" Wayne, a message to never give up, a reference to one of his hallmark movies ("True Grit"), and some other information. The billboard is the work of The Foundation for a Better Life. The idea? Read this, from the foundation's website at www.values.com: "The Foundation for a Better Life creates public service campaigns to communicate the values that make a difference in our communities. These uplifting messages, utilizing television, movie theaters, billboards, radio and the internet, model the benefits of a life lived by positive values. We believe people are basically good but sometimes just need a reminder. We also believe that the positive values we live by are worth more when we pass them on."

'Brookhurst Place' development

taking shape, in phases

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Rental apartments under construction; more planned

By Loreen Berlin

The development at Brookhurst Triangle, designated "Brookhurst Place," is well underway.

The project is at the junction of Garden Grove Boulevard, Brookhurst Street, and Brookhurst Way.

"It's great to see the first phase of 180 rental apartment units coming to market by this summer," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones. "Phase two will be for sale condominiums and then phase three will add 200,000 square feet of brand-new restaurants and retail opportunities at the intersection where Little Saigon, the Korean Business District, and downtown all come together."

The 180 luxury apartments are on three-acres of the property. When the entire project is completed there will be 670 mixed-use condo/apartments. The last building will contain a retail center, making a total of six buildings on the site, with 272,000 square feet of open space and 65,000 square feet of commercial space.

The project is the city's largest mixed-use development, encompassing 14 acres of 670-plus market apartments along with commercial and open space.

The area at Brookhurst Street, Garden Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Way has been sitting as a patch of dirt for more than 20 years. Part of that area was formerly a car dealership that was

home to the first Isuzu vehicles that came into America in 1981 and another car dealership at the corner of Garden Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Street.

The final OK to move ahead on the project came in March of 2015. Before that, the city was waiting for the state to release redevelopment property and money it had taken from cities statewide.

Now, there will be a winding path of more than 1-mile for walking around inside the development area and it has been touted as a place where people can go to live and work.

It's a significant project for the Garden Grove community.

Mayor Jones said the project goes back a long time, back to when he was still serving on the Planning Commission.

"I've seen the project go through many hands, so this is an exciting time. I thank city staff for their support in helping with the development."

The City of Garden Grove will sell the rest of the property for \$18 million once phase two begins.

However, not all of that money goes to Garden Grove. With the dissolution of redevelopment agencies statewide, Orange County gets a sizable amount of that money to distribute to other agencies.

Still, the project will help the city financially.



Photo by Loreen Berlin

“Brookhurst Place” features 180 rental apartment units well underway as construction continues along Brookhurst Way, Brookhurst Street and Garden Grove Boulevard. Next to be built are “for sale” condominiums, then phase three will add restaurants and retail opportunities.

“The residential units alone are expected to bring an approximate \$550,000 a year in property taxes,” said Senior Project Manager Greg Blodgett with the city’s Economic Development Department.

Blodgett said it’s unclear how much sales tax the city will get because no retailers have been finalized, but most of the businesses will be smaller, independent stores and restaurants, some of which may

have influences banking off the nearby Korean Business District and Little Saigon.

“Throughout Orange County we see successful mixed-use projects being constructed. It’s a positive for the city,” said Blodgett. “We’ve taken a property that was blighted and created an environment with residential and community spaces, and a lot of great things for the city. It’s a starting point for the area.”

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
MAGNOLIA STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT NO.
7254

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids to furnish material, equipment, and labor for THE "Magnolia Street Rehabilitation from the SR 22 Freeway Off Ramp to Garden Grove Boulevard, City Project No. 7254" will be received in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California, 92840 until 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened in the 1-South Conference Room in City Hall (1st floor).

The proposed project generally consists of Roadway rehabilitation by full depth reclamation and cement treatment; Asphalt paving; Cold milling; Replacement of PCC sidewalk, curb, curb & gutter, stamped concrete, drive approach, cross gutter, alley apron, bus pad, local depression, and handicap ramps; Installation of catch basin inlet filters; Adjustment of utility covers to finish grade; Storm drain improvements; Water main improvements; Installation of traffic signal detector loops; Installation of traffic striping, raised pavement markers, and signage; Reestablishment of centerline ties and monuments; and Installation of irrigation and landscaping.

Project Limits: Magnolia Street from 22 E/B Off-Ramp to Garden Grove Boulevard

Engineers Estimate: \$2,200,000

The plans, specifications and contract documents may be purchased from SABP Reprographics for the price of Ninety Five dollars (\$95). The price does not include tax or shipping if needed. The documents may be made available for "will call" or shipped directly to you. Please contact:

SABP Reprographics
2372 Morse Avenue
Irvine, CA 92614
www.sabp.com
949-756-1001 (ask for the Digital Bond Department)
Alternatively, you can e-mail your order to workorder@sabp.com

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Mr. Nick Hsieh P.E.,
Associate Engineer, (714) 741-5190.

Date: March 1, 2017

Publish Dates: March 3, 2017 and March 10, 2017

/s/Teresa Pomeroy, CMC
City Clerk

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City of Garden Grove

Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1213

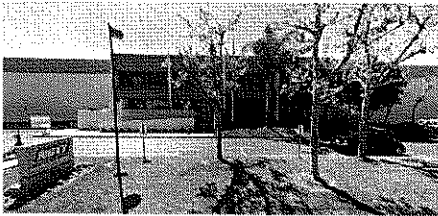
Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, second floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide Laboratory Sample Testing and Water Chemical Analysis for the City of Garden Grove. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website by registering as a vendor. Questions can be directed in writing to Sandy Segawa at sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. Proposals received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: March 3, 2017

Sandy Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840
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Vitamin maker Nature's Bounty to lay off 223, close Garden Grove, Santa Fe Springs facilities

By HANNAH MADANS
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Some 223 people will lose their jobs at The Nature's Bounty Co. facilities in Garden Grove and Santa Fe Springs as the company shifts operations elsewhere in the country, including New York, where it will get \$35 million in state tax incentives.

The vitamin and supplement maker said it is moving its centers to other company-owned plants across the country.

According to Newsday, the company plans to create 157 jobs in Suffolk County as it closes factories in California and China and moves the work to New York.

Nature's Bounty will modernize and expand its New York facilities in exchange for up to \$35 million in state aid over the next 10 years, the article stated.

A spokesperson with Nature's Bounty said the facilities were chosen for closure based on "financial analysis, network effectiveness, and geographic location in relation to other parts of the supply chain."

The company also has facilities in Arizona and Nevada.

Nature's Bounty filed notices with California, indicating it will terminate 213 jobs in Garden Grove and 10 at its Santa Fe site, effective May 1.

Employees will be provided with severance pay, benefits and assistance in finding new jobs, the company said.

In Garden Grove the company has a factory and offices at 7366 Oranewood Ave. In Santa Fe it has a warehouse for the Garden Grove operations at 12945 Leffingwell Ave. Both facilities are leased by the company.

Nature's Bounty owner the Carlyle Group is reportedly exploring the sale of the company.

BC Partners and CVC Capital Partners would consider offers for the entire company, Bloomberg reported.

Bain Capital and Xio Group are also weighing bids, and some firms may make offers just for Nature's Bounty's U.K. unit, Holland & Barrett, the February Bloomberg article stated.

The company is expected to sell for as much as \$6 billion.

In February, Irvine-based AutoAlert indicated it would shift its headquarters to Kansas City, also lured by tax incentives – \$9 million in exchange to grow the software company.

The move, the company said, would create more than 200 jobs. Chief Executive Mike Duella, in a statement, has described the Kansas City positions as "high-paying tech jobs."

"After a comprehensive evaluation of major markets, AutoAlert selected Kansas City due to its revitalized and growing downtown area, access to tech talent, and convenient transportation options," the company stated.

AutoAlert in February declined to comment on the move or how many local employees might be impacted. In its statement, the firm said it would keep an office in Irvine, but did not specify how many employees would remain.



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CONTACT: Juan Medina (714) 741-5253
Community Services Department

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

GARDEN GROVE SENIORS READY TO PARTICIPATE IN 'GEEK SQUAD'

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is now offering ongoing computer training for seniors. The training takes place every Wednesday and Thursday from 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's conference room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Students from Garden Grove High School will volunteer on a weekly basis to aid Senior Center participants in technology resources such as:

- Smartphone/ Cellular phone usage
- Tablet and laptop procedures
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter)

For additional information and to sign up, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Community Services Director

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

MORE PROGRAMMING AND SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE ADDED TO OPEN STREETS EVENT

Grab your walking shoes, bike, and skates, and enjoy free entertainment and activities along the 2.5-mile Open Streets route on Saturday, April 1, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Garden Grove streets will be closed to cars, and open to all forms of non-motorized active transportation for walking, biking, skating, and more. An After Party will continue on Historic Main Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Open Streets route spans from Garden Grove Boulevard at West Street, to Acacia Parkway and Historic Main Street. Zones and program highlights of activities and interactive demonstrations include:

- Zone 1 (8th Street): Cottage Industries Garden Party. Don't have a bicycle? Stop by the loaner bike station, and follow the 20-foot Bali Celebration Flags to garden-themed artisans, kids' activities, and an iced coffee van.
- Zone 2 and 3 (Garden Grove Boulevard): zip lines, 15-foot spinning orbitron, wine tasting, and electric bicycles.
- Zone 4 (West Street, Morgan Lane, Dorada Avenue, College Avenue, and 9th Street): neighborhood greenway. Twenty homes along the route will feature recycled bike art sculptures.

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MORE PROGRAMMING AND SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE ADDED

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- Zone 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (Acacia Parkway): surrey bike rentals, food trucks, SK8 Open Streets (pop-up skate park), Vans shoe car, Anaheim Ducks Street Team, sports zone, race train depot, giant Adirondack photo op, rock wall, 4-D interactive chalk art, Fixie bike races, and a dog agility show and expo.
- Zone 10 (Historic Main Street): After Party, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Live rock band, "The Answer," beer garden, art activities, and strolling performers.

Through Saturday, April 1, the City is hosting a social media challenge, where friends and followers of Garden Grove Open Streets Facebook page can share their best bicycle photo through a private message, or tag @ggopenstreets or #ggopenstreets in the post, for a chance to win a prize. All submissions will be featured on Garden Grove Open Streets Facebook page. The photo with the most shares will win. Winner will be announced at the event.

For event details and updates, visit www.ggopenstreets.com, or @ggopenstreets on Facebook.

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Jesus Xavier Medina (714) 741-5360
Community Services Department

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Monday, March 13, 2017

THE DIG IS ON FOR EASTER EGGS

It's that time of year for Garden Grove's 9th annual "Eggs-cavation" event on Saturday, April 15, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Atlantis Play Center. Atlantis Play Center is located at 13630 Atlantis Way in Garden Grove Park. Only 300 tickets for egg hunt participants are available.

In addition to an egg hunt, activities at the event include bounce houses, carnival games, arts and crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The egg hunts begin at 11:45 a.m., and take place by the following age groups:

3 to 4 years old - 11:45 a.m.-Noon 5 to 6 years old - 12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
7 to 8 years old - 12:45 p.m.-1:00 p.m. 9 to 10 years old - 1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Candy hunts for 2-year-olds and under will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$7 for children, ages 3 to 10, participating in the egg hunt, and \$2 for spectators, ages 11 and up. Only cash or credit cards are accepted. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

Ticket sales for the Eggs-cavation begin Monday, March 27, 2017, until quantities run out. Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Counter, located on the 1st floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway. To order by phone, or for more information, call (714) 741-5200.

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CONTACT: Ana Pulido (714) 741-5280
Supervisor, Office of Community Relations/GGTV3

Monday, March 13, 2017

CITY SEEKING LOCAL COLLEGE GRADUATES FOR RECOGNITION EVENT

The City is seeking names and information from Garden Grove residents who are graduating this year with an undergraduate or post-graduate academic degree. Graduates who submit their information will be invited to the 5th annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event recognizes local college graduates for their outstanding achievements in higher education.

The private reception, hosted by Mayor Steve Jones and the Garden Grove City Council, includes an awards ceremony, catered dinner, giveaways, and the chance to network with key businesses and organizations in the community. Each graduate will also be entered for a chance to win an Apple iPad, and a \$500, and two, \$250 cash drawings.

At the conclusion of the reception, the graduates and their guests will be invited to attend the Garden Grove City Council meeting to receive a Community Spotlight recognition.

To RSVP for the free event, visit www.garden-grove.org/grads, or contact the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or email communityrelations@garden-grove.org. The deadline to submit information is Sunday, April 30, 2017.

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City Seeking Local College Graduates for Recognition Event
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The City would like to thank the event title sponsor, Garden Grove Shell #1,
and all event sponsors for their generous contributions.

To view photos from previous events, visit the City's Facebook page at
Garden Grove City Hall.

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Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Kim Huy (714) 741-5280
Ban liên lạc cộng đồng

Thứ Ba, 14/3/2017

GARDEN GROVE TỔ CHỨC LỄ TUYÊN DƯƠNG CÁC SINH VIÊN ĐẠI HỌC

Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức buổi lễ ban thưởng những sinh viên đại học cho những thành tích xuất sắc của họ. Những ai là cư dân sống tại Garden Grove đang học đại học, hoặc/sẽ ra trường trong mùa học 2017 sắp tới có thể liên lạc với Thành phố để nhận được những biểu dương cùng những phần quà lưu niệm.

Các sinh viên undergraduate, post-graduate, hoặc sẽ ra trường mùa Spring/Fall 2017 và là cư dân sống trong Garden Grove có thể liên lạc với Thành phố để tham gia lễ ghi nhận thành tích học tập của mình vào ngày Thứ Ba, 9 tháng Năm, 2017, vào lúc 4:30 chiều. Ông Thị Trưởng và những Nghị viên Thành phố sẽ tham dự để vinh danh và cùng thưởng thức buổi tiệc nhẹ cũng như giao lưu với các cơ sở và hội đoàn trong cộng đồng. Trong dịp này, các sinh viên sẽ có cơ hội tham dự cuộc xổ số để trúng 1 Apple Ipad hoặc \$500 và 2 giải trị giá \$250 tiền mặt do các nhà tài trợ bảo trợ. Thành phố cũng cảm ơn các nhà tài trợ cho chương trình, như Garden Grove Shell # 1, Credit Union of Southern California, Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Các sinh viên cần cung cấp tên, địa chỉ, số phone, email, trường đang học, bằng cấp học ngành nào trước ngày 30 tháng 4, 2017 tại Ban Liên lạc cộng đồng, số phone là (714) 741-5280 hoặc email communityrelations@garden-grove.org, hoặc cập nhật thông tin trên Facebook tại Garden Grove City Hall.

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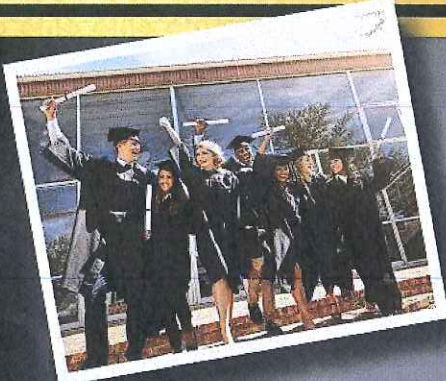
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Garden Grove's 5th Annual College
Graduates' Reception
CLASS OF 2017


Tuesday, May 9, 2017 ❖ 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.






- ✦ Celebrate your achievement in higher education
- ✦ Network with local businesses
- ✦ Win cash prizes
- ✦ Giveaways for all grads






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Bích chương.

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Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove Cấm Treo Cờ Việt Cộng

16/03/2017 00:00:00



Garden Grove (Bình Sa) - Trong phiên họp thường kỳ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove vào lúc 7 giờ tối Thứ Ba ngày 14 tháng 3 năm 2017 tại hội trường thành phố để giải quyết một số vấn đề quan trọng.

Sau nghi thức khai mạc, Thị Trưởng Thành Phố chào mừng mọi người và bắt đầu giải quyết một số trường hợp khiếu nại của cư dân. Sau đó, Hội Đồng Thành Phố đã trao Bằng Vinh Danh cho ông Jamison Power, Ủy viên Giáo Dục Học Khu Westminster đã thực hiện chương trình song ngữ Anh-Việt từ năm 2012 đến nay, do đó, Học Khu Westminster có chương trình song ngữ từ lớp Mẫu Giáo đến lớp 2 và mỗi năm sẽ mở rộng thêm.

Thị Trưởng Steven R. Jones đã trao Bằng và quà lưu niệm cho ông Jamison Power trước sự hiện diện của vợ ông và bà Dr. Kim - Phelps, Tổng Quản Trị Học Khu Westminster.



Trong cuộc họp của Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove.

Tiếp theo, Hội Đồng Thành Phố đưa vấn đề cấm treo cờ đỏ sao vàng trong thành phố Garden Grove do Nghị viên Thu Hà Nguyễn và Phát Bùi là đồng tác giả ra thảo luận. Ông Phát Bùi phát biểu rằng, lá cờ đỏ sao vàng của Việt Nam hiện nay là lá cờ của một chính thể cộng sản không có tự do, dân chủ và nhân quyền. Lá cờ vàng ba sọc đỏ mới là cờ của người Việt yêu chuộng tự do, dân chủ. Chính vì lá cờ đỏ sao vàng xuất hiện trong cơ sở thương mại của tên Trần Trường hơn 10 năm trước đây tại phố Bolsa đã gây căm phẫn cho người Việt ở khắp nơi, nên suốt 53 ngày đêm chúng tôi đã biểu tình, và cuối cùng đã dẹp được lá cờ máu đỏ. Thành phố Garden Grove là thành phố có đông cư dân gốc Việt, chúng tôi không muốn thấy lá cờ đỏ sao vàng xuất hiện nên chúng tôi đề nghị HĐTP ra Nghị quyết cấm treo cờ đỏ sao vàng trong thành phố. Một số nghị viên đã nêu nhiều câu hỏi và được Nghị viên Thu Hà và ông Phát Bùi giải thích. Nghị viên Kris Beard, cho biết, Đơn vị ông hầu hết là người Mỹ trắng, họ không muốn treo bất cứ lá cờ nào ngoại trừ cờ Hoa Kỳ nên ông bỏ phiếu "No". HĐTP Garden Grove đã thông qua Nghị Quyết với 6/7 phiếu, như vậy từ nay Việt cộng không thể treo cờ đỏ sao vàng tại thành phố này.

Trong buổi họp, nơi hàng ghế tham dự có hai phụ nữ, một trung niên và một thiếu niên lạ mặt, chưa từng thấy hiện diện trong các sinh hoạt cộng đồng. Ông Phát Bùi cho biết, Tổng Lãnh Sự Việt Cộng tại San Francisco đã biết tin HĐTP sẽ ra nghị quyết cấm treo cờ của họ nên đã gửi thư phản đối; vì thế một số người cho rằng nhóm người lạ mặt đến tham dự buổi họp có thể là người của phía bên kia. Rất tiếc, Cộng Đồng tham dự quá ít, chỉ có hai ông Nam Hà (QĐ IV) và ông Võ Tấn Kha (Thành viên Hội Đồng Giám Sát Cộng Đồng NVQG Nam Cali.) phóng viên Phan Đại Nam, Thanh Phong...

Garden Grove trao giải thưởng cho hai giới chức Học Khu Westminster

Đăng-Giao/Người Việt

March 15, 2017





Hàng trước, từ trái, Luật Sư Jamison Power, Thị Trưởng Steve Jonse, và Tiến Sĩ Marian Kim-Phelps. Phía sau là phó thị trưởng nghị viên Garden Grove. (Hình: Đăng-Giao/Người Việt)

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove vừa tr giải thưởng “Community Spotlight” (Gương Sáng Cộng Đồng) cho hai giới chức t Khu Westminster vì có công trong việc khai mở chương trình học song ngữ Anh- đầu tiên tại California, trước buổi họp thường kỳ vào tối Thứ Ba, 14 Tháng Ba.

Hai giới chức này là Luật Sư Jamison Power, ủy viên giáo dục học khu, và Tiến S Marian Kim-Phelps, tổng quản trị học khu.

Sau khi nhận giải thưởng, Tiến Sĩ Kim-Phelps thay mặt cả hai người nói: “Xin cả tất cả mọi người. Xin cảm ơn Luật Sư Power đã cố gắng đẩy mạnh không chỉ chu trình Anh-Việt mà cả chương trình Anh-Tây Ban Nha.”

Trước đó, khi được Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove mời đến nhận giải thưởng Luật Sư Power phát biểu qua một thông báo rằng: “Với tất cả sự khiêm nhường, xin nhận lãnh giải thưởng này, liên quan đến các hoạt động của tôi. Vợ tôi là ng Mỹ gốc Việt, và chúng tôi có hai con nhỏ. Đối với chúng tôi, giữ gìn tiếng Việt và hóa Việt là rất quan trọng cho các cháu và các thế hệ mai sau.”

Khi được bổ nhiệm làm tổng quản trị học khu năm 2014, Tiến Sĩ Kim-Phelps bắt làm việc với Luật Sư Power để bắt đầu chương trình song ngữ.

Hiện nay, học khu có chương trình song ngữ cho các em từ mẫu giáo đến lớp 2, trong những năm tới, các lớp này sẽ được áp dụng trong các lớp từ mẫu giáo đế 6.

Mời độc giả xem Điểm tin buổi sáng Thứ Tư, ngày 15 tháng 3 năm 2017

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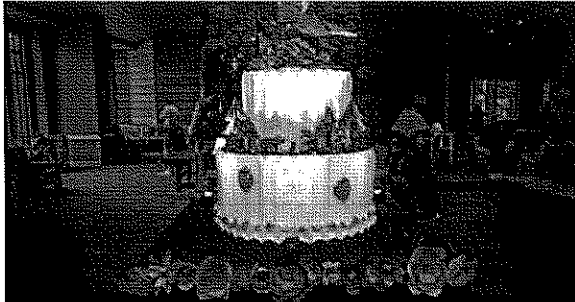


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Happy 1-year Anniversary to the Great Wolf Lodge!

#GardenGrove Orange County Register



Great Wolf Lodge celebrates 1-year anniversary with giant origami paper cake

A giant Origami paper cake was unveiled at the Great Wolf Lodge Friday in honor of the hotel and water park's one-year anniversary.

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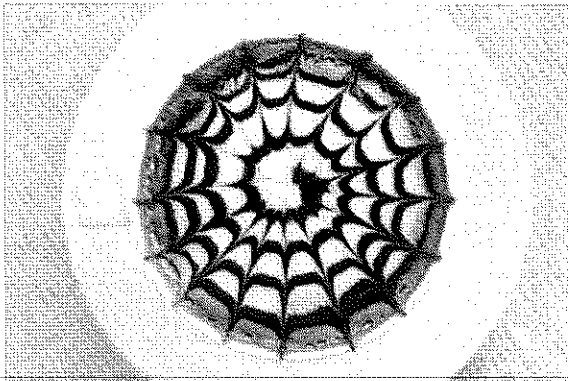
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Published by [Garden Grove Pizzeria](#) 171 · 33 hrs · 🌐

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<http://www.ocregister.com/article/day-746203-pizza-bakery.html>



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Garden Grove City Hall shared Garden Grove Unified School District's photo.

Published by Garden Grove ProPublica 191 March 10 at 1:39 PM

This past Saturday, Garden Grove Unified School District hosted their 39th annual student art exhibit, "First Impressions".

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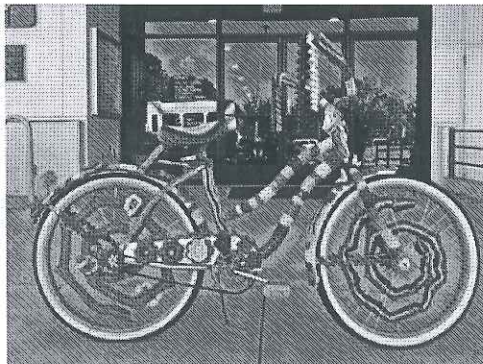


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Published by Garden Grove ProPublica 191 March 13 at 2:32 pm

Be sure to share your #bicycle pictures to the GG Open Streets Facebook page by April 1st!

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GG Open Streets

March 13 at 2:07 pm

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Water Services has an emergency shut down on Lampson, between Magnolla and Pentago for approximately 20 minutes.

Residents were not notified.

#GardenGrove Garden Grove Public Works Department

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GG Open Streets

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Published by Missy M Mendoza (M) March 9 at 1:30pm

Congratulations to the #GardenGrove business, Raceline Wheels, on becoming the new "Official Wheel" for the SCORE World Desert Championship!

Raceline Wheels Signs Agreement as New Official SCORE Sponsor - Off-Road.com Blog

Raceline Wheels to become the new "Official Wheel" for the SCORE World Desert Championship

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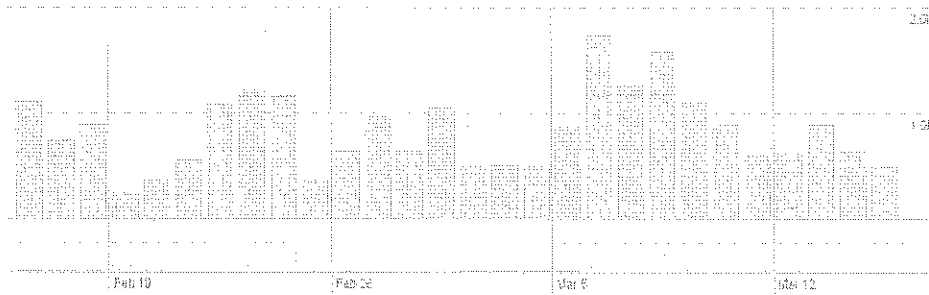
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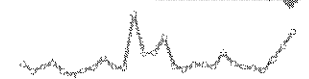
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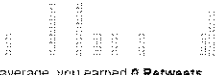



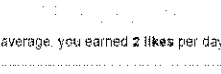





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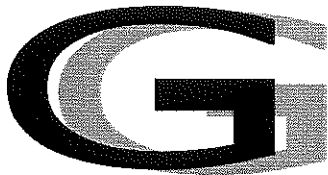
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 City of Garden Grove @CityOfGardenGrove Mar 14 Today's weather will reach a high of 82°F & a low of 55°F. #GG <small>New Tweet</small>	33	0	0.0%	 <p>On average, you earned 0 Retweets per day</p>
 City of Garden Grove @CityOfGardenGrove Mar 14 Scheduled water outage this morning, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on Lenore Avenue and Lampighter Street. <small>New Tweet</small>	152	10	10.6%	 <p>On average, you earned 4.3 Likes per day</p>
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 City of Garden Grove @CityOfGardenGrove Mar 10 The first 2K ppl to bring in an Open Streets ad, found in this week's @ocregister community papers, will receive a special giveaway. April 1 pic.twitter.com/tpx5jLA98t <small>New Tweet</small>	327	19	5.8%	
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 City of Garden Grove @CityOfGardenGrove Mar 8 Water Services has 2 scheduled outages this morning: 9AM-3PM on Enault, Adelle, and Barr <small>New Tweet</small>	294	0	0.0%	

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 16, 2017

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the March 23, 2017 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Minutes from the February 23, 2017 Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission meeting.
4. Agenda for the March 16, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.
5. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated March 10 and March 14, 2017.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16, 2017 – April 1, 2017

Thursday	March 16		Casual Day
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	March 16-19		One More Productions presents "Always Patsy Cline", Gem Theater
Friday	March 17		City Hall Closed
Saturday	March 18	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Disaster Preparedness Program hosted by Garden Grove C.E.R.T Team Class 2 – C.E.R.T. Organization Terrorism North Net Fire Training Center 2400 E. Orangewood Ave., Anaheim 92806
Wednesday	March 22	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Thursday	March 23	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Tuesday	March 28	Noon- 2:00 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County, 10602 Chapman Ave. Suite #200
		5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	March 31		City Hall Closed
Saturday	April 1	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Disaster Preparedness Program hosted by Garden Grove C.E.R.T Team Class 3 – Medical Operations I & II North Net Fire Training Center 2400 E. Orangewood Ave., Anaheim 92806
		3:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	3 rd Annual Open Streets Event Civic Center Events – 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. West St. from Garden Grove Blvd. to Acacia After Party – 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Downtown Main St.



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

Thursday, March 23, 2017
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-098-2017

APPLICANT: Verizon Wireless

LOCATION: 14271 Corporate Drive

REQUEST: To construct and operate a 60'-0" tall wireless telecommunication facility designed as a non-stealth monopole, along with related ground-mounted equipment within a 225 square foot equipment enclosure. The site is in the PUD-104-81 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center, 'B' Room
11300 Stanford Avenue

Monday, February 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIR BRIETIGAM
VICE CHAIR MCINTOSH
COMMISSIONER BLACKMUN
COMMISSIONER CONSTANTINO
COMMISSIONER PHAM
COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ

Absent: Blackmun, Constantino

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Wilson, Neighborhood Improvement Manager; Nida Watkins, Project Manager; Jimmy Nguyen, Program Specialist; Judith Moore, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice Chair McIntosh.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC: None.

MINUTES: It was moved by Chair Brietigam and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to receive and file the Minutes from the September 12, 2016 Meeting. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote, with Commissioners Blackmun and Constantino absent, as follows:

Ayes: (4) Brietigam, McIntosh, Pham, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Blackmun, Constantino

MATTERS FROM STAFF:

TO APPOINT A COMMISSIONER TO THE OC COLLABORATIVE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Staff stated that as a part of the annual Action Plan process, Garden Grove staff had worked collaboratively with the cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana, the only three cities in the county that receive Emergency Solutions Funds, and a joint request for proposals had been sent to not-for-profit service providers, who service the homeless community. Staff asked the Commission to appoint one Commissioner to sit on an application review committee to review the funding applications, and along with staff, make recommendations for the use of the Emergency Solutions Funds to

grant to the subrecipients. Staff explained that the selected Commissioner would receive the applications, and a draft of the review form to review, with the actual collaborative date to be February 21st, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Anaheim City Hall. Last year, Commissioner Pham had been selected and commented that the process was interesting and important, and with assistance by staff, went smoothly. Staff noted that if the appointed Commissioner was not on the new forthcoming Commission, he or she would be designated as a Community Representative.

Commissioner Ramirez asked staff to explain the goal of the process. Staff responded that the grant funding was the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds directly received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); that the funds were designed to address homelessness; that last year, Garden Grove received approximately \$177,000; and, that the collaboration maximizes the funding to avoid duplication while serving the community.

Chair Brietigam asked for volunteers. Vice Chair McIntosh and Commissioner Pham indicated they would like to volunteer.

Vice Chair McIntosh stated that he had a soft spot for the homeless; that he worked with an on-line group called Orange County's Homeless to alleviate the problem and get people in beds and shelters and to provide rehabilitation; and, that he had the passion and time to volunteer.

Commissioner Pham stated that he had the experience from last year and had a passion for working with the homeless; he previously worked with an Orange County health agency as a mental health specialist for outpatient engagement; and, had been in the homes of the homeless.

Chair Brietigam opened the floor to Commissioners.

Commissioner Ramirez asked for the number of applications to be reviewed. Staff replied 'seven', and that the collaborative had asked for one representative from each city along with one staff member and one community or commission member.

It was moved by Chair Brietigam and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to appoint Commissioner Pham, due to his experience. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote, with Commissioners Blackmun and Constantino absent, and Commissioner Pham abstaining, as follows:

Ayes: (3) Brietigam, McIntosh, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Blackmun, Constantino
Abstain: (1) Pham

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair McIntosh asked if Minutes could be posted sooner. Staff responded that Minutes were released to the public only after being approved. Commissioners Pham, Ramirez, Brietigam, and McIntosh thanked staff for the opportunity to serve on the Commission and voiced their appreciation

regarding the City's involvement to make the community better, especially when they were able to share knowledge of the City's resources, providers, and services that were available to residents.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Brietigam adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission to be held on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community Meeting Center Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Judith Moore
RECORDING SECRETARY

CA Cities Advocate



LEGISLATION AND POLICY AFFECTING CALIFORNIA CITIES

March 10, 2017
Issue #17

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SB 1 Passes out of Senate Government and Finance Committee
Next Hearing in is the Senate Appropriations Committee

Sen. Jim Beall's (D-San Jose) SB 1 cleared another hurdle on March 8, passing out of its third of three policy committees. The measure generates an additional \$6 billion annually for California's local and state transportation network and is supported by the Fix Our Roads Coalition, of which the League is a founding member. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Supports SB 711 (Hill), Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program

Cities Encouraged to Support Measure Focused on Addressing Local Financing Gaps for TOD, Affordable Housing and Facilities within a Disadvantaged Community

Despite all the state's focus on infill development and greenhouse gas reduction, the sobering reality is that — absent sufficient resources to address financing gaps — many desirable projects fail to pencil-out. Such missed opportunities will frustrate the state's efforts to achieve its greenhouse gas reduction goals. *For more, see Page 2.*



Bills in Committee and Legislative Hearings of Interest March 13 – 22

Legislative committee hearings are continuing and many bills are moving through committees. The League is in the beginning phase of creating its legislative bills of interest to cities, which will be published once available. *For more, see Page 3.*

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The League continues to support the additional \$2.2 billion that the bill dedicates annually for local streets and roads and the provisions expanding the streamline review for projects in existing right-of-way for all cities. State and local roads have a maintenance backlog of \$130 billion and California motorists are spending more than \$700 annually on car repairs due to pothole-filled roads. This backlog is divided between \$59 billion for state highways and \$73 billion for local streets, roads, and bridges. Without additional funding, this shortfall is projected to grow by \$20 billion in the next decade.

SB 1 now goes to the Senate Appropriations Committee where it will be heard sometime next week. The measure is another step closer to the Legislature meeting Gov. Jerry Brown's April 6 deadline to pass comprehensive transportation package.

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While several new tools including, Enhanced Infrastructure and Finance Districts (EIFD) and Community Revitalization Investment Authorities (CRIA) have been established, they lack the concentrated financial lift in urban areas offered by the former redevelopment tool. Left unaddressed, this financing gap presents real challenges for the future development of infill urban areas and avoiding continued sprawl onto open lands where it is easier to develop.

Sen. Jerry Hill's (D-San Mateo) SB 711 helps address this need by establishing a creative financing mechanism focused on filling the local funding gaps to maximize opportunities for large-scale transit-oriented development (TOD), affordable housing, and facilities within a disadvantaged community.

The measure creates a six-year pilot project to enable the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to review and approve projects that the SGC agrees maximize state and local policy objectives, by authorizing the applying city or county to reduce its individual property tax contributions to Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAF), so the applying agency can invest these funds in the project.

Currently, cities, counties and special districts contribute \$7.5 billion annually to ERAF funds, a mechanism established by the state in the early 1990s to allow the state to reduce its funding to schools. Full discretion in whether to approve projects is provided to the SGC (as an entity representing the state's policy interests) and is capped at \$10 million annually, over six years. SB 711 also requires substantial reporting and oversight.

From a local government perspective, the funding available via this measure is much more than it may appear. Each local government that is awarded an ERAF reduction will be able to receive that reduction on an annual basis for the life of the project. For instance, if a city is approved a \$1 million per year annual reduction, they would receive that reduction for the life of the project financing (for instance, 35 years). In short, a city that is trying to do the right thing gets to keep more of its own property taxes to help fund the project.

SB 711 creates a "win-win" for maximizing state-local development opportunities and climate goals by ensuring that some of financial lift of the former redevelopment tool is restored for projects that advance state priorities.

Cities are encouraged to support this measure. The full text of the measure along with the League's support letter and a sample letter cities can use can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging SB 711 into the search function.

Sen. Hill's background paper on SB 711 includes some additional information.

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Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The Senate and Assembly publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the California Channel.

Bill language and the League's position letters and sample letters can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging the bill number into the search function.

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

March 13

Senate Appropriations Committee, 10 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **AB 28 (Frazier)** Department of Transportation: environmental review process: federal pilot program. *League position: Support.*

Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- **AB 181 (Lackey)** Taxation: renters' credit. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 198 (Patterson)** First Time Homebuyer Deductions. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 252 (Ridley-Thomas)** Local government: taxation: prohibition: video streaming services. *League position: Oppose.*
- **SB 188 (Jackson)** Emergency Management Assistance Compact. *League position: Support.*

March 15

Senate Governance and Finance Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **SB 2 (Atkins)** Building Homes and Jobs Act. *League position: Support.*
- **SB 37 (Roth)** Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments. *League position: Support.*

March 20

Assembly Transportation Committee, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **AB 636 (Irwin)** Local streets and roads: expenditure reports. *League position: Support, League sponsored.*

March 22

Senate Governance and Finance Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **SB 3 (Beall)** Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018. *League position: Support.*
- **SB 139 (Wilk)** Harmful substances: local regulation. *League position: Support.*

Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 2040

- **SB 63 (Jackson)** Unlawful employment practice: parental leave. *League position: Oppose.*

League Coastal Cities Issues Group Gears Up for 2017 with Appointment of a New Chair

League President JoAnne Mounce has appointed Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider as chair of the organization's Coastal Cities Issue Group. The appointment of Mayor Schneider as chair began the group's work for 2017 and comes just weeks after the California Coastal Commission selected Jack Ainsworth as its new executive director. Mayor Schneider is the third chair of the group.

Created by the League board of directors in November 2006, the Coastal Cities Issues Group comprises all 61 cities in California's coastal zone. The group's mission is to advance the common interests of coastal cities and to facilitate communications with the California Coastal

Commission. It advises the League policy committees and board of directors on policy issues related to the coastal zone and serves as a forum for coastal cities. The Coastal Cities Issues Group typically meets annually at the League's annual conference.

The League and its coastal cities are looking forward to working with Mr. Ainsworth as he officially takes the helm of the Coastal Commission. Led by Pismo Beach City Manager Jim Lewis, who is also president-elect of the League City Managers' Department, coastal cities are working to identify goals for working with the Coastal Commission in the coming years.

The League appreciates the Coastal Commission's efforts already to expand public access to commission meeting agendas by sending agendas directly to coastal city managers. League and Coastal Commission staff worked together to identify the appropriate email list.

Any city official of a city within the coastal zone who would like to receive Coastal Commission agendas or join League's Coastal Cities Issues Group listserv are encouraged to contact League Legislative Policy Analyst [Derek Dolfie](#).

Webinar Scheduled for March 21 on Employment Considerations of Proposition 64 — Adult Use of Marijuana Act

Register by Thursday, March 16

The League of California Cities[®], Personnel and Employee Relations Department is hosting a webinar to inform cities of the employment challenges of Proposition 64. Scheduled March 21 from 2–3 p.m., the webinar is free for League members and League partners. Non-member cities may register for \$100.

The webinar will cover:

- Overview of Prop. 64;
- Federal versus state laws;
- Recreational versus medical marijuana;
- Pre-employment drug screens;
- Updates to agency's Drug & Alcohol Use Policies;
- Impacts to the Department of Transportation or Safety Sensitive Job Classifications;
- Disability accommodations and interactive process; and
- Practical tips for employers.

Presenters include:

- Tim Cromartie, legislative representative, League of California Cities; and
- Gage Dungy, partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

Please [register online](#) for this webinar by Thursday, March 16 at 5 p.m.

Due to the capacity for this webinar, two connections per city will be permitted to provide easier access for League members.

Webinar log-in information will be sent on March 20. For questions about how to register for the webinar, please contact [Megan Dunn](#). For all other questions, please contact [Meghan McKelvey](#).

New Market Tax Credit – Fostering Investment in Low-Income Neighborhoods

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) is currently soliciting potential pipeline projects in connection with its 2017 application for New Markets Tax Credits. Through the California Statewide Communities Development Corporation, CSCDA's subsidiary Community Development Entity, CSCDA has successfully received three awards totaling \$143 million in New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) allocation and has successfully deployed this valuable subsidy into communities in need throughout the state. CSCDA looks forward to continuing to provide a critically important funding gap to quality eligible projects throughout California next year.

The NMTC program, passed by Congress in 2000, encourages investments in low-income communities by providing a tax incentive for community development lenders and the capital markets to invest in communities that historically have had poor access to capital. Eligible project types include community facilities, charter schools, healthcare facilities, manufacturing facilities, operating businesses, and commercial real estate developments located within eligible low-income neighborhoods throughout California. NMTCs will generate up to 20 percent of the capital required for these projects and businesses. Often that is the difference that will make a desirable project feasible.

If you are aware of any potential projects that could use NMTCs or otherwise have any additional questions on how the program can help your community, please contact [Jon Penkower](#) of CSCDA at (925) 476-5887.

CSCDA is a joint powers authority conduit bond issuer created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties and is comprised of more than 500 cities, counties and special districts throughout the state. CSCDA's mission is to provide local governments and private entities access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing for projects that provide a tangible public benefit, contribute to social and economic growth and improve the overall quality of life in local communities throughout California. Visit [CSCDA's website](#) for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$161.6 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Newport Beach

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority](#) (CSCDA).

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of \$161,620,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Uptown Newport Apartments in Newport Beach.

About Uptown Newport Apartments

Uptown Newport Apartments is the new construction of 455 mixed income housing units by The Picerné Group (TPG). Twenty percent of the rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income tenants. The income-restricted apartments are comprised of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units.

CSCDA and TPG partnered with Stern Brothers & Co. and Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide the \$161,620,000 in tax-exempt and taxable multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

Background

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

California City Solutions: Fort Bragg Converts Old Mill Site into Beautiful Coastal Park and Trail

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2016 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). The Fort Bragg Coastal Restoration & Trail Project was submitted in 2016 for the Planning and Environmental Quality award category.

The Northern California city of Fort Bragg has a population of 7,200 and is located on the beautiful Mendocino coast. It is the largest city on the coast between San Francisco and Eureka, and is more than a three-hour drive from each of those cities. During the 20th century the city's economy was largely based on the timber and fishing industries. At the turn of the century, Fort Bragg was looking for new ways to boost its economy. However, [Fort Bragg's Coastal Restoration & Trail Project](#) transformed the coastline of a blighted lumber mill into a recreational park with native plants and a multiuse trail that provides public access along a four-mile stretch of coast that had been fenced off for more than a century.

By the turn of the millennium, Fort Bragg's Noyo Harbor based fishing fleet had declined to just a handful of boats. Local fisheries fell victim to overfishing, overregulation, or overharvesting along spawning streams. Soon after the decline of the fisheries, the Georgia-Pacific lumber mill permanently shuttered its operations in late 2002. Two decades of unsustainable timber harvesting had left the north coast's redwood forests with insufficient timber to support the lumber mill.

Fort Bragg's mill provided good jobs for generations of residents and at its peak employed 1,500 people. Closure of the mill devastated the local economy and marked the end of an era. Not only had the community lost its primary employer, but Fort Bragg's deeply rooted identity as a logging and fishing town was also lost. Fort Bragg was at a crossroads and the city's leaders realized that the mill closure presented an unique opportunity for the community to plan for its future.

The blighted mill site covered 425 acres in the city's center of the city and spanned its entire coastline. For more than a century, Fort Bragg was a coastal town without a waterfront because the mill had blocked public access to the coast.

In 2003, the Coastal Conservancy awarded Fort Bragg an urban waterfront grant to plan for reuse of the Georgia-Pacific mill site. Hundreds of local residents participated in an extensive community visioning process from which two key priorities emerged: provide public access along the coast; and help transition Fort Bragg's local economy from mining based industries to a rebuilding based economy. The community agreed that Fort Bragg's spectacular and remote coastal setting is the key to its future. The planning process generated an Open Space Framework that mapped a conceptual layout for a coastal trail and park system spanning the entire coastline of the mill site.

There were a number of challenges to transforming an old mill into the coastal park. The mill site was purchased and the property was contaminated from a century of industrial use with large areas that were covered with asphalt and compacted gravel. Huge volumes of stormwater ran across the site creating unstable and retreating coastal bluffs and the coastline included significant sensitive resources such as rare plants, bird nesting areas, wetlands, and marine mammal haul outs and Native American cultural sites that would need to be protected and preserved. Millions of dollars were needed to restore the property and construct the coastal trail.

The Fort Bragg Coastal Restoration & Trail project was conceived as a key recreational service that would serve the community and its visitors. The city spent several years negotiating for acquisition of approximately 100 acres stretching along the four-mile coastline on the former mill site. It was clear to the city that development was far off in the future. The mill site faced a complicated environmental remediation process; the market for new development in Fort Bragg is constrained by its remote location; and the entitlement process in California's coastal zone is complex and time consuming.

In 2006, the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program offered Fort Bragg technical support for a community based design process for the parkland.

RTCA planners led an intensive, invitational; three-day design workshop attended by nearly 70 civic leaders and community stakeholders. The conceptual plan became the basis for the project's environmental review, permitting, and design. Public meetings were held to refine the design. City staff also led hikes on the property to give community members a sneak preview of the coastline that few had ever seen.

The city spent nearly two years consulting with the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, a local tribe with deep connections to Fort Bragg's coastline, to honor the tribe's concerns and redesign the project to avoid disturbance of cultural sites. A preserve was established within the park that is accessible only for scientific research and tribal use.

The city imported 25,000 cubic yards of dredge sands from the Noyo Harbor District (which simultaneously solved the district's quandary over disposal of the material). The dredge sands were composted with spent grains from Fort Bragg's North Coast Brewing Company. This formed the basis for restoration of the site. Native seeds were collected locally by Jughandle Farm to ensure diversity of native vegetation on the 23 acres of newly created habitat (formerly asphalt). The project has resulted in a significant expansion of several federal and state listed plant populations.

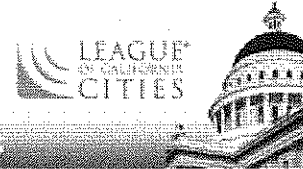
After years of negotiation, Fort Bragg succeeded in acquiring its coastline for public access. The State Coastal Conservancy awarded the city \$4.2 million for purchase of 37 acres along the coast and Georgia-Pacific agreed to dedicate another 45 acres as part of the deal. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control, which oversees the mill site environmental remediation process, helped expedite the cleanup of the future parkland with the city taking the title to the 82-acre coastal site in 2011.

Construction of the coastal trail and restoration of the bluffs took several years to complete and was funded by over \$7 million in grants from Proposition 84, the State Coastal Conservancy and Caltrans. The northern segment of the Fort Bragg Coastal Restoration & Trail Project was opened to the public in February 2015 and the southern segment was opened in December 2015. The trail is tremendously popular with local residents and visitors. In peak summer months, thousands of people visit Fort Bragg's coastal trail each day. The park has transformed Fort Bragg into a waterfront community.

The year 2015 was the strongest year for tourism in Fort Bragg. People are flocking to the new coastal trail and the influx is helping local businesses. In FY 2015–16, the city experienced higher Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) receipts than ever before. Year to year, after the trail opened, Fort Bragg's TOT revenues jumped 7 percent. The city, with the support of local lodging establishments, is now planning a ballot measure to increase the TOT rate to generate more revenue for marketing and promotions of Fort Bragg and to support coastal trail maintenance and security.

Fort Bragg has now set its sights on development of the Noyo Center for Marine Science on an 11-acre site adjacent to the new park and the North Coast Brewing Company is planning to triple its production capacity and build a destination brewery on a nearby parcel on the former mill site.

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Senator Roth's SB 540 Creates Blueprint for More Housing Construction *League-Sponsored Bill Scheduled for First Committee Hearing on March 21*

Local elected leaders are acutely aware of the severity of California's housing affordability crisis and their role in fashioning solutions. While numerous factors are contributing to the problem, there is an agreement that more needs to be done to create a path for and streamline new housing construction. Local governments do not build homes. Cities are responsible for planning and land use decisions that allow housing to be built. The League of California Cities® is sponsoring Sen. Richard Roth's (D-Riverside) SB 540 to create a robust system for planning and streamlining housing approvals and construction that ensures public engagement on the upfront planning process. *For more, see Page 2.*



Registration Now Open for the League's Legislative Action Day **April 19 in Sacramento**

It is the time of year when dozens of city officials make plans to descend upon Sacramento and the Capitol on Wednesday, April 19 for a full day of learning about priority issues, engaging with state lawmakers, and networking with colleagues from throughout the state. Online registration for this important event is free* and open until April 14. *For more, see Page 2.*

SB 540 Creates a Blueprint for More Housing Construction

SB 540 provides an enhanced up-front planning process for local governments that reduces delays and uncertainty when proposed projects are consistent with those plans. Ensuring local planning requirements and environmental mitigation measures are identified early would streamline the approval process to facilitate more housing construction.

In brief under SB 540:

- Cities and counties could identify priority housing areas within a community where enhanced planning, necessary environmental reviews and public engagement would occur at the front end.
- By focusing on workforce and affordable housing in areas close to jobs and transit, the additional streamlined process would encourage developers to propose projects that address affordable housing needs and climate protection goals.
- In order to be eligible:
 - 30 percent of units must be sold or rented to moderate income households;
 - 15 percent must be sold or rented to lower income households;
 - 5 percent must be sold or rented to very low income households; and
 - Funding to support the up-front planning would come from a revolving state loan fund available to local governments. Loans would be repaid when development occurs.

SB 540 Streamlines Housing Approvals while Protecting Public Engagement

Public engagement in the planning process is important and SB 540 helps streamline housing project approvals without compromising local control or the rights of citizens to participate in local land-use decisions. The proposal retains vital opportunities for public engagement and transparency, through the up-front plan development and environmental review.

Housing developments within these planned areas can proceed in an expedited manner. Because the local government has fully conducted the necessary environmental reviews, no project-specific additional environmental reviews would be needed. The environmental review and project streamlining stands for five years to provide the development community with needed certainty.

Under this proposal, a local government has the authority to approve or disapprove the housing development within 90 days of a completed application. Local governments cannot deny a development that satisfies the criteria of the plan. This approach could drastically streamline housing approvals and create a blueprint for more housing construction.

Next Steps

SB 540 has been triple referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing, Senate Committee on Governance and Finance, and the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. It will have its first hearing on Tuesday, March 21 in the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

The League issued an action alert on March 13 and has posted a sample letter to the League's online [Action Center](#) that cities can use to tailor with how SB 540 will affect their community.

The League's support letter can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging in SB 540 into the search function.

The League's [Housing Hot Issues webpage](#) features information about SB 540 and other housing-related legislation moving this session.

This event is a special opportunity to gather, network, and talk with your legislators.

Registration includes:

- Admission to educational sessions at the Sacramento Convention Center;
- Admission to the legislative reception; and
- Access to all program materials.

Events are free to League member cities and League Partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$250 per attendee.

Contact your Regional Manager to set up a meeting with your legislator.

For more information including schedule and registration, please visit the Legislative Action Day event webpage. Please direct questions to Megan Dunn, the League's registrar.
