

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**September 3, 2015**

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

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

None.

**II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. GOOGLE LETS GET OUR CITIES ONLINE PROGRAM**

The attached memo explains the City's partnership with Google to assist our local businesses by increasing their online presence.

**B. HOMELESS MEETING SUMMARY**

Allan Roeder provides information on homelessness in Orange County and a newly formed taskforce through the Association of California Cities-Orange County.

**C. BEHIND THE BADGE – HOMELESS OUTREACH DAY**

A copy of the article from Behind the Badge discusses the removal and assistance of homeless individuals from the flood control channel.

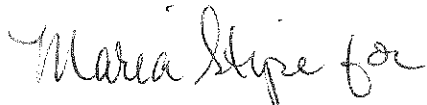
**• OTHER ITEMS**

– 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

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott C. Stiles  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: Google Let's Get Our Cities Online Program

From: Jim DellaLonga  
Dept: Finance  
Date: September 3, 2015

DISCUSSION

In March 2015, staff became aware of Google's Let's Get Our Cities Online program. This is a program that Google is using in an effort to get all the businesses in America an online presence. Here are some statistics provided by Google:

- Businesses that are online grow 40% faster than those that aren't
- Only 37% of businesses have claimed a local business listing on a search engine
- 4 out of 5 people use search engines to find local information such as business hours and directions

Seeing this as an economic development tool for the local business community, Garden Grove has since signed up with Google as a partner in this effort and has received promotional materials for the program. With all the materials received, staff has scheduled a workshop at the Courtyard Center on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 to help Garden Grove businesses create and/or update their respective business listings on the Google search engine. The Economic Development Division is working with the City Manager's Office, the Information Technology Department, and Community Services Office of Community Relations to promote and put on the event. Press releases, the City's website, mobile app, social media outlets, and Channel 3 will all be used to promote the event and the program.

Additionally, the city staff will be partnering with the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, which has also joined Google as a partner in the Let's Get Our Cities on the Map program. As a partner, Garden Grove now has its own "Let's Get Our Cities on the Map" website at <https://www.gybo.com/ca/garden-grove> where businesses and citizens can go for resources and additional information about the program.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott Stiles From: Allan Roeder  
Dept: City Manager Dept: City Manager's Dept.  
Subject: HOMELESS MEETING SUMMARY Date: September 3, 2015

This memorandum is follow-up to your advisement of the City Council at its regular meeting of August 25, 2015 on the above subject. The meeting was convened at the request of resident Joan Riddle and community members to Mayor Nguyen. The focus of the meeting was to learn about the extent of homelessness Countywide as well as here in Garden Grove; what steps are being taken to address the challenge and whether the City can play a greater role in addressing this need with local faith-based and non-profit organizations. In attendance were representatives of the Police, Fire, Community Development and City Manager's Departments, residents and representatives from the County of Orange and 2-1-1 Orange County.

Karen Williams, CEO of 2-1-1 OC, offered background on 2-1-1 OC and provided a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) on the Point-in-Time (PIT) count conducted in January 2015. The census is required by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) as a condition of receiving Federal Grant funds for a wide variety of housing programs. The count includes both unsheltered homeless (those living in conditions not meant for human habitation including streets, sidewalks, parks, abandoned buildings, dumpsters, etc.) and sheltered homeless (those currently living in shelters, transitional living housing or similar emergency housing). The results of the one-day count reflected a 5% increase in the homeless population as compared to the count conducted in 2013. For Orange County as a whole, this resulted in an estimated homeless population of 15,291. While the count indicated a decrease in the numbers of homeless families (-14%) the numbers of homeless individuals increased (+9%) for the same time period. The presentation went on to identify several other indices from the PIT count.

Julia Bidwell of the County of Orange/Community Services Department provided an overview on the Commission to End Homelessness and the Continuum of Care under HUD. The Commission was created by action of the Board of Supervisors and includes municipal elected officials, representative of the Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs and City Managers Associations, County officials, non-profit and faith-based organization representation and a representative of the homeless community. The Commission is advisory to the Board of Supervisors on a variety of issues pertaining to homelessness including the allocation of approximately \$19 million in HUD funds to OC, establishment of emergency shelters, implementation of Laura's Law and related issues. The HUD funding is allocated to a wide variety of public, non-profit and faith-based organizations focused on eliminating homelessness.

Representatives of both the County and 2-1-1 OC addressed current efforts towards Centralized Assessment/Centralized Intake to expedite access to existing programs & resources. At present, there is no one-centralized system or process to assess the needs of homeless individuals and place them with available facilities, programs or services. Efforts underway are to bring together all of the entities servicing the homeless community onto one network to provide real time availability of shelter beds, programs and services along with information to determine suitability of placements. This is a requirement of continued HUD funding to Orange County (as well as elsewhere across the Nation) and will go a long way towards matching needs with resources near-term.

Joan Riddle and fellow residents addressed their many years of responding to the needs of the homeless specific to Garden Grove. The residents have been very active locally through faith-based and non-profit organizations as well as at the County level. Based on their many years of experience, they have prepared a list of eight (8) recommendations to the City of Garden Grove (see attached). While some of the attached recommendations are already being implemented by the City in whole or in part (use of the Homeless Court and other alternative sentencing resources, direct referral to services providers), many others have not been undertaken. Most importantly, the residents are looking to the City to assume a leadership role with the support and involvement of non-profit, faith based and other community organizations in addressing homelessness consistent with the Countywide Plan to End Homelessness.

The Garden Grove Police Department provided a status update on its efforts to work with the Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement agencies as well as County Social Services and Mental Health in focusing on the relocation of homeless from flood control channels and overpasses. Given drought conditions the past few years, flood control channels and other drainage courses have become frequent points of encampment by individuals seeking shelter. With El Nino conditions anticipated, these areas will be subject to rapid flooding putting individuals at immediate risk. The effort will be closely coordinated with service providers with all available resources utilized to relocate individuals.

Finally, the Association of California Cities-Orange County (ACC-OC) announced this week the establishment of a newly-formed policy task force on the subject of homelessness. Identified as the "Homelessness OC Task Force," the ACC-OC is looking to bring together elected and appointed officials from all 34 cities, the County of Orange, non-profit and faith-based organizations as well as other interested parties in addressing this issue. The initial meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 7:30 am at the office of CARE Ambulance in Orange. The City of Garden Grove will be well represented by yourself as well as Council member Phat Bui who has expressed an interest in serving on the task force.



# Orange County's 2015 Point in Time Count and Survey

The City of Garden Grove  
August 24, 2015

Karen Williams  
2-1-1 Orange County



## Background on 211OC





www.211OC.org



## Purpose of the Point in Time (PIT) Count & Survey

- Point in Time data required for HUD's annual Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Application, which brings \$19.5 Million of HUD funding into Orange County's agencies
- Generates valid, accurate, qualitative and quantitative data regarding the homeless for better service planning and delivery
- Helps community to gain better understanding of issues and needs of the homeless in Orange County
- Timing: night of January 23<sup>rd</sup> for sheltered count & early morning of January 24<sup>th</sup> for unsheltered count (HUD requires Count within last 10 days of January)

# Methodology

- Used the same methodology as in 2013 (“known locations” combined with “random sample of areas” count methodology, with an applied statistical formula) in order to have consistency
- By collecting, analyzing, and understanding information, our system of care can support development goals
- 70 homeless persons and 748 homeless service providers and community volunteers participated
- 5 deployment centers located in the Supervisorial Districts

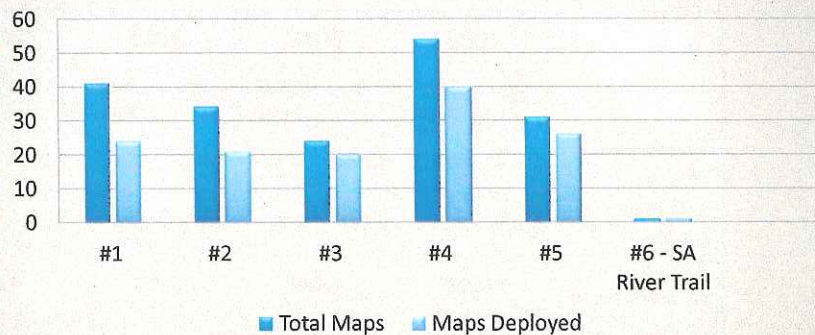
*How the Data is Used:*

*By combining the count with the survey ensures that characteristic data is representative of the actual population counted.*

*47% of those approached agreed to participate in the survey and were homeless and unsheltered; those responses were used to generate the population data.*

## 5 Supervisorial Districts / Deployment Centers

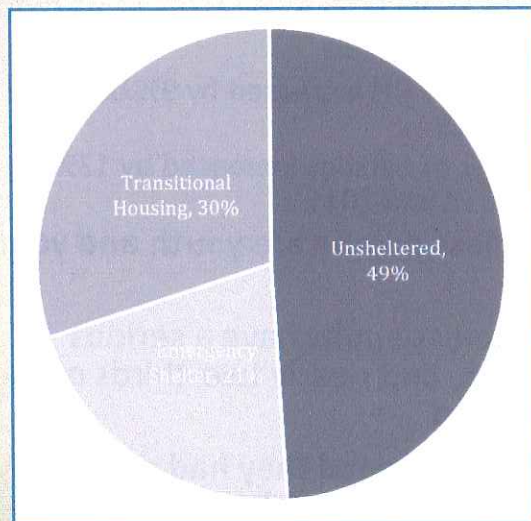
# of Maps by Deployment Center



District #	Location
1	2110C/ The Village at 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana
2	Colette’s Children’s Home, Huntington Beach
3	Families Forward, Irvine
4	Victory Baptist Church, Anaheim
5	Family Assistance Ministries, San Clemente



## Current Living Situation of Homeless



*Seasonal  
Emergency  
Shelters were  
open during  
the PIT Count.*

## Key Findings: Details

- Percent of Orange County's population that are homeless **remained the same** at 0.14%
- **Overall homeless population increased by 5%**
  - Sheltered homeless decreased by 13%
  - Unsheltered homeless increased by 31%
  - Chronic homeless decreased by 30%
- **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:** 37% of persons in HH with children (1,394)
  - Family composite: 61% are children and 39% are adults, including 15 unaccompanied minors
  - 99%+ of homeless families housed in Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing programs
  - Total # of families **decreased** by 14% between 2013 and 2015



## Homeless Population by Living Situation

	Emergency Shelters	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
Total Homeless Households	666	649	2,039	3,354
As % of all homeless households	20%	19%	61%	100%

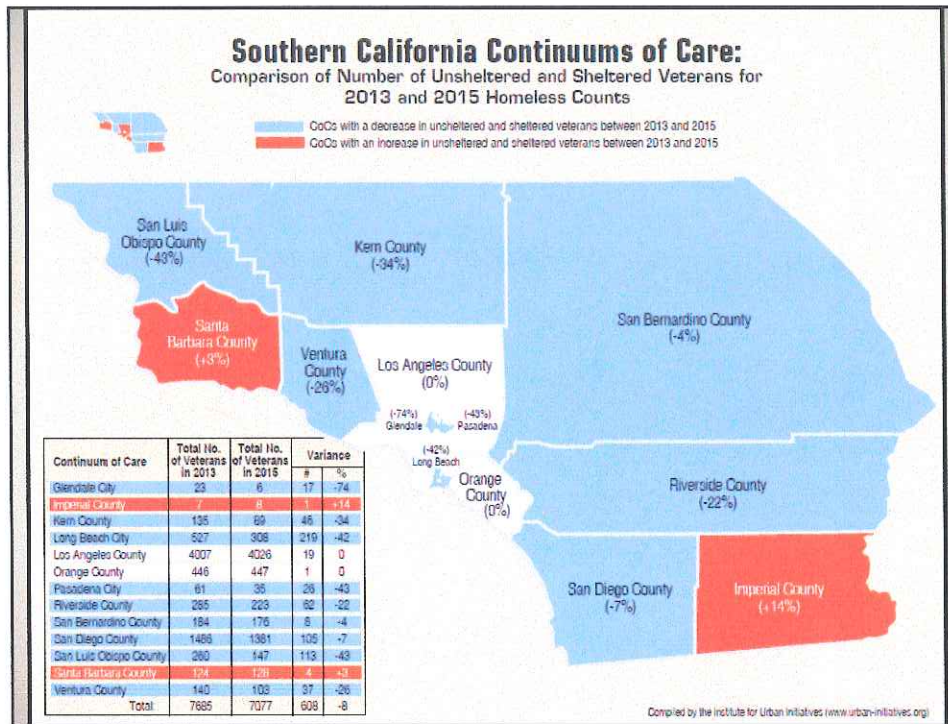
  

Household Type	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Adult only	532	80%	321	49%	2,035	99.8%	2,888	86%
Adults and Children	121	18%	328	51%	2	0.1%	451	13%
Child Only households	13	2%	0	0%	2	0.1%	15	<1%

*Adult only households make up nearly 100% of the unsheltered population and 80% of those residing in shelter.*

## How do we compare to SoCal Region?

County	2013 PIT	2015 PIT	Difference	Percent Change 2013-2015
Los Angeles	35,524	41,174	+ 5,650	+16%
Orange	4,251	4,452	+ 201	+5%
Riverside	2,978	2,378	- 600	-20%
San Bernardino	2,321	2,149	-172	-7%
San Diego	8,879	8,742	-158	-2%
Ventura	1,674	1,417	-257	-15%



## Successful Strategies & Key Local Initiatives

- The development of 83 new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
- 624 new Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers, providing homeless veterans with housing and supports in permanent housing
- Additional housing opportunities such as the Shelter Plus Care program currently serving approximately 650 people who are homeless and disabled
- Development of the new Coordinated Entry System, addressing the need to remove barriers to homeless people for program entry; August 1, 2015 first people housed
- Reallocation of HUD funds from lesser performing Transitional Housing programs to two new programs (one PSH and one Rapid Rehousing) beginning this year
- Technical Assistance provided to support application for a new \$2.5 Million PSH program, which was awarded to a collaborative of providers and will fund an additional 100+ new units in our community

## |RECOMMENDATIONS|

Many faith communities, non-profits and county agencies are providing services for homeless individuals. However, gaps remain and cities must become partner's in addressing and reducing homelessness. Based on the groups' findings, we would like to make these eight recommendations to the City of Garden Grove.

1. Establish a committee of non-profits, community members and other stakeholders with a city liaison person to report regularly to the City Council regarding implementation of these recommendations, and to explore other long-term, cost-savings approaches to addressing homelessness in Garden Grove.
2. Support the development of a multi-service center operated by a non-profit organization to provide centralized and coordinated services, as well as emergency and transitional beds for homeless individuals.
3. Extend hours of public restrooms in the city to reduce the need for urination and defecation in public.
4. Direct staff and City Attorney to utilize the Homeless Court, Veterans Court and Mental Health Court systems when applicable and appropriate to help homeless persons.
5. Initiate discussion with neighboring cities to explore expanding the number of emergency shelter beds and permanent supportive housing, using the 'housing first' model.
6. Continue to support further training for police officers and other city staff who engage the homeless to redirect towards appropriate services and referrals to conserve the City's resources.
7. Make every effort to coordinate with the County Plan to End Homelessness by 2020.

*• storage units*



# Garden Grove Police Department

## Crime / Problem Analysis Action Plan



Project Name: TRANSIENT RELOCATION PROJECT

Problem Location: FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL FROM CHAPMAN 766 BLDG

Officer: HATFIELD

Assigned Sergeant: SGT WAINWRIGHT

Begin Date: 7-15-15

Target End Date: 10-15-15

Lieutenant Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Review: \_\_\_\_\_

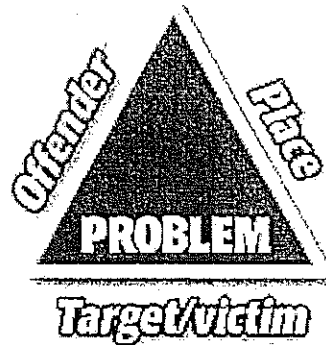
The purpose of this plan is to help officers analyze crime and community problems and develop short and long-term strategies to reduce or eliminate identified problems.

### Crime Triangle

3 Things have to come together in order for a problem to exist.

- Offender
- Victim
- Place

By hardening a triangle side or removing it, the problem occurrences are reduced or eliminated.



## Step 1 – Identify the Problem

(Describe the problem in detail, attach statistics if applicable)

TRANSIENT AND HOMELESS PERSONS HAVE BEGUN  
ACQUIRING PORTIONS OF THE FLOOD CONTROL  
CHANNEL, AND SURROUNDING BUSINESS LOCATIONS  
AS TEMPOLARY HOUSING. LARGE AMOUNTS OF  
PERSONAL EFFECTS, BIKES, FURNITURE ITEMS  
AND OTHER PROPERTY ARE BEING STORED  
IN THE CHANNEL OVERPASSES AND CONNECTING  
RUN-OFF PIPES. THE SURROUNDING BUSINESSES HAVE COMPLAINED  
OF ILLEGAL DRUG USE, BUGLARIES, PETTY THEFTS, TRESPASSING AND  
BLITHE RELATED ISSUES.

Definition of a "Problem":  
 Can be simply – something bad that happens repeatedly.

Doesn't always have to be a Crime Series.

Also consider:  
 Repeated Calls to an Address  
 Neighbor Disputes  
 Homeless Complaints  
 Problem Businesses  
 Quality of Life Issues

## Step 2 – Identify the Stakeholders

Who is your VICTIM? CITIZENS OF GG, EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS OF BUSINESSES, BUSINESS OWNERS, EMERGENCY RESOURCES.

Who is your OFFENDER? TRANSIENT & HOMELESS PERSONS, PAROLE & PROBATIONERS, ILLEGAL DRUG USERS AND ADDICTS.

Describe the PLACE? FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL, RUN-OFF PIPES AND STREET OVER-PASSES.

## Step 3 – Analyze

(Consider each side of the Crime Triangle. Determine why a crime or community problem exists using this model)

VICTIM THEFTS FROM BUSINESSES, VEHICLES AND VERBAL/PHYSICAL ALTERCATIONS RESULTING FROM CONTACTS.

OFFENDER "OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND" THEORY, ILLEGAL DRUG USE, POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY. AVOIDING OUTSTANDING WANTS/WARRANTS.

PLACE SAFETY OF THE HOMELESS AND TRANSIENT PERSONS, DAMAGED FENCES, SIGNS (TRESPASS OR KEEP OUT), SECLUDED ACCESS POINTS.

## Step 4 – Develop Strategies

(Using the information from Step 3, plan your response)

VICTIM PROVIDE CRIME REPORTING INFORMATION CARD TO SURROUNDING BUSINESSES. CONTACT BUSINESSES FOR PROPER SIGNAGE/CAMERAS/ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES.

Enforcement strategies might be appropriate, but are typically short-term solutions. Consider also strategies that will significantly reduce the likelihood of the problem reoccurring (crime prevention efforts, partnership agreements, neighborhood watch, etc.)



**OFFENDER** PROVIDE RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL SERV.,  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, REHAB PROGRAMS, VA BENEFIT LEASON  
SERVICES. ENFORCEMENT OF APPLICABLE LAWS.

**PLACE** ENSURE (6671) OFFICERS (BEAT 1-D) HAVE KEYS TO ACCESS  
POINTS, WORK REPAIR REQUEST FOR DAMAGED FENCING, GATES, SIGNS  
& OTHER ACCESS POINTS. POSSIBLE LIGHTING IN AREAS.

(Log your efforts and the effect it made. Indicate in the box the letter that corresponds with the Crime Triangle and describe what you did.)

V=Victim, O=Offender, P=Place

V/O/P Date Description

7-20-15 MINH CONG PHAM (5-5-68) WAS SWEEP AWAY BY  
RAIN WATER & FOUND DEAD IN SEAL BEACH PHAM HAD BEEN LIVING IN  
CHANNEL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS & WAS LAST CONTACTED AND GIVEN  
TRESPASS ADJUDGEMENT APPROX 5 DAYS PRIOR.

7-15-15 CONTACTED 8 PERSONS LIVING IN CHANNEL. MATTHEW  
MILLAM LOCATED W/ OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANT & IN POSSESSION (11576A)

7-15-15 NOTED (2) POINTS OF DAMAGED FENCING FOR ENTRY  
INTO CHANNEL. NEAR 7011 66 BLVD / & KNOTT N/O (66 BLVD) NEAR CALVARY  
CHAPEL CHURCH. OEPN NOTIFICATION MADE TO REPAIR FENCING.

7-22-15 RECEIVED 915 PERSON CALL @ ENTRANCE TO CHANNEL  
NEAR WESTERN / LAMPSON. (CONTACTED (2) PERSONS UNDER WESTERN STREET.  
MALE (WALTER WALKER 5-5-89) IN POSSESSION (115776A). FIELD ARREST  
MADE.

8-11-15 RECEIVED 486 COMPLAINT FROM CALVARY CHAPPEL CHURCH @  
KNOTT / ACALIA: SPOKE TO ADMIN RED WHO SAID TRANSIENT CAME FROM CHANNEL, TOOK  
444 CASHWING TRADLER, LOADED DONATION BIN CLOTHES & LEFT W/ ALL ITEMS. WILL CALL  
BACK FOR REPORT WHEN VIDEOS & TALL INFO AVAIL. RED ALSO STATED TRADER  
WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITALITY INN ON FRIDAY AND ATTEMPTED TO BE SOLD.

V/O/P Date Description

8-12-15 COORDINATION CONTACT MADE w/ STANISH SD, WFO, VET 1<sup>ST</sup>, BHS, COUNTY OF ORANGE PU FOR PROJECT ON AUG 26/2015 @ 0900. CONTACTED LINDY NAGAMATSU FOR GIS REP.

8-12-15 CONTACTED WESTERN PROGRAM SERV @ 12600 WESTERN. COMPLAINTS OF THEFTS, VANDALISM & TRESPASSING.

DESIRES PROSECUTION & WILLING TO SIGN FOR LETTER.

DAN BURKHART CELL: 714-899-8881 - PRESIDENT/CEO

REF OUTREACH PROJECT

8/13/15 SEE CONTACT LIST → CONTACTED OUTREACH PROGRAMS REF CHANNEL PROJECT STA 18, 47, GGFD (WESTERN), VETS FIRST, COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERV, COUNTY OF ORANGE P.W.,

RESOURCE

8/17/15 SPOKE TO CHRISTINA RAMIREZ - CNTY OUTREACH & RELOCATION SERV, WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT FOR PROJECT.

RESOURCE

8/18/15 CONTACT GGFD → WILL HAVE PARAMEDICS PRESENT FOR PROJECT TO ADDRESS MEDICAL CONCERNS. WAITING FOR CONTACT NAME.

RESOURCE

8/18/15 CALVARY CHAPEL - PHILIP MENSALVAS CELL: 562-547-9511. CONTACTED REF PROJECT. GAVE AUTHORIZATION TO USE P/LOT FOR STAGING & RESOURCE PROJECT.

8/18/15 JAMES KIRKLAND (714) 591-3535, MET w/ CITIZEN REFERENCE TRANSIENT/HOMELESS CONCERNS. VEC HAS PETITION SIGNED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS & BUSINESSES TO REQ ENFORCEMENT ACTION REFERENCE ISSUES IN FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL.

RD.

8/18/15 → SENT EMAIL TO EGPD BEAT OFFICERS REQ ALL TRANS/HOMELESS ISSUES BE FORWARDED TO ME. ALSO REQ FLOOD CONTROL SELF INITIATED ACTIVITY BE LIMITED TO AID IN RESOURCE DRIVE NEXT WEEK.

## Step 5 – Assess Effectiveness

(Did your strategies work? Why or why not?)

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### Crime / Community Problem Summary

#### Enforcement Action:

	F	M	Other
Arrests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports Taken	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FI's	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Alternative Action:

	Y	N
Stakeholder Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Prevention Involved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership Agreements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attach before and after crime statistics or other related materials to document results or effectiveness.



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## Garden Grove Police worry that predicted monster El Nino will put homeless in peril



A Garden Grove PD officer helps a homeless man and his dog living in a flood channel under Western Avenue in Garden Grove up a steep embankment as the Garden Grove Homeless Task Force conducts a cleanup sweep. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

By Lori Basheda

[September 02nd, 2015](#)

A “Godzilla” El Nino is on its way, weather forecasters warn. And there is no segment of the population more in danger of flash floods than the homeless. This worries Brian Hatfield.

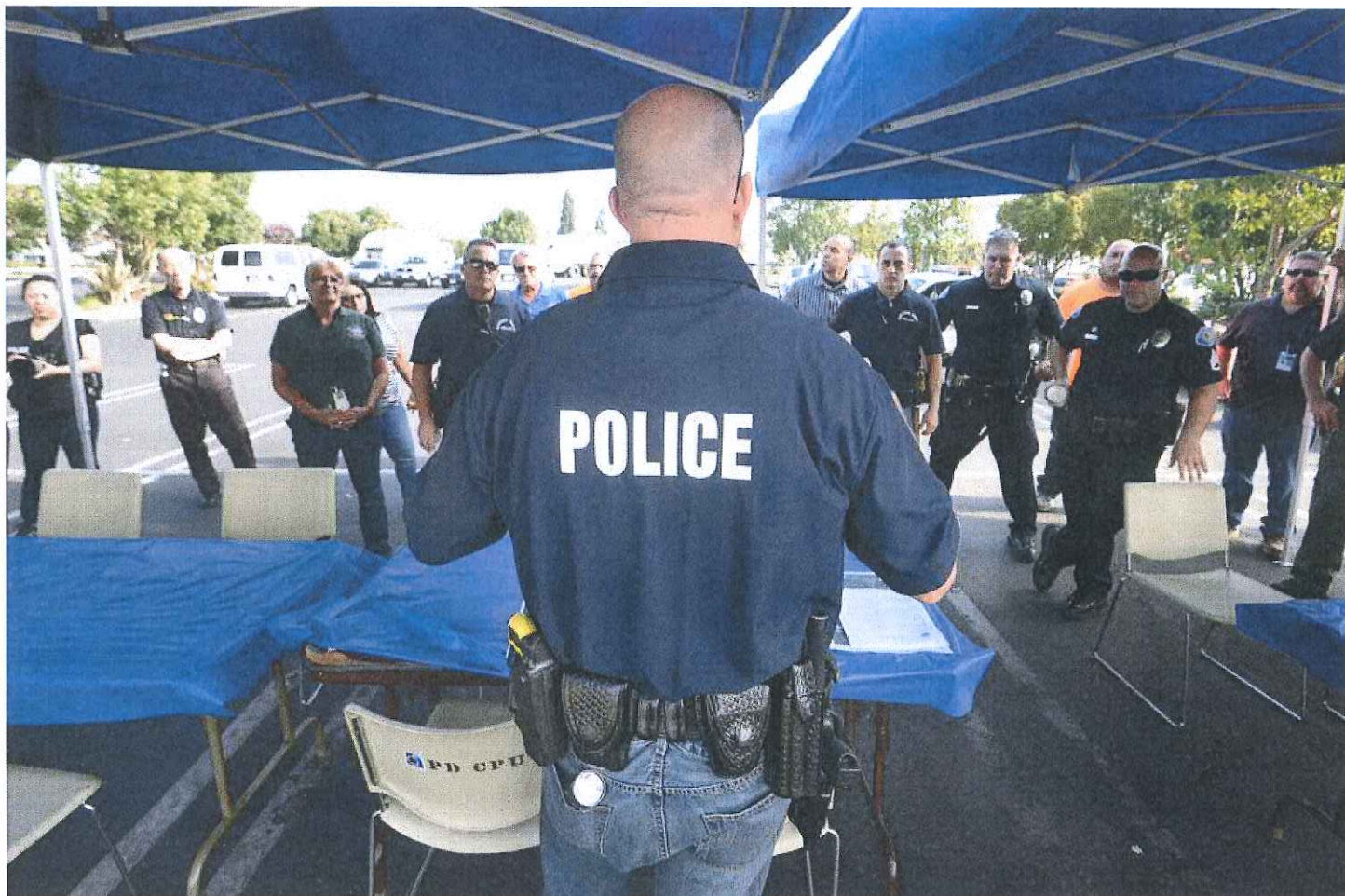
The Garden Grove patrol officer has several family members who struggle with mental illness. One of them wound up briefly homeless.

“I’ve (been touched by mental illness) all my life,” he says. “So I know what support for these people means. How quickly things can break down without support.”

And the next thing you know you’re setting up camp in a flood control channel — a perfect place to be swept away in a rainstorm.

It already happened this past July.





Garden Grove PD Officer Brian Hatfield briefs the task force on how to handle the homeless with respect before walking down to the flood channels behind Calvary Chapel on Knott Avenue where the homeless are living. The tents and tables set up ahead of time were so the health care professionals could talk to the homeless about services available to them.

Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

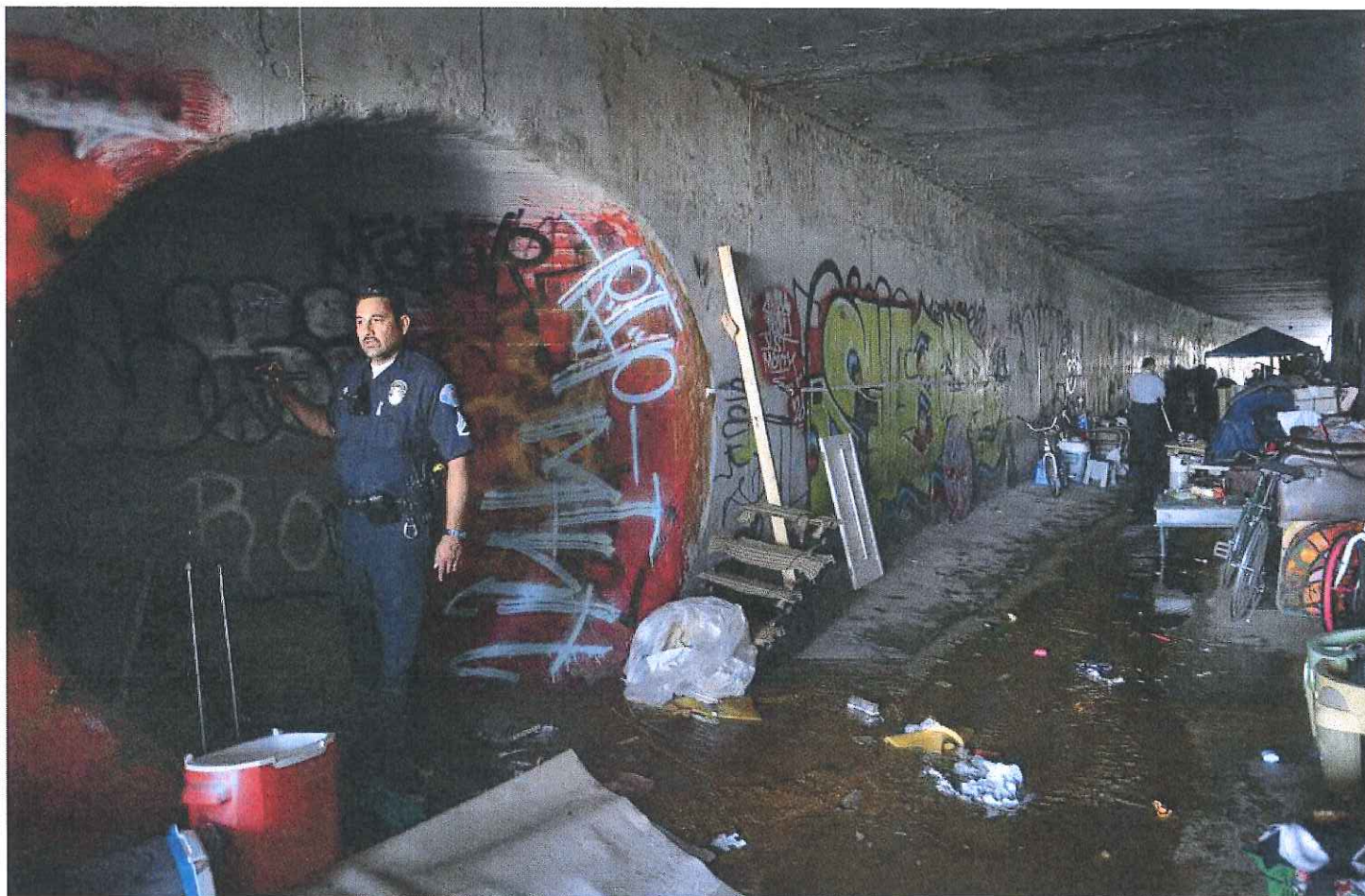
One day Hatfield was talking to a homeless man he had become friendly with. Two days later he learned that the guy had washed up in Seal Beach, apparently swept out of the culvert in a flash flood from the freak rainstorm that hit Orange County. Last year, two homeless men living in Anaheim washed up in Huntington Beach.

Garden Grove Police spokesman Lt. Bob Bogue said the department's goal is to form a task force dedicated to the homeless population, which generates about 40 percent of all calls for service. But with no funding right now, limited manpower and a predicted El Nino on its way, Hatfield felt like it was time to move.

"I don't want to see any more loss of life," he says. "There are families out there hurting."

He got the green light from his supervisor, and then spent the next 45 days planning a Homeless Outreach day to help people living in the flood control channel east of Knott Avenue between Lampson Avenue and the 22 Freeway.





Garden Grove PD Sgt. Richard Burillo looks down a side drainage channel where a bedroom was set up under Knott Street, where some homeless people recently were moved out.

Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

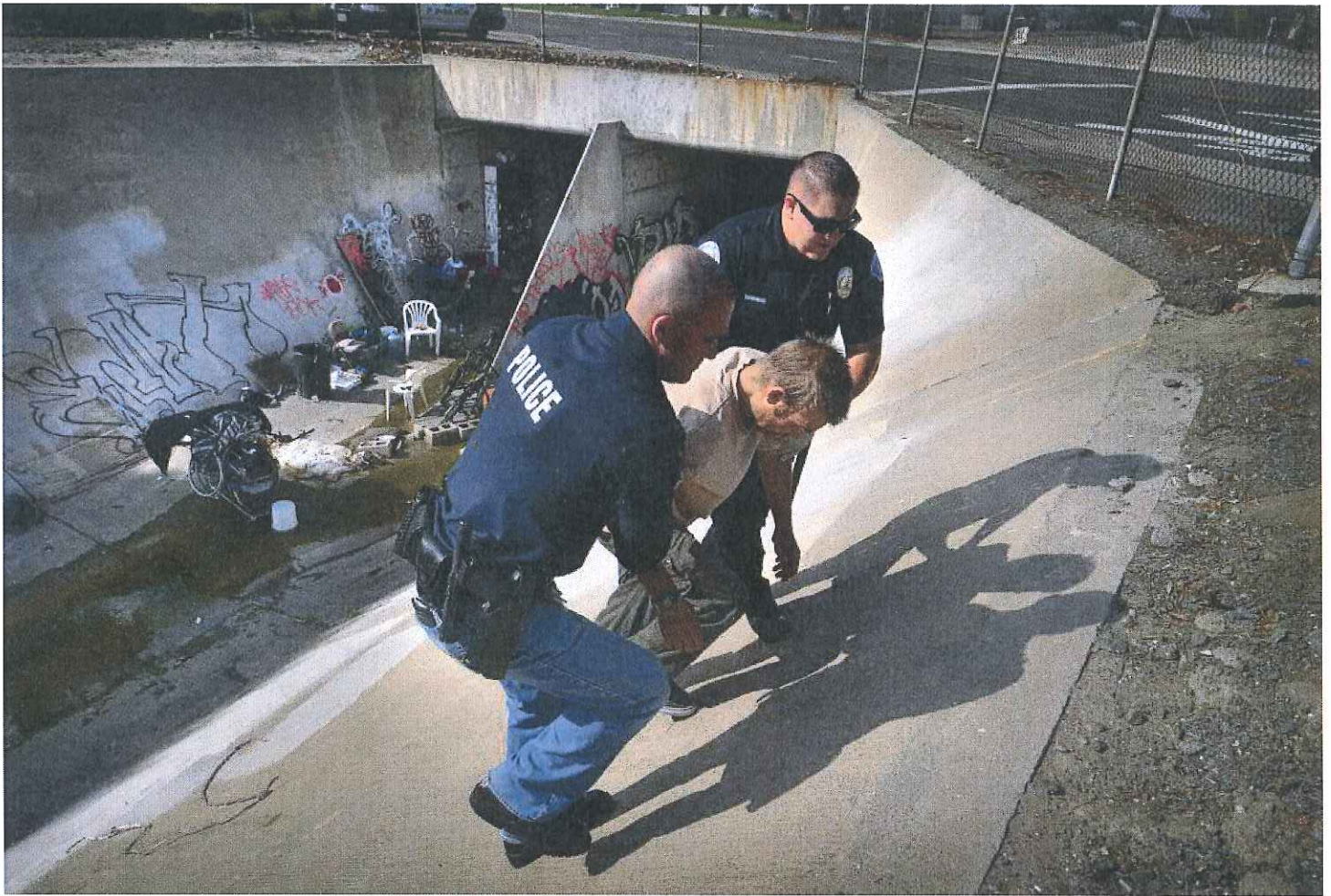
Hatfield rounded up social workers, mental health professionals, veteran affairs workers, and, since the concrete channel is technically county property, a county public works clean-up crew and members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. The goal: To link as many people as possible to resources that could potentially get them out of the channel.

On a recent Saturday morning in August, the team set up tents and tables and a box of hot Starbucks coffee in the parking lot at Calvary Chapel Westgrove off Knott Street. From there, police officers walked down into the concrete culvert.

One sprawling camp was furnished with white plastic chairs, bedding, bicycles, book shelves, a mirror, shopping carts filled with clothes and two little dogs. A total of 16 men and women were told to gather up their personal belongings and meet in the parking lot up above; the county would be along shortly to haul off whatever else was left.

Besides serving as a campsite out of the public eye, the flood control channel is a human highway; a way for the homeless to move about the city without attracting attention.





Garden Grove PD officers help a homeless man living in a flood canal under Western Avenue up a steep embankment.  
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

Hatfield didn't need any introductions. He already knew everyone by name.

"I'm here every week down in some channel," he says. "Ninety percent of my contact is just being human with them. I tell them, 'This is just a monkey suit. I'm a man, too.' You take the cop out of the scenario, treat them like humans, like everyone else walking down the street, and that respect is returned."

He doesn't get too caught up in WHY someone is on the streets.

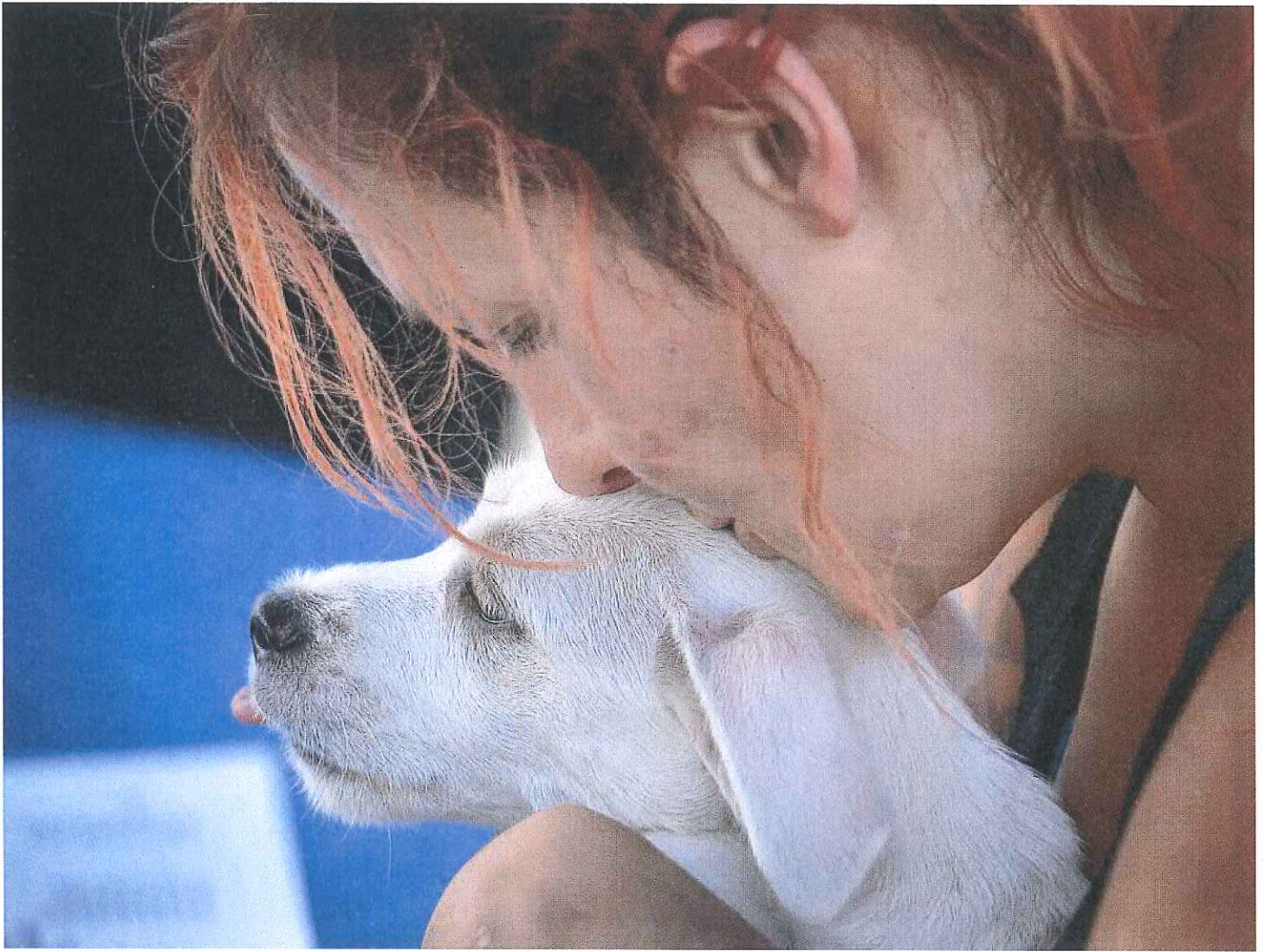
"You know what? It's a hundred different reasons," he says. "I'm not here to judge."

He says he is there for two reasons only.

"To educate them on violations of the law. And help them seek assistance to get out of the channel."

But it's their choice.





Candice Mello, a homeless woman who has been living in the flood channel under Western Avenue for a few months, gives her dog Spaz a hug while she talks to health care professionals about her options after the Garden Grove Homeless Task Force recently moved her and others out of the area.  
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

“I’m not trying to make them have a home. But I can create that bridge. I will pave the road for that person. I cannot make them walk it.”

On Saturday, Candice Mello wasn’t convinced she was ready to take the walk. She and her boyfriend and little dog Spaz were talking to social workers under a tent. Did they want to go to a shelter? Not unless the couple could go to the same one. And they couldn’t go together unless they were married. Did they want to get married? “It costs money to get married,” she replied.

Mello, who was sharing a water bottle with her dog, said the couple once had a condo in Huntington Beach but it was foreclosed on.

“We were doing good, and then we lost it,” she said. That was two years ago. They’ve been outdoors ever since.

Hatfield has helped others take the walk, though.





Garden Grove PD Sgt. Richard Burillo looks down a side drainage channel where a bedroom was set up under Knott Street.  
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One day he was driving down the road in his patrol car when he saw a driver flip a U turn and start following him. Hatfield pulled over and the other car followed. The driver got out. "Officer Hatfield!" he yelled, approaching to shake his hand.

It took Hatfield a moment to realize that the man was a veteran he had helped get into rehab a few months before. He didn't recognize him all cleaned up.

"If one person takes that step forward today, everything I've done for the last 45 days — all this — was a success to me," he says.

As it turns out, more than one person took a step forward.

The final tally: Two women agreed to seek assistance with transitional housing and one man agreed to enter a rehabilitation program, according to Bogue. An Air Force veteran was also directed to the Veterans Assistance Program for help.

Toward the end of the morning, a man walked up to shake Hatfield's hand.

"Officer Hatfield, I can't say enough. Thank you for everything you've done, man," said Matt Twist, who has been on the street for nearly a year. "I appreciate all your hard work. It means a lot to me. God bless you. Thanks for helping us out."





The Garden Grove Police perform a search of a homeless man for safety reasons but did not place anyone in handcuffs or under arrest as the Garden Grove Homeless Task Force conducted a clean-up sweep of people living in the flood channel under Western Avenue in Garden Grove. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

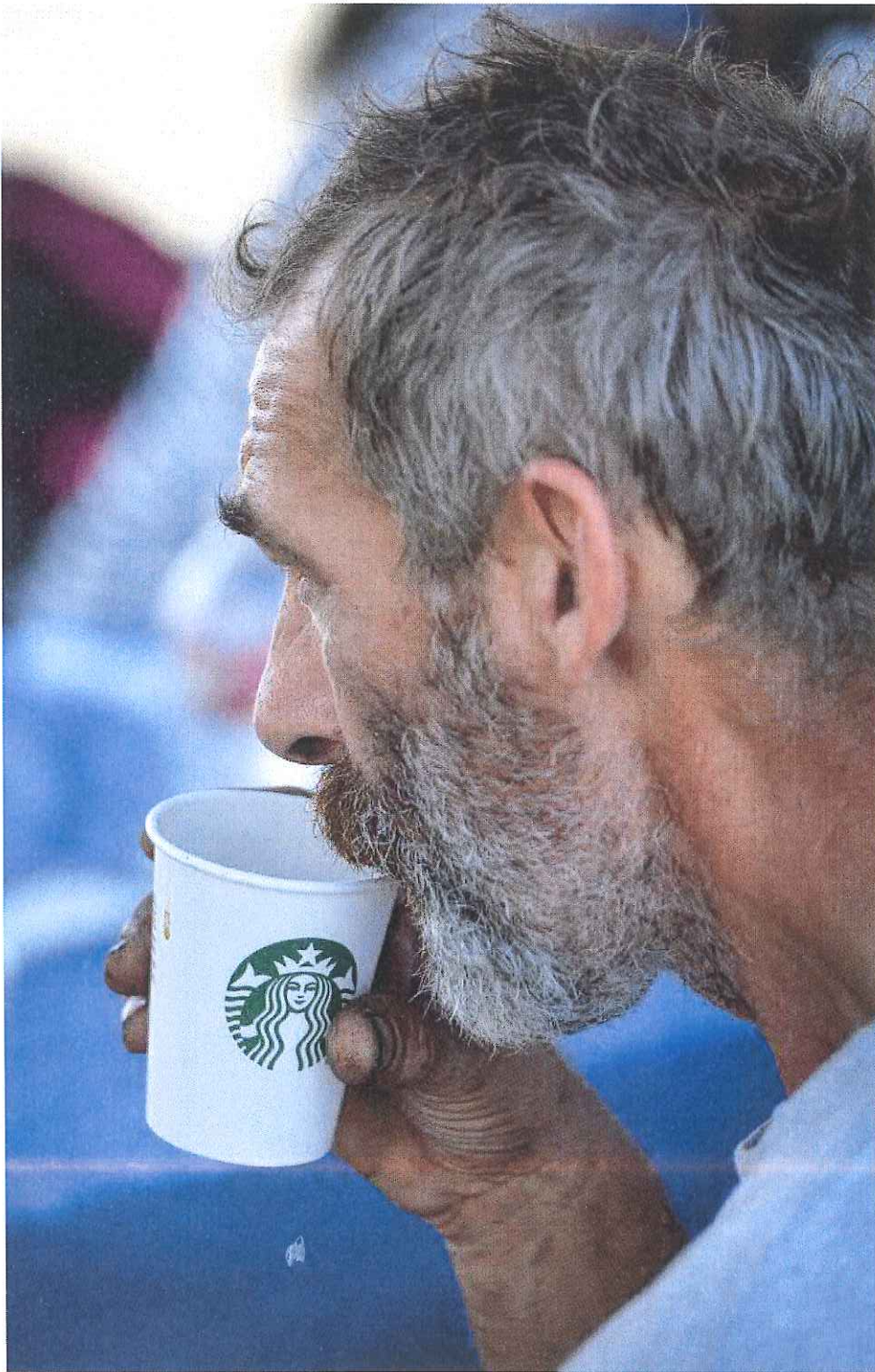
Twist said he was ready to go get some help and try to get back on his feet.

“I’d like to keep in touch with you.”

He then saluted Hatfield and sauntered off across parking lot with a list of phone numbers for resources in his hand.

Said Hatfield: “Law enforcement’s role in the community has changed.”





Matt Twist, a former heavy equipment operator who has been living in the flood channel under Western Avenue for about 10 months, gets some coffee as he talks to health care professionals about his options after he and others were moved out of the area.  
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC





Garden Grove PD officers inspect a flood channel under Knott Street after the people living there were removed. Police believe the homeless there were not responsible for the graffiti.  
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



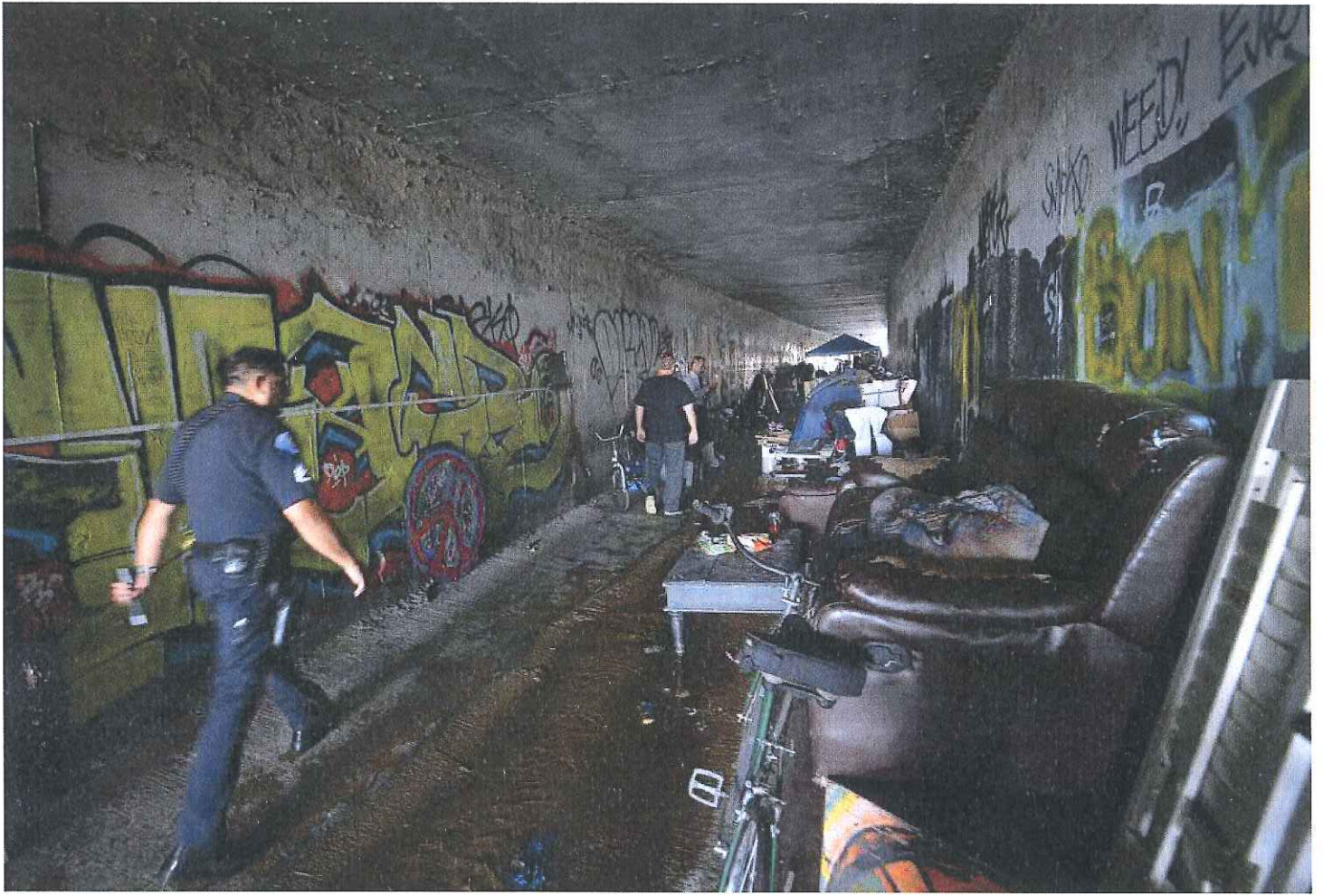


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Garden Grove PD Officer Roger Flanders walks past a makeshift dam in an attempt to get the water to divert to the other side of the flood channel under Knott Street.  
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC





A Garden Grove PD officer helps a homeless man and his dog living in a flood canal under Western Avenue in Garden Grove up the steep embankment as the Garden Grove Homeless Task Force conducts a cleanup sweep.  
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC



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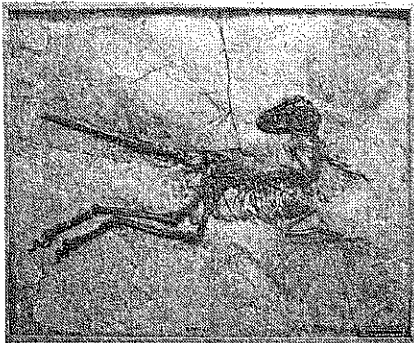
## Creationist to talk about fossil find

An electron microscope expert, Mark Armitage, will discuss microscopic images of dinosaur fossils Friday at Calvary Chapel West Grove, 12832 Knott St.

A science club at the Garden Grove church is hosting the event, which will include refreshments and an open dialogue about the significance of the fossils and what they reveal about history.

Armitage is a young-Earth creationist scientist, however the club invites people of all backgrounds to come and engage in the discussion.

— Brooke E. Seipel



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Electron microscope expert Mark Armitage will discuss dinosaur fossils Friday at Calvary Chapel West Grove. This fossil, Zhenyuanlong sun, is kept at the University of Edinburgh.

## Make your pets 'legal beagles'

Garden Grove has a reminder for pet owners: All dogs over 4 months old must have a license from Orange County Animal Care.

In a statement last week, city officials also noted that getting your dog or cat (cats are optional) a pet license establishes your ownership of the animal and increases your chance of finding it if it's lost.

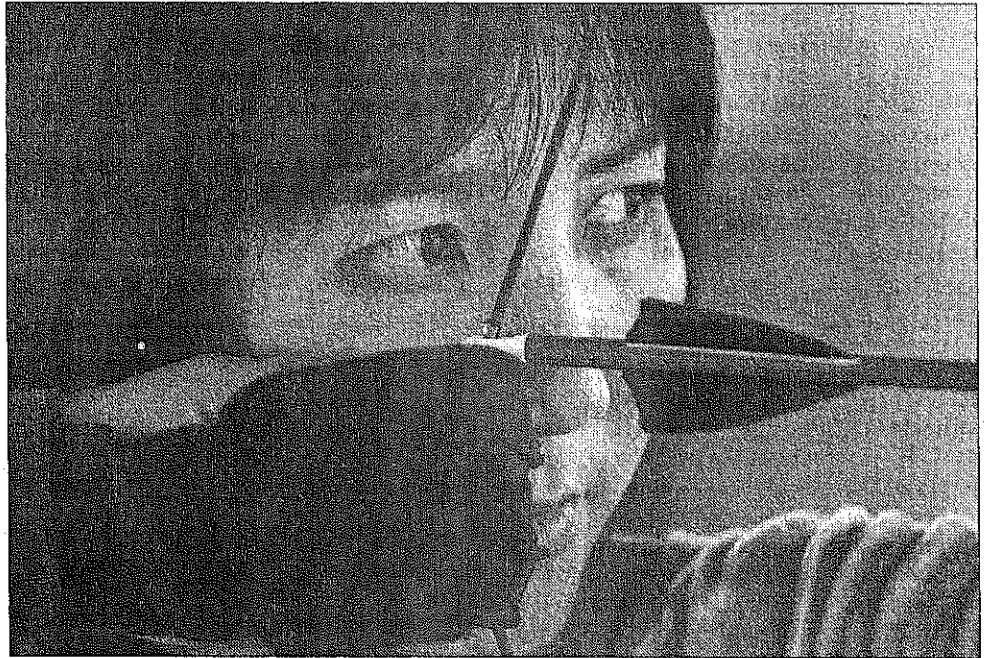
In order to get a license, your pet must have proof of having had a California-approved rabies vaccination.

Information: 714-932-6848 or [ocpetinfo.com](http://ocpetinfo.com).

— Chris Haire

# THE → THINGS TO KNOW

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MICHAEL GOULDING, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tamie Nguyen of Westminster takes aim during a recent practice session at the Mile Square Park archery range.

## EYE ON THE TARGET

A staff photographer recently spotted a group of archers at Mile Square Park.

Michael Goulding caught this great picture of Westminster resident Tamie

Nguyen as she set her sights on the target.

When a photo hits the bull's-eye, you've got to share it.

— Heather McRea

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Sept. 3, 2015

# Councilmen question statistics on cameras

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove will keep its red-light cameras – for now.

The City Council last week refused to cancel its contract with Redflex Camera Systems, which monitors the program, but several councilmen – primarily Mayor Bao Nguyen and Councilman Phat Bui – questioned the Police Department's staff report. The council has asked the police to take a deeper look into

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the effectiveness of the cameras in reducing crashes.

Garden Grove has contracted with Redflex Traffic Systems since 2007 to provide red-light cameras, which the city now has at eight intersections.

In August, the city's contract with Redflex renewed. Garden Grove pays \$40,600 a month.

The police's staff report said the cameras have reduced both the number of T-bone collisions, which are typically the most likely crashes to result in death or severe injuries, and rear-end crashes.

"The program is solely for safety," Police Chief

Todd Elgin said at the meeting. "Bottom line, it's had a significant reduction in collisions."

The police compared the last three years of crash data at intersections with cameras to statistics from the three years before the cameras were installed.

The council was unconvinced about the methodology of the police's study, with Bui even asking to see the raw data, and seemed swayed by an independent audit presented to the panel last week by Jay Beeber, the executive director of Safer Streets L.A. The organization advocates against red-light cameras, saying their use is unfair to drivers.

That study looked at crash data from 2001 to 2014 and concluded that collisions increased after the cameras were implemented.

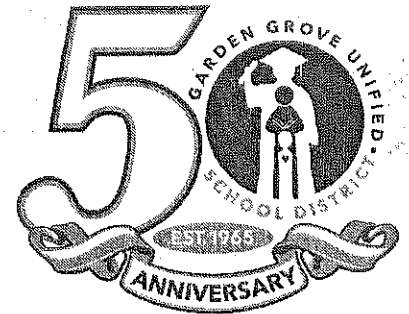
"These are very small sample sizes," Beeber said about the overall number of accidents at some intersections, saying that the decrease the police cite is "not statistically significant."

Bui and Nguyen said they will hold out on judging the success of the program until after the Police Department reviews Beeber's study, with the mayor saying he also wants to "know the methodology" of the department.

"We need to have the information," Bui said. "We need to know if Mr. Beeber's numbers are correct. Until then, I am undecided."

The council can vote anytime to cancel its contract with Redflex, but must give the company a 30-day notice before it's voided.

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT UNVEILS NEW LOGOS

Academic and personal skills, and lifelong success – those are the themes depicted in Garden Grove Unified School District's new logos.

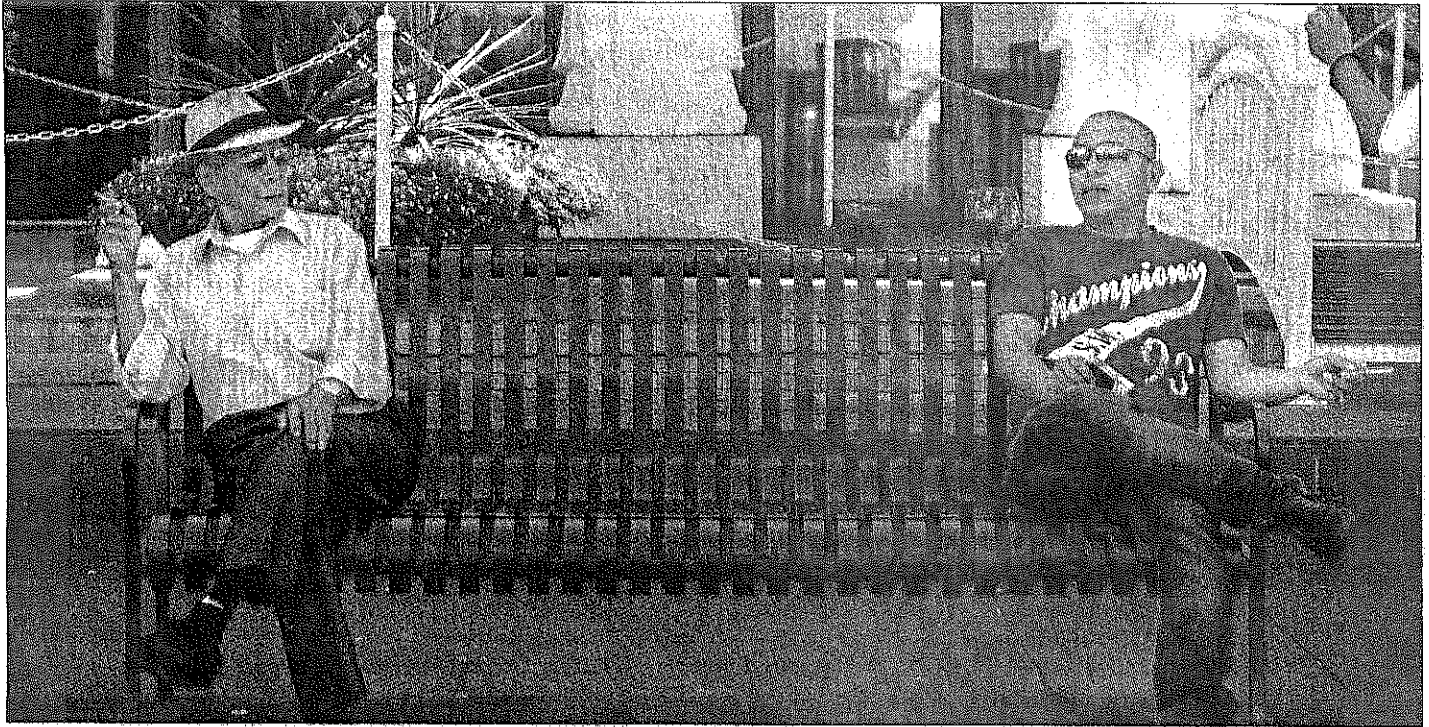
The school district, in honor of its 50th anniversary and its new strategic plan, recently revealed two logos, one for the 2015-16 academic year and a permanent one.

The permanent logo shows three layered images of students with a cap and diploma; an open book and a heart. The figures are inside a blue circle with the school district's name around it.

The anniversary logo uses the permanent logo as a zero, with a giant "5" to the left, making "50."

– Chris Haire





KYUSUNG GONG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A pair of men smoke in front of the Asian Garden Mall in Westminster. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gave a \$2.1 million grant to a nonprofit group to fund an effort to reduce smoking in the Vietnamese American community.

# LITTLE SAIGON GETS HELP KICKING THE HABIT

Group says it will use \$2.1 million grant to reduce smoking.

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • With the help of a \$2.1 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the nonprofit Boat People SOS announced Monday that it and several other Little Saigon organizations will try to reduce smoking in the Vietnamese community.

Vietnamese American men, particularly those in the first generation, smoke at a much higher rate than the national average.

Lung cancer is the No. 1 killer for Vietnamese men and women, according to the Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation. Only an estimated 1 percent of Vietnamese women smoke, but they are often exposed to secondhand smoke from their fathers and husbands.

"Smoking is prevalent among Vietnamese," said Gia Ly, spokeswoman for the Boat People SOS's California chapter. "The anti-smoking campaign never took

hold in Vietnam, and so for a lot of older Vietnamese here now, old habits die hard."

The anti-smoking effort's goals:

- To get commercial plazas in Little Saigon to enforce anti-smoking laws and policies,
- To connect Vietnamese Americans to services dealing with smoking-related diseases,
- To cut down on the number of smokers.

The grant will pay for seminars, lung-

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Nhan Hoa Clinic Chief Operating Officer Kathy Kieu-Diem Nguyen, left, discusses a program to reduce the number of smokers in the Vietnamese community, during a conference Monday at Kaiser Permanente in Garden Grove.

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cancer screenings and educational programs.

The project's leaders admit they have a tough battle.

"It's hard to beat those social determinants," said Becky Nguyen, the executive director of the Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation. "We look up to those who smoke."

More than 31 percent of Vietnamese American men in California smoke cigarettes, according to a 2009 study by the California Department of Public Health. In comparison, nationally 20.5 percent of men smoke.

During Fall of Saigon commemorations and inside Vietnamese coffee shops, older Vietnamese Americans regularly light up cigarettes. To some, smoking is considered masculine.

"In my family, if you don't smoke and you don't drink, you're not a man," said Trang-Khanh Tran, executive director of the California chapter of Boat People SOS. "If women smoke, they are considered bad girls."

Many smokers picked up the habit during the Vietnam War, when the South Vietnamese government provided cigarettes to soldiers for free.



A man smokes Monday in front of Asian Garden Mall in Westminster.

Others started after the Fall of Saigon, as a way to relieve the stress of having to flee their homeland.

Ly Kien Truc is 68 years old. The Westminster resident, who survived years in a Communist re-education camp and arrived from Vietnam in 1992, blames one thing for feeling weaker every day: the 20 cigarettes he has smoked daily for the past 45 years. He picked up the habit during the conflict between North Vietnam and South Vietnam.

"In war, life and death are very close to each other," he said. "So smoking became a happiness for me."

But Truc said that his failing health and his family's opposition to his ad-

diction may soon compel him to wean himself off cigarettes.

"I think I'll be ready to quit soon," he said. "But it's very difficult."

The anti-smoking coalition's leaders said they plan on acting as a bridge to connect smokers with doctors, experts on the myriad smoking-related diseases and those who may be able to help them quit.

Like most ethnic enclaves, Little Saigon is highly insulated, with many of those living there shielded from mainstream culture. The anti-smoking movement that has drastically cut the number of smokers in the U.S. has not penetrated Little Saigon.

Nguyen said Vietnamese culture places an emphasis on strength, so very few people discuss illnesses.

Michael Tran, 65, and Sam Bui, 50, hung out near a maintenance room outside the Asian Garden Mall on Monday afternoon, chatting during a cigarette break.

Both have smoked for more than 30 years and admit cigarettes are unhealthy. But they don't plan to quit.

"The Vietnamese habit is drinking and smoking," Bui said. "We gamble, smoke and drink a lot. It relieves stress."

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Red lights:** Garden Grove will keep its contract with Reflex Traffic systems, which helps run the city's red-light cameras. But the City Council was unconvinced by a staff report about the program's effectiveness and asked for a further statistical analysis. Councilman Phat Bui, in particular, asked to see the raw data to determine for himself whether the cameras reduce traffic accidents.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Firefighter jobs:** The Fire Department will accept applications for firefighter and paramedic positions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 14. The application is available on the city's website. Firefighter applicants must have graduated from an academy accredited by the state fire marshal and have a valid emergency medical technician certification.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Emergency training:** The city is having a CPR and first-aid certification from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 12 as part of its volunteer Community Emergency Response Team program. The cost is \$25. Seating is limited, so you must register with Don Thorpe at thorpedj@yahoo.com.  
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Register  
Sept. 3, 2015

## GARDEN GROVE

**Senior Spelling Bee:** The annual Senior Spelling Bee will be at 10 a.m. Sept. 15 in the H. Louis Lake Senior Center dining room, 11300 Stanford Ave. All participants must be 60 or older and register by Sept. 10. First-, second- and third-place finishers will receive prizes. Information: 714-741-5253.

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## **GARDEN GROVE SENIORS ARE BUZZING FOR 2015 SPELLING B-E-E**

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be spellbinding contestants with their annual Senior Spelling Bee. The event takes place on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, starting at 10:00 a.m., in the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's dining room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. All participants must be 60 years of age or older and pre-register by Thursday, September 10, 2015.

The competition allows seniors to enjoy the cognitive and social benefits of exercising their minds. Although prizes are only awarded to seniors placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, all participants win by boosting senior brainpower.

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center offers additional free fitness programs to promote healthy aging for the body and minds of seniors.

For more information about the Spelling Bee, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253, or visit in person at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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# THÔNG TIN

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Public Works Department

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### **CITY HALL ĐÓNG CỬA NGHỈ LỄ LAO ĐỘNG**

Thành phố Garden Grove và Trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center  
sẽ đóng cửa vào Thứ Hai, ngày 7 tháng 9, 2015 nhân dịp lễ Lao Động (Labor Day). Phục  
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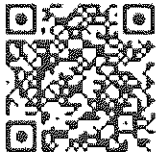
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Thành phố Garden Grove và Trung tâm H. Louis Lake Senior Center sẽ đóng cửa vào Thứ Hai, ngày 7 tháng 9, 2015 nhân dịp lễ Lao Động (Labor Day). Phục vụ quét đường và lấy rác sẽ không làm việc vào ngày lễ mà được dời vào những ngày khác.

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## Tổng quản trị Garden Grove muốn tìm hiểu cộng đồng Việt Nam

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Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt (thực hiện)

LTS. Ông Scott C. Stiles vừa được bổ nhiệm làm tổng quản trị thành phố Garden Grove, một thành phố có nhiều cư dân gốc Việt nhất ở Little Saigon. Ông Stiles có 26 năm kinh nghiệm làm việc, và là tổng quản trị tạm thời của thành phố Cincinnati, Ohio, trước đây. Ông có bằng cao học về kế hoạch cộng đồng, lập gia đình, và có hai người con gái. Nhân dịp ghé thăm nhật báo Người Việt mới đây, ông đã dành cho tòa soạn cuộc phỏng vấn sau đây.



Ông Scott C. Stiles (phải) hỏi thăm một nhân viên tại nhật báo Người Việt. (Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

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### ĐỌC NHIỀU NHẤT»

Một phụ nữ gốc Việt

**Linh Nguyễn (NV):** Xin cho biết mục đích ông đến thăm nhật báo Người Việt?

**Scott C. Stiles:** Qua phương tiện truyền thông của tờ báo uy tín như nhật báo Người Việt, do ông Steve Phạm, thành viên ban cố vấn Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove, giới thiệu, tôi muốn cư dân Garden Grove và cộng đồng người Mỹ gốc Việt ở Little Saigon biết rằng tôi luôn sẵn sàng để đến với mọi người khi cần có sự đối thoại với thành phố, và về bất cứ vấn đề gì.

**NV:** Xin ông nói rõ hơn.

**Scott C. Stiles:** Nếu là cư dân Garden Grove, xin gọi cho văn phòng tôi để hẹn. Nếu là một nhóm người, một hội đoàn, một tổ chức, tôi có thể thu xếp để đến tiếp chuyện, nếu liên quan đến đời sống của mọi người, thí dụ như chuyện về đường xá, cảnh sát hay vấn đề cứu hộ.

**NV:** Sau ba tuần trong chức vụ tổng quản trị thành phố, ưu tiên công việc của ông là gì? Ông đã làm được gì?

**Scott C. Stiles:** Trong ba tuần qua, ưu tiên công việc của tôi là học hỏi tất cả những gì liên quan đến vấn đề chỉ tiêu và tìm hiểu nhân sự của thành phố. Tôi thấy nhân viên thành phố rất chuyên nghiệp và làm việc siêng năng. Kế đến là việc tiếp xúc với các cộng đồng cư dân. Quan tâm hàng đầu của tôi là phải giải quyết vấn đề thâm hụt ngân sách của thành phố.

**NV:** Ông muốn nói gì về cách đối phó với vấn đề thâm hụt ngân sách?

**Scott C. Stiles:** Đây là một vấn đề lớn. Năm ngoái, để quân bình ngân sách, thành phố đã lấy khoảng \$4 triệu từ quỹ dự trữ để bù đắp vào quỹ tổng quát (general fund), nhưng tôi nghĩ không thể cứ mỗi năm, mỗi lấy ra để bù đắp. Tiên bao nhiêu cho đủ? Chỉ tiêu phải có trách nhiệm.



những tình dục

**Scott C. Stiles:**

**Thủ Tướng Trung Quốc Lý Khắc Cường có thể bị loại**

-Theo tôi, chỉ tiêu phải theo thứ tự ưu tiên. Thứ nhất là an toàn công cộng. Muốn thế, phải có cảnh sát và lính cứu hỏa. Kế đến là các dịch vụ công viên và các kế hoạch phát triển kinh tế, đem lợi nhuận về cho thành phố.

**Hình nộm Donald Trump bán chạy ở San Francisco**

-Về phương cách để quản bình nhân sách, tôi phải làm việc với thị trường và các nghi viên, hoặc phải giảm hay cắt bỏ nhân sự hay dịch vụ; hoặc giữ nguyên trạng nhưng làm việc siêng năng hơn để có thêm tiền mướn thêm cảnh sát, lính cứu hỏa, tu bổ công viên.

**Tâm hồn Việt của văn sĩ Pháp lai Phạm Ngọc Lân**

-Tôi sẽ đề ý đến thuê khách sạn tại các khách sạn mới được xây dựng trên đường Harbor.

**Năm tỉ phú Mỹ đã từng hút cần sa**

-Tôi phải tìm phương cách giải quyết dự án Galleria, kiến trúc 8 tầng hiện chỉ có sườn sắt gần góc Garden Grove và Brookhurst.

-Một dự án xây dựng chung cư 180 căn nhà, vừa nhà ở vừa làm khu thương mại (mixed use) trong khu Brookhurst Triangle (góc Garden Grove và Brookhurst).

-Kêu gọi cư dân sinh sống, làm việc, buôn bán, giao dịch trong thành phố Garden Grove, vì vị trí rất tiện lợi, gần các xa lộ, và có hệ thống giáo dục rất tốt cho con em.

-Thành phố sẽ cần thêm nhân sự, mướn thêm nhân viên. Phòng nhân viên sẽ ra thông cáo tuyển người.

**NV:** Ông có dự tính phát triển du lịch trong thành phố không để có thêm tài chánh không?

**Scott C. Stiles:**

-Như đã đề cập tới vấn đề thuê khách sạn, khu du lịch "The Grove District Anaheim Resort," nằm trong Garden Grove, gồm chín khách sạn hiện đại, 3,000 phòng và không gian rộng 85,000 sqft dành cho các sự kiện tổ chức. Số thu nhập sẽ không nhỏ.

-Tôi cũng làm việc với các tổ chức phụ trách du lịch, như OC Visitors Association và Garden Grove Tourist Improvement District.

**NV:** Ông có dự tính gì để giúp thực hiện chính sách minh bạch (transparency) của Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn?

**Scott C. Stiles:** Trong quá khứ, khi còn làm ở Cincinnati, Ohio, tôi áp dụng chính sách "dữ kiện mở" (open data), có nghĩa là tất cả các dữ kiện liên quan đến công việc của thành phố, tôi để cho công chúng có thể nhìn thấy được.

**NV:** Vấn đề pháp lý liên quan đến ông David Bartag, cựu giám đốc Sở Cứu Hỏa Garden Grove, đến đâu rồi? Ông có thể cho biết?

**Scott C. Stiles:** Theo tôi biết, hiện nay hồ sơ vụ này còn nằm tại Văn Phòng Biện Lý Orange County, và trong vòng điều tra.

**NV:** Ông tiếp xúc với các cộng đồng ra sao?

**Scott C. Stiles:** Riêng cộng đồng người Việt, qua Nghị Viên Phát Bùi, tôi được phỏng vấn trên một đài truyền hình, hình như là 57.3 TV, và hôm nay tôi đến nhật báo Người Việt. Hy vọng độc giả Người Việt biết được sự sốt sắng tìm hiểu cộng đồng người Mỹ gốc Việt của tôi.

**NV:** Cám ơn ông trả lời phỏng vấn.

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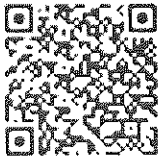
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## Thành Phố Garden Grove Mở Lớp Huấn Luyện Cấp Cứu CPR

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Cấp cứu.

Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ mở một lớp huấn luyện để cấp chứng chỉ CPR / First Aid / AED do công ty EMS Safety Services phụ trách hướng dẫn.

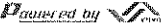
Lớp huấn luyện sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 12 tháng 9, từ 8:00 giờ sáng - 5:00 giờ chiều. Chi phí cho lớp học là \$25.

CERT là một tổ chức tình nguyện phối hợp với Sở Cứu Hỏa Garden Grove với mục đích huấn luyện cho cư dân để chuẩn bị ứng phó, hướng dẫn khả năng tự vệ nếu có biến cố xảy ra.

Các thành viên của đội C.E.R.T. đã được huấn luyện để giúp đỡ hỗ trợ ở giai đoạn đầu trong trường hợp có thiên tai xảy ra.

Chỗ ngồi có giới hạn. Để đăng ký và biết địa điểm tổ chức lớp học, vui lòng liên lạc ông Don Thorpe qua email tại [thorpedj@yahoo.com](mailto:thorpedj@yahoo.com) hoặc 714-376-7633.

Để biết thêm thông tin liên quan đến chương trình C.E.R.T., vui lòng truy cập tại <http://cert.gardengrovefire.org>.

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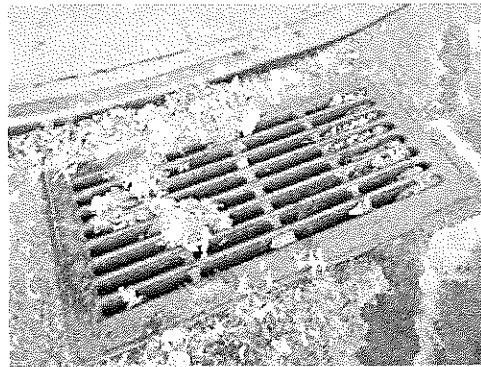
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### Garden Grove và Westminster được hơn \$300,000 cho dự án nước

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Hai thành phố Garden Grove và Westminster vừa nhận được hàng trăm ngàn đô la từ Cơ Quan Giao Thông Orange County (OCTA) để cải thiện chất lượng nước trong thành phố, theo tờ OC Register.



Một nắp cống xuống hệ thống lắng bùn. (Hình minh họa: www1.nyc.gov)

Garden Grove nhận được \$200,000 để trang bị thêm một hệ thống thủy lợi ở trên hai đoạn đường Magnolia, đoạn thứ nhất từ đường Westminster đến đường Trask, và đoạn thứ hai từ đường Lampson đến đường Chapman.

Về phía Garden Grove, thành phố sẽ bỏ thêm \$85,780 cho dự án này.

Ông Bill Murray, giám đốc Sở Công Chánh Garden Grove, nói, "Hệ thống thủy lợi là một phần của dự án sửa sang toàn diện trong khoảng một năm. Hệ thống này sẽ hiệu quả hơn so với các hệ thống phun nước hiện nay và sẽ giúp giảm thiểu lượng nước sử dụng, giúp duy trì tốt mặt đường."

Ông nhấn mạnh, "Nhiều đường đang gặp vấn đề nước phun lên trên mặt quá nhiều, làm hư lớp nhựa phía trên. Dự án này sẽ giúp chúng ta giảm nước và giữ gìn lớp nhựa trên mặt đường."

Garden Grove cũng được lắp đặt tám bộ lọc vào cống thoát nước mưa trong khu vực đường Magnolia để ngăn cản các mảnh vụn trong nước sinh hoạt chảy vào cống rãnh, loại bỏ các chất ô nhiễm ra khỏi nguồn nước.

Trong khi đó, Westminster nhận được \$125,414 để lắp đặt 77 hồ lắng bùn, để giữ nước mưa, khắp các khu công nghiệp, thương mại và nơi có mật độ dân cư cao. Trong dự án này, thành phố sẽ đóng góp \$44,475.

Tuy nhiên, Hội Đồng Thành Phố Westminster chưa đưa ra bình luận và không chắc dự án được thực hiện.

Số tiền Garden Grove và Westminster nhận được là một phần của ngân khoản \$3 triệu phân bổ cho các dự án tại 17 thành phố ở Orange County. (Q.D.)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**September 3, 2015**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Copy of the letter from Pastor John Steward of Mount Olives Church voicing his disagreement with an editorial in the Orange County Register that stated Orange County should become one large city.
3. Notice of Cancellation for the September 10, 2015 Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated August 29 and September 1, 2015.





**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 3, 2015 – September 19, 2015

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Thursday	September 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Thursday-Sunday	September 3-6		One More Productions presents "The Secret Garden", Gem Theater
Friday	September 4		City Hall Closed
Monday	September 7		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	September 8		Garden Grove Unified School District First Day of School
		5:30 p.m.	Study Session/Closed Session, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	September 9	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday	September 10	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday-Saturday	September 10-12	7:30 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Pirates of Penzance"
Thursday-Sunday	September 10-13		One More Productions presents "The Secret Garden", Gem Theater
Saturday	September 12	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Thursday	September 17		Casual Day – Western Dress
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Thursday-Saturday	September 17-19	7:30 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Pirates of Penzance"
Friday	September 18		City Hall Closed



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August 2015

Mayor Bao Nguyen  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Mayor Bao Nguyen,

Several weeks ago I responded to an editorial in the Orange County Register by Eric Spitz. He had written saying that Orange County should become one large city for greater efficiency. Enclosed you will find my response in the Orange County Register. I am writing to share this response with you and to further comment about this misguided idea.

Orange County does not have to become the "third largest city in the United States" in order to have greater efficiency because we already have it. Already many cities are sharing services. In South County three cities have joined together for Animal Control services and are doing a very effective job. In addition most cities are using the Orange County Fire Authority and Sheriff departments and these arrangements work well.

We have had these kind of recommendations in the past. I remember when we debated the need for an International airport at El Toro. Many said that we had to have it in order to maintain employment. Well, we just recovered from the Great Recession and so we can test this hypothesis. During the Great Recession Orange County had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the State. Los Angeles, with several airports had a significant higher rate of unemployment.

The problem is that those in our community who say that we need to be one large city never examined this from a sociological perspective with empirical evidence. Just because it sounds good in theory doesn't mean that it will really work. In this case it would be a disaster. The economy of scale you might achieve in purchasing paper or some other product is greatly off set by the general mismanagement that comes with most every large city in America.

People enjoy the quality of life here just the way it is. Why is it that ever so often someone comes along to fix what isn't broken? People like the results of what smaller cities bring through micro-management. They love the regularly paved streets, low crime rates, cheaper trash pickup and the like, which Los Angeles never seems to have because Los Angeles cannot be managed.

I hope that you will join me in ensuring that we keep our quality of life in the OC.

Respectfully,

Pastor John R. Steward  
Sr. Pastor

# Is uniting Orange County a good idea?

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Eric Spitz proves his lack of understanding about the way things really work. He suggests that Orange County become one large city in order to have greater efficiency. I grew up in the San Fernando Valley, which is a part of the city of Los Angeles, and I can tell you from firsthand experience Mr. Spitz's recommendation would be a disaster.

I watched our tax dollars leave the Valley never to return in a significant way. I watched as each year the entire city of L.A. continued to decline even after every mayor since Tom Bradley said they would turn it around and make it better. They couldn't because a city as large as L.A. cannot be governed efficiently. In fact, the opposite occurs and that is true of large cities throughout the United States.

The best thing that could happen to L.A. is if it broke up into several smaller cities that could be managed. That is what we already have in O.C. With 34 cities, and hundreds of Homeowner Associations, we find a quality of life that people from L.A. wish they had. Mr. Spitz says that having 34 separate mayors and city councils is not efficient. Please consider that these mayors and council members are paid very little for their services and they do it out of civic duty and pride.

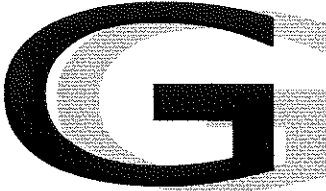
The end result is a greater level of oversight than you could ever find in L.A. That is why so many people move here from L.A. They're leaving the failed results of what a large city brings for the outstanding quality of life that comes from having the localized control of small cities.

As a pastor in this community for the last 21 years, I say if it isn't broken, don't fix it.

Rev. John Steward

Mission Viejo





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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE**  
**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: September 3, 2015

  
SUSAN EMERY  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Aug. 29, 2015  
Issue #82

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Page 8: California City Solutions: Grass Valley's Center for the Arts Creates Community Pride, Expands Economic Development

Page 9: HUD Secretary Asks Mayors to Join Sept. 4 Conference Call on Veteran Homelessness

## **Flawed RDA Proposal Fails to Move in Senate; Will Assembly Develop an Alternative?**

It was déjà vu all over again on Wednesday when the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee cancelled its Aug. 27 hearing on AB 113 (Committee on Budget), the Department of Finance (DOF)-sponsored redevelopment dissolution bill. One hundred and fifteen cities oppose this measure due to the significant financial harm it would cause. This was the second time this bill has stalled; the same committee previously cancelled its July 13 hearing a few hours prior to the hearing. Despite many meetings with senators, DOF refused to budge on key issues relating to repaying city loans. Thus the bill failed to proceed due to a lack of votes. Cities should thank their senators for their thoughtful and principled approach. The focus now shifts to whether the Assembly will develop a more workable alternative. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **League Hot and Priority Bill Update; End of Session Nears**

Friday is the deadline to amend bills in the Legislature. Once that deadline ticks past, the final days of the session are often chock-full of “gut-and-amend” bills. The often-criticized process allows legislators a means to completely change the intent of a bill during the last few days of session — sometimes skirting the committee process and bypassing legislative review. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **End of Session Signature/Veto Requests Webinar Scheduled for Sept. 15**

The Legislature will wrap up the first year of the 2015-16 legislative session on Sept. 11 and then Gov. Jerry Brown will have until Oct. 11 to sign or veto all bills. The League's legislative team has scheduled an end of session webinar with city officials to review top priority bills that cities will need to advocate for signature or veto by the Governor. This free 90-minute webinar will be held on Sept. 15 from 2-3:30 p.m. *For more, see Page 8.*

**'RDA' Continued from Page 1...**

Thursday afternoon the League learned directly from Assembly Democrat legislators who are part of an informal working group looking into the issues surrounding AB 113 that they are developing an alternative RDA proposal. This proposal is expected to be discussed with Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) on Monday and vetted with the Assembly Democratic Caucus on Tuesday, Sept. 1. It is unclear what these changes will be, but many Assembly members have previously voiced concerns with the RDA proposal and its harmful impacts on the repayment of city loans.

The real unknown is whether DOF would now be willing to work on a reasonable solution to the outstanding issues. This could be done either by allowing the courts to continue to provide guidance on the definition of "loan" and how to calculate interest rates, such as the courts ruled in the recent cases affecting *Watsonville* and *Glendale*, or by inserting language in the law *that actually reflects what the courts have ruled*.

From the outset the bill has been divisive, containing provisions that are beneficial to specific cities and other provisions added in May that have nothing to do with redevelopment dissolution. These non-RDA provisions (negative bailout, San Benito County and Santa Clara city tax equity and a fix to assist recent incorporations) all have merit and should be addressed separately. It is bad policy to tie these unrelated issues to a bill that would unfairly rewrite laws enacted in 2012 through AB 1484. A copy of the League's oppose letter is available on the League's [website](#).

**Next Steps**

Cities that oppose AB 113 should communicate immediately with their Assembly members (both Democrat and Republican) to remind them of the specific negative impacts that AB 113 would cause to their community and to ask them *to check back with their cities make sure that any new proposals developed are truly helpful.*

Redevelopment dissolution has been difficult enough. With the opportunity to continue to work on these issues in the fall, this is not the time to rush and cut a bad deal.

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**'Suspense' Continued from Page 1...**

This is done by removing the contents of the bill, usually in entirety, and replacing it with new language — language often from stalled or defeated legislation bearing no resemblance to the bill's original intent.

City officials should watch for action alerts as the League takes positions on bills that will significantly impact cities, until the end of the session on Sept. 11. League staff will monitor bills to ensure members are aware of the latest news from the Capitol.

**Bill Status Update**

The following list reflects the current standing of several priority bills of interest to the League after this week's fiscal committee deadline. Please note, as the legislative session progresses, bills may be added or subtracted and positions are subject to change.

**Support**

**HOT AB 2 (Alejo): Community revitalization authority**

This bill authorizes the creation of a new entity at the local level called a Community Revitalization Investment Authority that would provide a redevelopment option for the most disadvantaged and poorest areas of our state.

*Location: Senate floor.*



AB 22 (Rodriguez): Office of Emergency Services: oil-by-rail spills: firefighters

This measure will direct the state Office of Emergency Services to establish a program to reimburse local fire departments for costs incurred in sending firefighters to training courses identified by the Curriculum Development Advisory Committee and OES, using funds received from grants or the OES General Fund.

*Location: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

HOT AB 35 (Chiu): Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase

This bill would increase the state's Low Income Housing Tax Credit by \$300 million to build and rehabilitate affordable housing.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 74 (Calderon): Care facilities: regulatory visits

This bill would make community care facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, child day care centers and family day care centers subject to an annual unannounced visit by the Department of Social Services. The department would be required to visit no less than 30 percent of facilities by July 1, 2016, 40 percent by July 1, 2017 and all facilities annually after July 1, 2018.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 90 (Chau): Federal Housing Trust Fund

This bill would designate the state Department of Housing and Community Development as the entity responsible for administering funds received through the Federal Housing Trust Fund. The bill requires the department to collaborate with the California Housing Finance Agency in developing an allocation process meeting geographic distribution and other criteria and establishes a stakeholder process to inform these discussions.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 169 (Maienschein): Local government: public records: Internet

Under this bill, a local agency, except a school district, which maintains an internet resources including websites, web pages or web portals described or titled "open data" would be required to post public records in an format that can be retrieved, downloaded, indexed and searched by commonly used Internet search applications.

*Location: Assembly floor.*

AB 216 (Garcia, Cristina) Product sales to minors: vapor products

This bill would prohibit the sale of any device intended to deliver a nonnicotine product in a vapor state, to be directly inhaled by the user, to a person under 18 years of age, or to a person under 21 years of age if SB 151 of the 2015-16 Regular Session is enacted and takes effect. The bill would exempt from its prohibition the sale of a drug or medical device that has been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 313 (Atkins): Enhanced infrastructure financing districts

This measure contains some clarifications to last year's SB 628 (Beall) requested by city attorneys to facilitate its implementation. These clarifications include requiring the public financing authority, rather than the legislative body as the entity required to prepare the plan, and that any private dwelling units proposed to be removed or destroyed within a district that receives district financing shall be subject to the law's housing replacement requirements.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 388 (Chang): Housing: veterans: supportive and transitional housing: reports

This bill would require the state Department of Housing and Community Development to report specified performance data as part of an annual evaluation performed by the department, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, on the expenditure of \$600 million in bonds, authorized by Proposition 41, for a variety of housing options including assisting homeless veterans.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 428 (Nazarian): Income taxes: credit: seismic retrofits

AB 428 would authorize up to a 30 percent state income tax credit for the seismic rehabilitation of existing properties.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 448 (Brown): Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments

Restores funding stability to cities that annex inhabited territory, and re-establishes a foundation that supports sustainable and compact growth policies.

*Location: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

AB 702 (Maienschein): CalWORKS: temporary shelter assistance

This bill removes the requirement that all 16 days of eligibility for homeless assistance under CalWORKS must be used consecutively, thereby enabling an individual to obtain such assistance when needed.

*Location: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

AB 870 (Cooley): Homelessness: rapid rehousing

This bill would provide \$1 million to establish a pilot program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to award grants to four counties that operate rapid rehousing programs

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 988 (Stone, Mark): Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program

AB 988 would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish an Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program. This would increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor recreation and educational experiences by awarding grants to public or nonprofit organizations.

*Location: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

AB 1056 (Atkins): Second Chance Program

This bill would require the Board of State and Community Corrections to administer a grant program aimed at reducing recidivism. It focuses on assisting ex-offenders secure housing and mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 1146 (Jones): Skateboard parks

AB 1146 would expand existing liability protections at public skateboard parks to include the use of all wheeled recreational devices.

*Location: Signed by Governor.*

AB 1157 (Nazarian): Property taxation: certificated aircraft assessment

This bill would extend the sunset date on the current program used by county assessors for assessing property tax on certificated aircraft.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 1222 (Bloom): Tow trucks

AB 1222 would add additional requirements on tow truck operators with the intention of addressing unscrupulous tow truck businesses.

*Location: Governor's desk.*

AB 1223 (O'Donnell): Emergency medical services: ambulance transportation

AB 1223 would require the California Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop a methodology for determining an acceptable amount of time for EMS crews to offload their patients at emergency departments. It would also require local EMS authorities to adopt this methodology and begin keeping track of wait times. It would also give EMS crews the ability to deliver their patients to alternative treatment locations when emergency departments cannot receive them.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 1228 (Gipson): Public postsecondary education: campus housing: priority for homeless youth  
This bill would request that community college and state universities provide assistance to students who are homeless youth.  
*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 1262 (Wood): Telecommunications: universal service: California Advanced Services Fund  
This bill would transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.  
*Location: Governor's desk.*

HOT AB 1335 (Atkins): Building Homes and Jobs Act  
AB 1335 would generate up to \$700 million per year for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs via a \$75 recordation fee on real estate transactions. This fee would not apply to home sales.  
*Location: Assembly third reading.*

HOT ACA 4 (Frazier): Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.  
This bill would lower the voter threshold requirements for special taxes by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for transportation projects from 2/3rds approval to 55 percent approval.  
*Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

HOT SB 25 (Roth): Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments  
This bill would restore funding stability to four recently incorporated cities, Eastvale, Wildomar, Menifee and Jurupa Valley, which have experienced severe financial hardships since 2011, when the state swept all remaining shares of city vehicle license fee revenues. SB 25 resolves this problem with a statutory formula that provides cities that incorporated between 2004 and 2013 with shares of property tax to offset the amount of vehicle license fee revenue they would have received. In future years, the amount would be adjusted according to the same rules applied to other cities.  
*Location: Assembly floor.*

SB 168 (Gaines) Unmanned aircraft systems: first responder immunity.  
SB 168 would provide local agency first responders, excluding sheriffs' departments, with immunity for any damage to an unmanned aircraft system, if that system was interfering with emergency ambulance services, firefighting operations, or search and rescue operations. The measure also provides for civil penalties for operating an aircraft or unmanned aircraft system in a way that interferes with firefighting operations.  
*Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.*

HOT SB 175 (Huff): Peace officers: body-worn cameras  
SB 175 will require each police agency, if it elects to require its officers to wear body cameras, to develop a policy relating to the use of the cameras, and to distribute a copy of that policy to the officers required to wear them.  
*Location: Assembly floor.*

HOT SB 321 (Beall): Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rates: adjustments  
This bill would infuse more stability into the variable gas tax rate set by the Board of Equalization by taking into account fuel prices of the previous four years in addition to the estimated fuel price of the current year.  
*Location: Assembly floor.*

SB 485 (Hernandez): County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts  
SB 485 would authorize the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to manage stormwater and dry weather urban runoff. This legislation would help reduce compliance costs by allowing the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County to use its civil engineering and water quality expertise to assist cities in Los Angeles County in an efficient and effective manner with the Los Angeles Region municipal separate storm sewer systems permit.  
*Location: Assembly floor.*



SB 493 (Cannella): Elections in cities: by or from districts

This bill would allow a city to switch to a by-district election system using the ordinance process.

*Location: Assembly floor.*

SB 533 (Pan): Cities and counties: sales and use tax agreements

SB 533 would amend existing law to remove several exceptions which enable sales tax rebate agreements that result in shifts of local Bradley-Burns sales taxes. The bill would require notification of affected agencies prior to enacting future agreements that would result in reduced sales tax allocations to the affected agencies.

*Location: Assembly floor.*

SB 658 (Hill): Automated external defibrillators

This bill would expand immunity provisions pertaining to automated external defibrillators by amending existing law to make it conform to technological advances in the use of these devices.

*Location: Governor's desk.*

HOT SBX1 1 (Beall): Transportation funding. (previously SB 16)

SBX1 1 would create a funding program with a focus on the preservation and maintenance of the existing local streets and roads system and state highway system. The bill would raise an estimated \$4.3 billion to \$4.6 billion annually. Allocations would include 12 cents of diesel tax increase to go to trade corridors, 5 percent off the top to incentivize local measures in counties that do not currently have a local measure and the remainder split evenly between the SHOPP (highway maintenance) and local streets and roads. Revenues would be raised from the following sources: 12 cent increase in excise tax on fuel, 22 cent increase in excise tax of diesel, \$35 VRF increase for all vehicles, \$100 VRF increase for electric vehicles, payback of outstanding loans over a three-year period and \$35 road access fee.

*Location: Senate Appropriations Committee for 1st Extraordinary Session.*

SBX1 11 (Berryhill)

SBX1 11 would exempt roadway improvements within the existing rights of way from CEQA if certain conditions are met.

*Location: Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee.*

SBX1 14 (Cannella)

This bill would remove the sunset date on existing law that allows CalTrans and regional transportation agencies to use public-private partnerships. The authorization is currently set to expire January 1, 2017.

*Location: Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee.*

SBX2 5 (Leno) / ABX2 6 (Cooper): Electronic cigarettes. (previously SB 140)

This bill defines "smoking" and broadens the definition of "tobacco product" to include electronic cigarettes. It would extend current restrictions and prohibitions against the use of tobacco products to electronic cigarettes.

*Location: Assembly – Awaiting Committee Assignment*

**Oppose**

AB 56 (Quirk): Unmanned aircraft systems

This bill specifies requirements for the use of drones by law enforcement agencies, including adoption of local policies governing that use. It would: prohibit surveillance of activities covered by the First Amendment, and surveillance of private property without a warrant or the owner's consent, with narrow exceptions; codify cause of action against local agencies for violations; impose rules regarding surveillance that contradict the Plain View Doctrine governing observation by helicopters; and impose requirements on destruction of data with narrow exceptions for training purposes and academic research.

*Location: Senate floor.*

HOT AB 57 (Quirk): Telecommunications: wireless telecommunication facilities

This bill would deem approved any application for colocation or siting of new wireless facilities if a jurisdiction does not approve or disapprove the application within the timelines required by the Federal Communications Commission.

*Location: Governor's desk.*

AB 259 (Dababneh): Personal information: privacy

AB 259 would require a public agency that is the source of a data breach to provide at least 12 months of identity theft protection and mitigation services at no cost to the consumer if the breach exposed, or may have exposed a person's name in combination with a social security number or driver's license number.

*Location: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

AB 272 (Lackey): California Fair Employment and Housing Act: reserve peace officers

This bill would make a person deputized or appointed as a reserve deputy sheriff or a reserve city police officer an employee of the appointing authority under the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

*Location: Governor's desk.*

AB 305 (Gonzalez): Workers' compensation: permanent disability apportionment

This bill would prohibit apportionment of permanent disability from being based on pregnancy, menopause, or osteoporosis causally related to menopause if the condition is contemporaneous with the claimed physical injury. AB 305 would also require that the impairment ratings for breast cancer be no less than those for prostate cancer.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 718 (Chu): Local government: powers

This bill would prohibit local agencies from enforcing laws and ordinances, or otherwise subject to civil or criminal penalties, the act of people sleeping or resting in a lawfully parked motor vehicle.

*Location: Senate floor.*

HOT AB 744 (Chau): Planning and zoning: density bonuses

As drafted, this measure would reduce local parking requirements that can be imposed on senior housing, special needs housing and housing within one-half mile of a major transit stop. The bill does not appropriately recognize local parking realities or community preferences.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 1301 (Jones-Sawyer): Voting rights: preclearance

AB 1301 creates a statewide pre-clearance system requiring that all changes to an election system within a qualifying jurisdiction obtain approval by the Secretary of State before implementation. It was amended to address incidents within 30 days of an election, but it remains a sweeping and costly mandate that does little to identify areas with a legitimate problem.

*Location: Senate floor.*

HOT SB 239 (Hertzberg): Local services: contracts: fire protection services

SB 239 places agreements between public agencies to provide fire protection services under the purview of local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs). This bill requires the contracting local agency to receive written permission from the recognized employee organization to extend fire services outside its service area. Flexibility for local agencies to contract for services is necessary to ensure efficiency and cost-effectiveness and maximize resources to meet the needs of the public. LAFCOs are not, and should not be, tasked with making the day-to-day financial decisions for local agencies. It is also unclear if, under the bill, local agencies would have recourse to protest the employee organization's disapproval of a contract.

*Location: Assembly floor.*

SB 331 (Mendoza): Public contracts: local agencies: negotiations

This bill would apply to local jurisdictions that have adopted a civic openness in negotiations ordinance, or COIN ordinance requiring them to apply specified provisions to all contracts valued at \$250,000 or more for goods or services.

*Location: Assembly floor.*

SB 379 (Jackson): Land use: general plan: safety element

This bill would require that cities address climate-resiliency strategies in the safety element of their General Plans, when next they revisit their housing elements on or after Jan. 1, 2017. Under SB 379, the update would need to include goals, policies, and objectives based upon an assessment of the risks that climate change poses to the jurisdiction.

*Location: Assembly floor.*

**Oppose Unless Amended**

AB 88 (Gomez): Sales and use taxes: exemption: energy or water efficient home appliances

This bill would exempt from sales and use taxes until 2021 the gross receipts from energy or water efficient refrigerators and washing machines purchased by a public utility for low-income participants in energy or water efficiency programs.

*Location: Senate floor.*

HOT AB 113 (Committee on Budget): Local government

This bill contains the Governor's Budget Proposal Affecting Redevelopment Dissolution, which would reverse and constrict previous incentives and due process offered to cities. These include efforts to narrow the definition of "loans" to be repaid and reduce interest rates. Other provisions further insulate Department of Finance decisions from review via an exemption from the Administrative Procedures Act and limiting local agencies' ability to pay for attorneys in court.

*Location: Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.*

AB 254 (Hernandez, Roger): Election dates

This bill would eliminate established election dates in March and April.

*Location: Senate floor.*

AB 1236 (Chiu, Low): Local ordinances: electric vehicle charging stations

This bill requires cities and counties to streamline and expedite the permitting and inspection process for electric vehicle charging stations.

*Location: Senate floor.*

SB 272 (Hertzberg): The California Public Records Act: inventory

SB 272 would require local agencies to create a catalog of enterprise its systems. The bill would also require the disclosure of a system's vendor, a statement of its purpose and a general description of categories, modules or layers of data.

*Location: Assembly floor.*

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Please register for this free webinar at [www.cacities.org/events](http://www.cacities.org/events) by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11. Due to the capacity for this webinar, the League is allowing two connections per city to provide easier access for our members. Webinar log-in information will be sent by close of business on Sept. 14.

For questions about how to register for the webinar, please contact [Megan Dunn](mailto:Megan.Dunn@leagueofcities.org). For all other questions, please contact [Meg Desmond](mailto:Meg.Desmond@leagueofcities.org).

This webinar is free for League members and League partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100.

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**California City Solutions: Grass Valley's Center for the Arts Creates Community Pride, Expands Economic Development**

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). Grass Valley's Center for the Arts was submitted in 2014 for the Economic Development through the Arts award category.*

The city of Grass Valley is a former historic gold mining town that used to provide goods and services to the mines and the workers of the area. Even as the industry shifted and larger retail came into Grass Valley, the city continued to pride itself on its historic downtown with its small shops, restaurants and hotels, with some occupying buildings that date back to 1850. In an effort to attract more people to the historic downtown the city partnered with a small nonprofit to renovate an old auto dealership to create the Center for the Arts, increasing economic development and community vitality.

Built in downtown Grass Valley in 1941, the 21,000 square foot facility became an eye sore with the dealership's closure. Squatters moved in and the building fell into disrepair.

In the late 1990s, a group of community members had the inspiration to form a nonprofit to renovate the dilapidated auto dealership into a community arts space. They named it the Center for the Arts. Crews removed garbage, repaired roof leaks and installed seats, risers and a dance floor from a bowling alley that was torn down. The community backed a Front and Center campaign to update a façade added on the building in 2005. With the renovations, the facility now includes an intimate 300 seat main stage theater, two visual art galleries, classroom space and a 90 seat black box theater.

In an effort to boost the arts and create a vibe, the city of Grass Valley became the official center collaborator and contributed \$250,000 for substantial upgrades including bathrooms, audio, disability compliance, gallery enhancements and ticketing facilities and facilities planning.

Now more than a dozen youth programs are hosted at the center including: Summer Visual Arts Camp, Teen Writing Workshop, Circus Camp, and Rock the Presidents. The budget has grown from \$80,000 to over \$1.94 million, with more than 40 nonprofit partners, scores of business partners and approximately 180,000 visitors to the center's events each year. The center employs 16 staff members, three contract employees and 840 trained volunteers, presenting 125 ticketed events, not including those running multiple days. More than 32 art exhibits were presented in the galleries, with the center now hosting the Fall Colors Open Studio, coordinating more than 70 artists.

The Center for the Arts also collaborates with Grass Valley's Veterans Auditorium, which can host approximately 900 people. The center is working with the auditorium to improve the comfort of its seats by launching a program called "OPERATION: NAME A SEAT in Honor of our Veterans" to add 528 new seat backs, each named in honor of a veteran.

The arts in Grass Valley and Nevada County have blossomed thanks to the transformation of the center. People come from around the region and northern part of the state to view quality performances and participate in educational events. The center estimates that over 30 percent of the most ticketed event audiences come from outside of the local zip code. Grass Valley's local businesses are very supportive of the center and also avid attendees of many events.

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## **HUD Secretary Asks Mayors to Join Sept. 4 Conference Call on Veteran Homelessness**

California mayors are invited to join a conference call on Sept. 4 with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro to discuss what mayors can personally do to engage their communities, and particularly private landlords, in the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. The call will include presentations by mayors who have demonstrated effective and innovative engagement techniques, and will have ample time for questions and answers. The presenters will be joined by senior officials from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, HUD and Veterans Affairs.

### **Call Details**

Friday, Sept. 4, 11:30 a.m. to noon  
[Register online](#)  
Conference ID# 367175



Participants will be prompted to give their name, office, email address, and location.

Please email [MayorsChallenge@hud.gov](mailto:MayorsChallenge@hud.gov) with questions.

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## City Officials Should Tweet Pictures of Local Potholes to Their Legislators

The Fix Our Roads Coalition has launched a “Tweet Your Legislator” campaign in the final two weeks of the legislative session. City officials are invited to participate and help show legislators the potholes and crumbling streets in their communities that need funding. California’s deteriorating roads cost motorists an average of \$762 per driver annual for vehicle maintenance and without additional funding, one-quarter of all local streets and roads will be in failed condition by 2024. *For more, see Page 2.*



## State Water Resources Control Board Will Receive Public Comments on the Draft Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines and Funding

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) announced an opportunity for public comments, workshops and an adoption meeting for the Draft Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines and the Draft Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGPP) Funding Guidelines. Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on the Plan Guidelines and Prop. 1 Funding Guidelines. *For more, see Page 2.*



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The idea is simple: Take a picture of dilapidated roads in your area and tweet the photo to your legislators along with the following tweet: @legislators twitterhandle Please #FixMyRoads! Support new #transportation funding, reforms and accountability. @fixcaroads #caleg.

The coalition website includes a page that has instructions that includes a search function to locate your legislators, [sample tweets](#) for each legislator and a link to [Twitter](#).

The League of California Cities® is part of the Fix Our Roads Coalition, a broad coalition of cities, counties, labor, business and transportation advocate that formed to meet Gov. Jerry Brown's call to address California's chronic transportation infrastructure funding shortfall.

The coalition supports seven core priorities.

1. Make significant investment in transportation infrastructure;
2. Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system;
3. Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or Cap-and-Trade revenue to high priority goods movement projects;
4. Raise revenues across a broad range of options;
5. Equal split between state and local projects;
6. Strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment; and
7. Provide consistent annual funding levels.

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The purpose of the SWGP is to fund storm water and dry weather runoff projects that best advance SWRCB's policy goals of improving water quality and realizing multiple benefits from the use of storm water and dry weather runoff as a resource.

Written comments on the Draft Plan and Prop. 1 Funding Guidelines are due by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 13 and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters submitted electronically must be in PDF text format (less than 15 megabytes in total size) and sent to the board clerk via [email](#). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax to (916) 341-5620. Please indicate on the transmittal subject line: "Comment Letter – Storm Water Resource Plan and Proposition 1 Funding Guidelines."

The Draft Plan and Funding Guidelines are available for review [online](#).

**Public Comment Meetings**

The State Water Board will conduct three public outreach meetings for interested parties to provide oral comments on the Draft Plan Guidelines and Draft Funding Guidelines at these meetings. Details of the public meetings are provided on the SWGP [website](#).

Meetings are scheduled in the following locations:

Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m.  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Kings Conference Room  
1685 E Street, Suite 200  
Fresno, CA 93706

Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 9 a.m.  
Orange County Water District Office, Board Room

18700 Ward Street  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Thursday, Oct. 1 at 9 a.m.  
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Office Room 1  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Public Workshop**

The State Water Board will also hold a public board workshop to hear public comments on the Draft Plan Guidelines and Draft Funding Guidelines. The workshop will be held:

Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 9 a.m.  
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Adoption Meeting**

The State Water Board will hold a public board meeting to consider adoption of the Draft Plan Guidelines. The public board meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m.  
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Questions regarding the Draft Plan Guidelines may be sent to [Rachael Pontious](mailto:Rachael.Pontious@waterboards.ca.gov) at (916) 341-5523.

Please direct all questions regarding the Draft Funding Guidelines to [DFA\\_Grants@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA_Grants@waterboards.ca.gov).

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