

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
February 1, 2024

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. City of Garden Grove Q4 2023 Quarterly Report
Q4 Quarterly Report provides an overview of the City's achievements during the months of October, November and December 2023.

- B. Economic Development and Housing Department
A memo to announce the grant awarded under the Clean California Local Grant Program: Cycle 2.

II. OTHER ITEMS

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE QUARTERLY REPORT

Q4

OCTOBER -
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2023



GARDEN GROVE

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Report Overview

This quarterly report provides an overview of the City's achievements during the months of October, November, and December in 2023. Our City continues to make great progress in key priority areas established by the City Council. These priorities encompass a focus on infrastructure, economic development, public safety, homelessness, code enforcement, and celebration of our community's cultural diversity. Our dedicated staff and community partners have worked hard to ensure that Garden Grove remains a great place to live, work, and play. We take pride in the notable progress achieved in the previous quarter and remain steadfast in our commitment to serving the needs of our community with excellence and integrity. Thank you for your support and trust in the City of Garden Grove!

Matters Before The Council

Below are highlights from the City Council meetings during the months of October, November, and December.

October 10, 2023 – The City Council recognized Joe Hammer and Andrea Perez for being named the 2023-2024 Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year.

October 10, 2023 – The City Council received an update on the Comprehensive Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness for FY2021-22 and FY2022-23.

October 24, 2023 – The City Council adopted ordinance No. 2943 approving zoning map amendment No. A-037-2023 to implement updates to the adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element.

November 14, 2023 – The City Council approved an amendment to the restated agreement with AAA Oil, Inc. dba California Fuels and Lubricants.

November 28, 2023 – The City Council adopted ordinance No. 2945 amending chapter 6.44 of title 6 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to regulation of the sale of tobacco products.

December 12, 2023 – The City Council approved an amendment to the cooperative agreement with Caltrans and awarded a construction contract to Quality Fence Co. for the Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project.

December 12, 2023 – The City Council adopted ordinance No. 2948 amending title 14 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code relating to water rates.

City Manager's Office Highlights

Throughout the fourth quarter of 2023, the City Manager's Office continued to provide administrative support for City Council initiatives and inquiries from the public in the following ways:

City Council

Agenda Reports Reviewed and Processed	70
Agendas and Minutes Prepared	26
Agenda Packets Compiled	25
Public Hearing Notices Published	16
Resolutions Processed	14
Ordinances Processed	5
Proclamations Processed	5

Council Liaison

Council Meetings and Site Visits Scheduled	20
Certificates Ordered / Delivered	158
Communications	1,484
Legislative Response Letters Drafted	2
Finance Enterprise Reconciliations	76

Office of Community Relations

Total Translated Materials	25
- Vietnamese Translations	19
- Spanish Translations	4
- Korean Translations	2
CityWorks Publications Completed	2
Vietnamese Newsletters Published	2
Community Spotlight Scripts	6
Press Releases Issued	29
Social Media Posts	420

City Clerk's Office / Administration

Public Records Act Requests Received	149
Average PRAs per Month	58
Average PRA Turnaround Time	6.8 days
Bid Openings Conducted	0
Agreements Processed	10
Agreements Archived	6
Claims Received	18
Summons Received	2
PAFs Processed	0

Investment Toward Infrastructure

In line with the City Council’s priority of improving the City’s aging infrastructure, the City developed and adopted a Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, committing nearly \$173 million in funding over the next five years to improve citywide capital infrastructure. The Capital Improvement Plan focuses on allocating resources towards the enhancement of city streets, parks, facilities and other essential infrastructure. The City has completed approximately **\$23.6 million** in CIP projects year to date.

The following major capital improvement projects were completed and are underway during Q4 2023:

Garden Grove Boulevard Rehabilitation Project – Harbor to Fairview

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023

Pre-Construction



Post-Construction



Chapman Avenue Rehabilitation Project – Springdale to Western

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023

Pre-Construction



Post-Construction



Lampson Avenue Rehabilitation Project – Harbor to Haster

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023

Pre-Construction



Post-Construction



Chapman Avenue Rehabilitation Project – Nelson to 9th St

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023

Pre-Construction



Post-Construction



Mcfadden Avenue Rehabilitation Project – Ward to 600 East

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023

Pre-Construction



Post-Construction



Hazard Avenue Rehabilitation Project – Bushard to Ward

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023

Pre-Construction



Post-Construction



Mays Avenue Rehabilitation Project – Yockey to Magnolia

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023

Pre-Construction



Post-Construction



Newland Street Rehabilitation Project – Trask to Garden Grove

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023

Pre-Construction



Post-Construction



Acacia Neighborhood Street Improvements

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023



Lampson and Lamplighter Sewer Improvement Project

Status: 100% Complete
Completed: December 2023



Orangewood and Dale Water Improvement Project

Status: 99% Complete
Completed: February 2024



Bicycle Corridor Improvement Project (BCIP) - \$1.42M

The construction for the Bicycle Corridor Improvement Project (BCIP) commenced in July 2023 as part of Garden Grove’s commitment to improve active transportation by meeting community-identified goals. Spanning five (5) major corridors within the City: Brookhurst Street, West Street, Gilbert Street, Chapman Avenue, and Lampson Ave. The project is nearing completion and will deliver approximately 15 miles of infrastructure improvements which includes improved traffic safety by reducing vehicle speed in residential and school zones, adding dedicated bicycle lanes through road rebalancing, high-visibility thermoplastic striping/markings enhancements, installation of video detection/loop systems, redefined existing parking areas, addition of wayfinding signage and buffer zones to create awareness for road sharing and promote safety for pedestrians.

**Status: 99% Complete
Completed: January 2024**



Magnolia Park Capital Improvements - \$557,940

**Status: 15% Complete
Anticipated Completion: February 2024**



Encourage Economic Development

Community Engagement and Outreach

The Office of Economic Development (OED) participated in a number of community engagement events during the 4th Quarter of 2023. These events allowed OED staff to engage Garden Grove business leaders and residents within the community, and provided an opportunity for staff to share information about City programs and resources. Below is a list of community engagement events that were attended by OED staff:

- Main Street Meets Artificial Intelligence Summit
- Startup Game Changer Summit
- 2023 World Korean Business Convention
- Annual Garden Grove Adult Education Stakeholder Meeting
- Homebuyer Day 2023
- Dia de los Muertos Event
- Garden Grove Adult Education Open House
- Senior Scam Stopper Event



Anyang City's 50th Anniversary

Garden Grove's City delegation, comprised of Garden Grove officials and Orange County partners, marked Anyang city's 50th anniversary by traveling to South Korea from September 16-23, 2023. The meaningful visit further strengthened cultural bonds and fostered goodwill between the two cities. In partnership with Visit Anaheim, the delegation also took part in various events, interviews, and symposiums to promote the Grove District as a premier tourism destination. The tourism outreach significantly enhanced the visibility of the Orange County and Garden Grove market by presenting the Grove District to over 75 Korean travel partners and key media companies.



Property Acquisition at 12966 Euclid Street

In summer of 2023, the City Council approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement and opened escrow for the acquisition of the property located at 12966 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, from LT Properties, LP. The property is improved with a five-story office building containing 64,402 rental square footage and a surface parking lot containing approximately 160 parking stalls. Due diligence continued through fall culminating in the close of escrow in December of 2023. The property was acquired for the city civic center master plan.



Cottage Industries

Cottage Industries has made significant progress in moving their project forward. The first phase of Cottage Industries known as the Farm Block has secured leases with several artisans and eateries including: Smoke Queens Barbeque, Blue Scoop Creamery, EcoNow, and Junbi Tea. The garden plots are actively being leased.



Business Retention: California Fuels and Lubricants

The City Council approved an Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement for AAA Oil, Inc. dba California Fuels and Lubricants ("CFL") on November 14, 2023 that increased the sales tax base from \$200,000 to \$312,000 and modified the share of 25% to the City and 75% to CFL for all sales tax revenue above the increased base. The term of the operating covenant was extended for 20 years (from 2036 to 2056) and CFL agreed to retain its business in Garden Grove and designate Garden Grove as its point-of-sale through June 30, 2056.

Public Safety – Police



GGPD Calls for Service – Q4

Calls for Service – Phone Calls

	October	November	December	Q4 Total
9-1-1 phone calls	5,067	4,656	4,834	14,557
Non-emergency phone calls	11,261	10,651	9,869	31,781
Total phone calls	16,328	15,307	14,703	46,338

Calls for Service – Dispatched

	October	November	December	Q4 Total
Citizen Generated	4,734	4,359	4,032	13,125
Officer Generated	1,296	1,154	1,252	3,702
Total Incidents Dispatched	6,030	5,513	5,284	16,827

Top 5 Citizen-Generated Call Types

	October	November	December	Q4 Total
Disturbing the Peace - Transients	671	612	529	1,812
Audible Burglary Alarms	196	229	209	634
Suspicious Person	243	214	213	670
Welfare Check	196	198	168	562
Illegal Parking	162	142	114	418

Response Times

	October	November	December	Q4 Avg
Priority Calls (Average)	4m 44s	5m 04s	4m 57s	4m 55s

Public Safety – OCFA



OCFA Calls for Service – Q4

Calls for Service – Medical Aid

	October	November	December	Q4 Total
Automatic Paramedic Alarm	15	15	18	48
Back to Bed / Lift Assist	18	8	17	43
Cardiac	95	100	108	303
Stroke	168	182	185	535
Diabetic Emergency	7	19	16	42
Respiratory	154	156	207	517
Fall / Injury / Trauma	177	145	175	497
Illness	154	151	165	470
Abdominal Pain	81	86	85	252
Seizure	34	42	40	116
Traffic Collision	106	106	93	305
Miscellaneous	174	149	156	479

Calls for Service – Fire

	October	November	December	
Structure	8	16	18	42
Vehicle / Dumpster	3	12	9	24
Vegetation / Brush / Tree / Bush	26	33	37	96
Miscellaneous – Hazardous Condition	84	88	78	250

Response Times

	October	November	December	Q4 Avg
Priority Calls (Average)	7m 5s	7m 9s	6m 52s	6m 9s

Address Homelessness

Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC)

The construction for the Central Cities Navigation Center Project (CCNC) commenced in June 2023 with the goal of providing emergency housing and wrap-around services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Currently, the project is 65% complete and remains on schedule, and within budget, for an anticipated opening in June 2024. Notable construction milestones in Q4 of 2023 include the demolition phase, the completion of the SoCal Edison (SCE) design plan, the CMU wall, installation of the drywall, ceilings, and security cameras, in addition to the connection units for interior mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP).



The projected scope for Q1 of 2024 will focus on utilities, including SoCal Gas and Spectrum, as well as the installation of furniture, fixtures, and equipment/security systems (FF&E). The City is currently in the process of procuring an FF&E vendor.

Collaborative efforts with the center's operator, VOALA, will progress to monitor the completion of interior furnishings and a coordinated move-in. Staff from Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Westminster and VOALA is actively finalizing the operations policies and procedures to ensure alignment with the County of Orange Standards of Care.

Status: 65% Complete
Anticipated Completion: June 2024



Comprehensive Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness (CSPA)

On September 28, 2021, the City Council approved the final Comprehensive Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness (CSPA). This strategic plan, serving as a 5-year roadmap, highlights the City’s initiatives, accomplishments, prioritized objectives and strategic actions in addressing homelessness.

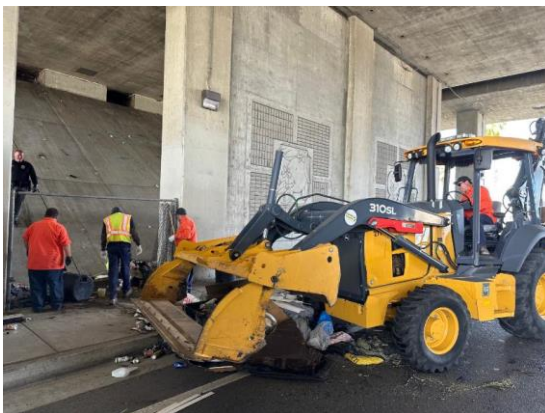
In pursuit of five (5) strategic goals, the City has achieved significant milestones. In the fiscal year 2022-23, the City provided assistance to 12,228 homeless individuals through comprehensive street outreach efforts, supportive services and housing referrals. Key program achievements include the extension of the Be Well Mobile Response Unit service agreement, the launch of the CalOptima Street Medicine Program, the partnership with Caltrans to fund the Fencing Improvement Project, and progress on the construction of the Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC). The City also successfully assisted 15 local businesses resulting in the creation and/or retention of 47 low-income jobs through the Jobs 1st Program. The City Council approved an update to the CSPA in Q3 and will continue to update the document as needed.



Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project (CFIP)

In July 2022, the City recognized that approximately 70% of its unsheltered population was residing beneath the underpasses of Garden Grove (22) Freeway. The identified areas are within the Right-of-Way (ROW) sections under Caltrans jurisdiction. The GGPD, Special Resources Team (SRT) and the Public Works Department were not permitted to enforce encampment laws or implement “clean-up” efforts in these areas due to an existing MOU with the State of California. As a result, an increased rate of encampment issues continued after numerous “clean-up” efforts.

A partnership with Caltrans transpired as the City and Caltrans entered into a Cooperative Agreement and Delegated Maintenance Agreement (DMA) to actively address the homeless encampment issues within the city boundary lines. Q4 2023 efforts included procurement of a contractor and negotiations with Caltrans for additional funds as the initial funding amount was not adequate. An amendment to the Cooperative Agreement to increase funding to \$1 Million was approved by the City Council in late Fall. The construction phase will commence in February 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in 120 working days.



Community Code Compliance

Code Enforcement Staffing Expansion

The City has completed the recruitment process for a Code Enforcement Supervisor and Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Supervisor will start in January 2024, while it is anticipated that the Code Enforcement Officer will start in Spring 2024. Upon the Code Enforcement Supervisor arrival, the City's Code Enforcement volunteer program will be reinstated to assist with neighborhood outreach and case follow-up.

Code Enforcement Statistics for Q4 2023

Code Enforcement Activity	Statistical Data
Open Cases	431
Closed Cases	335
Cases Pending Customer Requests	583
Top Commercial Cases	Commerical Graffiti
Top Residential Cases	Short-Term Rentals
Red Tagged Properties	28
Cases Referred to City Attorney	24
Reported Short-Term Rentals	39

Additional information on the City's Code Enforcement efforts is available on the City's website at www.ggcity.org/code-enforcement.

Maintain Fiscal Health

FY 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures

The City remains committed to allocating resources to the six priorities outlined by the City Council, all the while carefully overseeing expenditures. As of November 30th, \$79.1 million of General Fund dollars had been utilized, accounting for 37% of the Revised General Fund Budget—5% below the projected target of 42%. City staff anticipates ongoing savings and projects closing the fiscal year with a budget surplus while maintaining the continued provision of programs and services that our community values.

Department	Revised		Actual		Variance		
	Budget		As of Nov 30, 2023		\$	%	
Fire ¹	\$	31,759,700	\$	14,200,200	\$	17,559,500	45%
Police		80,570,200		29,631,731		50,938,469	37%
City Administration		4,298,300		1,259,303		3,038,997	29%
Human Resources		2,303,500		767,725		1,535,775	33%
Finance		4,018,800		1,154,161		2,864,639	29%
Information Technology		833,000		213,527		619,473	26%
Community Development		6,825,400		2,761,926		4,063,474	40%
Community Services		6,851,700		2,045,174		4,806,526	30%
Economic Development ²		38,829,200		14,715,528		24,113,672	38%
Public Works ²		35,777,900		11,777,620		24,000,280	33%
Non-Departmental		2,245,000		616,031		1,628,969	27%
Total	\$	214,312,700	\$	79,142,926	\$	135,169,774	37%

1. Fire actuals include six months' worth of payments as payments to OCFA are made at the beginning of the month

2. Revised budget includes capital carryovers from previous fiscal years (Pavement Management Program & P3 Public Safety Building)

FY 2023-24 General Fund Revenues

The City's General Fund revenues are trending as expected and staff anticipates revenues to meet and/or exceed the target projections by the end of the fiscal year.

Revenue Source	Revised		Actual		Variance		
	Revenue		As of Nov 30, 2023		\$	%	
Property Tax ¹	\$	60,890,200	\$	-	\$	60,890,200	0
Sales Tax ²		60,307,600		15,516,403		44,791,197	26%
Hotel Visitor's Tax		25,000,000		10,056,855		14,943,145	40%
Business Tax		2,800,000		1,231,907		1,568,093	44%
Licenses & Permits		2,497,400		1,242,641		1,254,759	50%
Other General Fund Revenue		17,390,200		3,950,826		13,439,374	23%
Total	\$	168,885,400	\$	31,998,632	\$	136,886,768	19%

1. The vast majority of Property Taxes are received in the months of Dec – Jan and Mar – Apr

2. Sales Tax actuals reflect three months' worth of Sales Tax received by the City

Community Outreach

During the final quarter of 2023, the Office of Community Relations and GGTV3 conducted numerous community engagement initiatives to inform the community on upcoming public hearings, community meetings, City projects, and events. Noteworthy engagement initiatives included promotion of the City’s Housing Element update, water rate study sessions, an Organics Recycling campaign, Woodbury Park expansion initiatives, Civic Center Revitalization project, and Central Cities Navigation Center. The Office of Community Relations also assisted in facilitating plaque dedications for Zlaket’s Market and the late Police Corporal Han Cho.

Other major press announcements, promotional campaigns, and events included:

- ❖ Bicycle Corridor Improvement Project
- ❖ OC Connect
- ❖ Winter in the Grove
- ❖ Garden Grove Black Friday Goes BiGG
- ❖ Garden Grove Holiday Lights 2023

Community events and commuter alerts were among the most popular posts during Q4.

1. Winter in the Grove - 58,136 Reach (Paid)
2. Winter in the Grove - 52,046 Reach (Paid)
3. SR-22 Freeway Closures - 51,155 Reach (Organic)
4. Holiday Craft Boutique - 40,661 Reach (Paid)
5. Winter in the Grove - 32,230 (Paid)

Growth continued to be seen on all platforms:



GGTV3 Completed Productions

- Brookhurst Place Breaks Ground Story
- Garden Grove Welcomes New Director Niki Wetzel Story
- Strawberry Festival Edited Parade Coverage
- Strawberry Festival Gives Back Story
- Garden Grove Water Rate Study Story
- Winter in the Grove Edited Event Coverage



5 Live Events

- 4 City Council Meetings Livestreamed, Cablecast & Archived
- Winter in the Grove Event Livestream
- 3 Live Promotions
- Live Winter in the Grove Promotion
- Organics Recycling Live
- Woodbury Park Live Meeting Promotion



5 Additional Reels Posted

- Officer Han Cho Bridge Dedication Reel
- Unreel with Lisa Kim, National Pho Day
- 9999 Restaurant Receives Check from City Reel
- Jack O' Lantern Jamboree Reel
- Winter in the Grove Promotion Reel



Community Events and Programs

Buena Clinton Dia de los Muertos

On **October 26, 2023** the Center hosted its annual Dia de los Muertos event. The event included a resource fair, crafts, costume and pumpkin decorating contests. Dinner was provided by Bracken's Kitchen. An awards presentation honoring Thomas House Shelter as community partner of the year, as well as recognizing outstanding youth and parent volunteers of the year. The event also included an outdoor concert featuring the "Dreaming of You," Selena tribute band. Approximately 350-400 people were in attendance.

Jack O' Lantern Jamboree

Jack O' Lantern Jamboree was held on Saturday, **October 28, 2023**. The three-hour event featured a pumpkin patch, magic and reptile shows, inflatable obstacle courses for kids of all ages, glitter tattoos, carnival games, a petting zoo, and crafts. C&M Ohana sold kettle corn and ice cream to attendees. Local public service agencies including OCFA, GGPD, and CERT conducted community outreach and first aid. Event attendance was approximately 1,000.

Thanksgiving Meals

For over 17 years, the Orange Coast Optimist Club has partnered with the City's Family Resource Centers to provide Thanksgiving baskets for families. The OCO Club is a service group with a goal to encourage civic responsibility, cultural awareness, and youth leadership through community services. On **November 19, 2023** Magnolia Park hosted their Junior Orange County Octagons (OCO) Club to provide food baskets to both Centers, with 50 families/242 individuals served. Baskets were filled with fresh produce and non-perishable items, and frozen turkeys.

On Tuesday, **November 21, 2023** Bracken's Kitchen provided hot Thanksgiving meals and shelf stable items to 60 families and frozen meals to 27 seniors from the Buena Clinton area along with fresh farm produce.

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center Festive Activities

Trunk or Treat

The event was held on **October 20**, and included a resource fair, children's activities, games, food, and a movie "Puss and Boots, the Last Wish". This was the first time the Center featured an outdoor movie as part of this event. A total of 103 families, 397 individuals, and 227 children participated.

Father and Child Holiday Activity

In an effort to increase father participation and engagement with FRC services and programs, the Center hosted a holiday just for dads and their children on Thursday, **December 7th**. Participants came together to play fun holiday games and decorate gingerbread houses.

H. Louis Lake Senior Center Festive Activities

Halloween Dance

Participants enjoyed a Halloween Dance on **October 27th**. The event included an evening of music, dinner, photo booth, raffles, and a costume contest.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Over 90 participant enjoyed live music, raffles, and a turkey dinner with all the fixings, provided by Bracken's Kitchen.

Tree Trimming Party

On **December 5**, the day was filled with holiday cheer! Participants enjoyed a holiday breakfast provided by Bracken's Kitchen, hot chocolate, Christmas music, holiday trivia, and helped decorate the Center's Christmas tree.

Holiday Lights Cruise

On **December 20**, participants enjoyed an evening cruise at the Newport Harbor to see all the beautiful Christmas lights.

Garden Grove Holiday Drive

This year commemorates the 25th annual Holiday Drive (formerly known as adopt-a-family). This year, the Holiday Drive incorporated the H. Louis Lake Senior Center. This annual drive encourages the community, local businesses, non-profits and service clubs to donate. The Rotary Club of Garden Grove provided a large donation in the amount of \$2,600.00 as part of a grant they received from Rotary International. The goal is to provide gifts to approximately 800-1,000 low income seniors and children in Garden Grove.

Winter in the Grove

This Christmas-themed event held on **December 2, 2023** at Village Green Park continues to be wildly popular, attracting a record crowd of nearly 10,000 guests. The event once again featured nine snow hills crafted from 50 tons of snow for sledding by all ages; letters to Santa and free kids holiday crafts; the lighting of the 24-foot community holiday tree by the City Council; performances from local dance groups and school choirs; and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, via an OCFA engine. The Crafters Fair was once again successful, with 40 crafter booths offering holiday gifts for sale. New this year, was GGTV3 live streaming the event, so all those who couldn't make it in person were still able enjoy the festivities from home or on their mobile device. Local non-profits and athletic booster clubs offered food for sale as a fundraiser. Lastly our local public service agencies such as OCFA, CERT, GGPD, the Civic Center Revitalization Project and OC Connect offered free, holiday-themed giveaways and gathered vital data for the future of Garden Grove.



City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
Dept: City Manager
Subject: CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM AWARD: CYCLE 2

From: Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept: Economic Development and Housing
Date: February 1, 2024

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to convey information about the Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) of which the City was awarded grant funds from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill 149 created the CCLGP of 2021 which was part of the \$1.1 billion Clean California initiative to reduce the continuing trash accumulation and to promote the beautification of public spaces state-wide. The CCLGP consists of two (2) cycles and the City was not selected for award during Cycle 1. In February 2023, staff resubmitted an amended application for the grant and requested \$500,000 in funding.

Staff received notification in November 2023 that the City of Garden Grove was awarded \$441,000 for the Clean California initiative. Per the Restricted Grant Agreement, the total amount granted and reimbursable is not to exceed \$441,000, and all reimbursable work is to be completed by June 30, 2026.

DISCUSSION

Due to the lack of infrastructure and amenities, the Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail is currently underutilized and falls short of its potential to be a vibrant social hub for community members to come together and interact. Staff will implement the Community Health Enhancements Project (Project) to focus on California's goal of revitalizing civic engagement by adding the following amenities on the trail:

- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Trash Receptacles
- Trail Furniture
- Bike Racks

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- Landscaping/Mulch
- Signage

The improvements aim to promote public health within the community, reduce trash accumulation, provide comfort and relaxation areas, prevent water run-off and flooding, add longevity to the recently added trees and landscaping, reduce urban heat island effect, and beautify the trail to make it more attractive to visitors.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of the Project is \$716,000 of which CCLGP requires a minimum local match of 37.5% from the grant fund. Below is the breakdown summary:

Fund Title	Amount
Grant Funds (Participating)	\$ 441,000.00
Local Match Requirement (Participating)	\$ 122,789.00
In-Kind Contribution (Participating)	\$ 127,211.00
Other In-Kind Contribution (Non-Participating)	\$ 25,000.00
Participating Cost	\$ 691,000.00
Non-Participating Cost	\$ 25,000.00
Total	\$716,000.00

The required local match is \$122,789. Funding for the match is anticipated to be a combination of General Fund, Park Fee fund, and Water fund to minimize the impact to the General Fund.

CONCLUSION

The next step in the grant award process is for Caltrans to finalize the Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA). The Resolution and proposal to authorize appropriation of funds for the City's local match, will be presented to the City Council on February 13, 2024.



Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Director of Economic Development + Housing Department

By: Eric Hong, Administrative Aide

Attachment 1: Caltrans Award Notification
Attachment 2: Clean CA Local Grant Program Flyer

California Department of Transportation

DIVISION OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE
OFFICE OF INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS
Clean California Local Grant Program

<https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grant-program>



Transmittal Letter

November 28, 2023

Dear Grant Recipient:

Congratulations on being selected as a Cycle 2 awardee for the Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP)! A list of Cycle 2 awarded projects can be found here: <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grant-program/local-grants-cycle-2>. Please note the CCLGP is a reimbursement program. Reimbursable work cannot commence on a project until you have a fully executed (i.e., signed) Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA) with Caltrans. Included in our email is the RGA document for your review and signature. The Agreement will need to be executed by both your agency/Tribe and Caltrans before project work can begin. **This letter is not a Notice to Proceed.** No funds will be released to a grant awardee until the RGA is fully executed/signed by both parties. **Expenses incurred prior to the execution of the grant agreement cannot be reimbursed or counted towards any local match requirements for a project.**

In addition to the RGA, an *Amendment to the Grant Agreement* may be included for your review and signature based on previous discussions between your agency/Tribe and your District CCLGP Grant Manager. We encourage you to continue to reach out to your District CCLGP Grant Manager with any questions you may have on these proposed changes to the Grant Agreement. If the Amendment is not included for your review, this is not applicable to your project.

A complete RGA package, that includes the following list of documents, will need to be returned to your District CCLGP Grant Manager before the RGA can be fully executed by Caltrans. Copies of forms that need to be completed and samples of documents have been emailed with this letter.

- RGA signed by authorized signatory as noted in the agency resolution (see page 2 for details on the agency resolution).
- If applicable, amendment to Grant Agreement signed by authorized signatory.
- Checklist of Documents to include in the RGA Package.

- An updated Payee Data Record (form STD. 204) **OR** W-9 form. Tribes should submit the STD 204 form instead of the W-9 form since they are sovereign nations. These forms ensure Caltrans has the right information to process grant payments. If you have not done so already, please email one of these forms to Payee.Data.Records@dot.ca.gov and CC your grant manager. In the email, please request confirmation when the form has been processed by Payee Data Records and a Vendor ID has been generated.

If your agency or Tribe has previously completed one of these forms for another Caltrans project and already has a Vendor ID, please submit this form again to Payee.Data.Records@dot.ca.gov, to ensure that Caltrans has the most up to date information for your agency/Tribe and that it will receive reimbursements in a timely manner.

While completing a form, if you decide to include a Social Security Number (SSN#) instead of the other Tax Identification Numbers, please black the SSN# out, and once the form is received, Payee Data Records will call your agency for the SSN#.

- An agency (i.e., Board, City Council, or Tribal Government) resolution or similar approval document approving the project and authorizing the agency/Tribe to execute the restricted grant agreement with the State of California, Department of Transportation. A sample resolution has been sent with this letter that you can complete with your agency or Tribe's information and present to your agency/Tribe for approval. Note, some local agencies have a blanket resolution authorizing it to receive state funds and identifying specific managers to sign contracts up to a certain dollar amount. If that applies to your agency/Tribe, you can provide this blanket resolution that authorizes the person signing the RGA instead. In general, if you have an existing resolution that you would like to use instead of the sample resolution provided, please reach out to your District Grant Manager to confirm that it meets the criteria for an agency or tribal resolution. **Also, if you already submitted a resolution with your grant application, please confirm with your District Grant Manager that it meets the criteria for a resolution and that it is still accurate/applies.**
- If requesting reimbursement for indirect costs, an approval letter(s) of the indirect cost rate for the fiscal year(s) that your agency/Tribe will be claiming indirect costs from either Caltrans or the federal cognizant agency must be provided. See page 29 of the [Cycle 2 Program Guidelines](#) and the Caltrans Internal Audits Office (CIAO) website for details: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/audits>.

To ensure the success of your project, please note the following:

- The Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) homepage is located here: <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grant-program>. Resources, including the Cycle 2 Program Guidelines, are available to awardees from this main page. Please re-familiarize yourself with the Grant Guidelines. They will be included in the RGA package as an attachment.
- Invoicing must occur on a regular and timely basis. This is no more frequently than monthly and no less frequently than every six months for projects not requesting advance payments. If your agency or Tribe requested an advance payment, your agency/Tribe shall **invoice monthly** (refer to the section "Advance Payment Process" of the [Program Guidelines](#)). Awardees who requested advance payment will be receiving instructions on how to complete an invoice for this payment, when they receive the executed grant agreement and Notice to Proceed.
- For an item to be reimbursed, it must have been included in the project's Scope, Cost, and Schedule, align with the [Program Guidelines](#) (see the sections "Eligible Activities and Expenses" and "Ineligible Activities and Expenses"), **and comply with [2 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\), Part 200](#)**.
- If requesting reimbursement of funds to be electronically deposited directly to the agency or Tribe's account, please complete the *Electronic Funds Transfer Document* (FA-2656). Note that participation in the EFT program is limited to local agencies that do not have delinquent account receivables with Caltrans. The Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN #) can be listed on this form. If the SSN# is listed instead, please black this out, and once the form is received, Payee Data Records will call the requestor for the Social Security Number. Mail original form with **wet signatures**, along with a voided check or a bank reference number, directly to:

Division of Accounting – MS 33
Attn: Suet Wong/Payee Data Records
P.O. Box 168043
Sacramento, CA 95816

It is recommended that when submitting the original form, you include a note requesting confirmation that this form has been processed. Note that it can take up to 30 days between when the form is submitted and when funds can be transferred electronically.

- Quarterly Progress Reports are to be submitted to Caltrans for review in a timely and accurate manner. Your District CCLGP Grant Manager will provide your

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agency/Tribe instructions on when and how to submit these closer to when the first report will be due.

- The project must be completed, open to the public, and/or all capital funds expended by **June 30, 2026**. To ensure that the project delivery deadline is met, please ensure you have completed or are close to completing all applicable environmental clearances such as CEQA or NEPA. Also, please verify that any Caltrans encroachment permits or other applicable permits from other agencies have been obtained or are close to being obtained, to ensure that the project delivery deadline will be met.
- Final Delivery Reports and invoicing must be submitted to Caltrans no later than **November 1, 2026**. The final invoice will be paid upon submission and acceptance of the Final Delivery Report.
- Projects may be subject to an audit by Caltrans to evaluate the following:
 - Performance of the project
 - Whether project costs incurred and reimbursed are compliant with the following:
 - Executed RGA and/or approved amendment(s)
 - State and Federal laws and regulations
 - Contract provisions
 - Program Guidelines
 - Approved Indirect Cost Rate
 - Consistency with project scope, schedule, benefits, and project outcomes described in the RGA, approved project application, and/or approved amendment(s).

If you have any questions about the RGA or the CCLGP, please contact your District Grant Manager, **Nicholas Le**, Nicholas.Le@dot.ca.gov. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,



Gretchen Chavez
Caltrans Division of Local Assistance
Chief, Office of Innovative Programs
Clean California Local Grant Program

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Enclosed:

- Restricted Grant Agreement
- Original Grant Application
- If applicable, Amendment to Grant Agreement
- RGA Checklist
- STD 204 Form and W-9 Form
- Agency Resolution
- CCLGP Guidelines
- Electronic Funds Transfer Document (FA-2656)



CLEAN CALIFORNIA

Local Grant Program

The Clean California Local Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), provides funding to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers. Its ultimate goal is to restore pride in California's public spaces.

In Cycle 1, Caltrans awarded approximately \$300 million in funds to 105 projects. In Cycle 2, Caltrans awarded approximately \$100 million in funds to 42 projects across the State. Eligible applicants were local or regional public agencies, transit agencies, and tribal governments. Nonprofit organizations could apply as sub-applicants. At this time, we do not anticipate there being a Cycle 3, however if this changes we will update our website and inform stakeholders as soon as possible.

Project Types

Eligible projects are infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects that reduce litter, beautify public spaces, improve public health, and foster place-making.

Funding

The grant program guidelines recognize and provide for the diverse funding needs of potential applicants throughout the state.

- The local match component ranges from 0% to 50% of the grant amount request.
- All program funds benefit underserved communities.
- The maximum grant amount request is \$5 million. There is no minimum award.
- Cycle 2 projects must be delivered by June 30, 2026.



Groundbreaking event for the Hoopa Four Project, Hoopa Valley Tribal Council, Cycle 1 Awardee



Student paint day for mural that is part of the 21st Avenue Beautification Project, City of Sacramento, Cycle 1 Awardee



CLEAN CALIFORNIA

Local Grant Program

Project Selection Criteria

For Cycle 2, Caltrans refined the project selection criteria to further support:

- Community need.
- Potential to enhance and beautify public space.
- Potential for greening to provide shade, reduction of the urban heat island effect, and use of native drought-tolerant plants.
- Potential to improve access to public space.
- Public engagement in the project proposal that reflects community priorities.
- Benefit to underserved communities.

Funds for this program cannot be used to displace people experiencing homelessness.

Cycle 2 Milestones	Dates
Call for Projects	February 14, 2023
Project Application Deadline	May 31, 2023
Project Award Announcement	October 9, 2023
Project Completion Date	June 30, 2026



Litter clean up event part of the Fresno River & Vernon McCullough River Trail Project, City of Madera, Cycle 1 Awardee



Litter clean up event part of the Oakdale Alameda Gateway Beautification Project, City of El Cajon, Cycle 1 Awardee

Stay Informed!

- Learn about the CCLGP and projects in your area by visiting: <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grant-program>
- Sign up for our mailing list [HERE](#)
- Questions? Email: CleanCA.LocalGrant@dot.ca.gov

WEEKLY MEMO 02-01-2024

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

January 25, 2024 - January 31, 2024

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove City Hall



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 1/30/2024 10:01 am PST

SUPPORT GARDEN GROVE COLLEGE GRADUATES 🎓 Join us as a sponsor to the **2024 Garden Grove College...**



Reach

1,867



Garden Grove City Hall

Sat 1/27/2024 9:00 am PST

The Winter and Spring 2024 Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide is available at ggparksandrec.com! Serving as the main...

Community Services | City of Gar...



Reach

1,850



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 1/25/2024 9:00 am PST

Don't forget to gather your bulky items and bring them to the community cleanup day of the year! The self-service...

January 27 | 9AM-11AM

Pacifica High School
6851 Lampson Avenue



Reach

1,799



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 1/30/2024 5:19 pm PST

#NewYearNewGoals - Choose a new career of courage, courtesy, and commitment that makes a difference. #Officer \$6,839...



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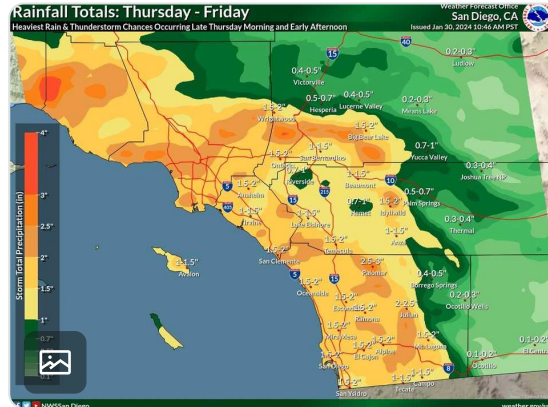
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Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 1/31/2024 10:00 am PST

☔ We're expecting rain in the forecast tomorrow, February 1 through Friday, February 2. Remember to #StaySafeGG...



Reach

969



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 1/26/2024 9:00 am PST

👉 Remember to gather your bulky items, #GardenGrove! 🗑️ Declutter your home and bring all your unwanted and unused...



Reach

814



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 1/25/2024 2:37 pm PST

👤 Do you want to become a certified Disaster Service Worker and help make a difference in the community? Watch as...



Reach

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Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 1/29/2024 3:10 pm PST

👤 The #GardenGrove business community excels in the art of doing business! The Garden Grove Chamber of...



Reach

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Post Performance

January 25, 2024 - January 31, 2024

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 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 1/29/2024 12:30 pm PST

#NewYearNewGoals. Choose a new career of courage, courtesy and commitment, that makes a difference. #Officer \$6,839...



Video Views	2,094
Impressions	6,348
Reach	6,348
Engagements	284
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 1/25/2024 3:30 pm PST

Today, January 25, 2024 at 5:45 AM, #GardenGrovePD Officers responded to the area of Coast St / Garden Grove Blvd...



Impressions	8,575
Reach	7,958
Engagements	1,172
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.7%

WEEKLY MEMO 02-01-2024

NEWS ARTICLES

City Hall goes to West Grove

January 31



THE "MEET ON MAIN – Valley View Edition" brought top city leaders to meet with West Garden Grove residents on Tuesday evening. Speaking with microphone is City Manager Lisa. At her left is Ursula Luna-Reynosa, economic development director; at her right is Niki Wetzel, community development director. At far left is Councilmember Stephanie Klopfenstein (Orange County Tribune photo by Jim Tortolano)

By Jim Tortolano/Orange County Tribune

City Hall came to West Garden Grove on Tuesday evening to report on what the City of Garden Grove is doing, and to answer questions from and field requests from residents on what they wanted done.

City Manager Lisa Kim, Economic Development Director Ursula Luna-Reynosa and Community Development Director Niki Wetzel were the panel of the outdoor "Meet on Main: Valley View Edition" (The "Meet on Main" sessions are usually held in the downtown area).

The event was organized by the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association, and attendees were told that:

- The Central Cities Navigation Center, located in Garden Grove in partnership with Fountain Valley and Westminster, will open in June to serve the homeless with 85 beds and support services;
- In today's business environment, the "highest and best use" of land is now industrial, rather than commercial. Garden Grove's Central Industrial District is located on the west side of the city and is so much in demand that it has a 2 percent vacancy rate;
- CalTrans has awarded funding to the city to eliminate gatherings of the homeless under freeway underpasses through the use of landscaping and fencing;

- Residents wanting to report problems with graffiti, street repair, code enforcement and other issues can do so using the city’s new app for mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets.

“It’s been an actual pleasure and honor to lead our Garden Grove organization,” said Kim, who became city manager last spring after Scott Stiles took a similar post in Palm Springs. “We have approximately 650 employees and we have some some amazing projects I’d like to highlight in the course of our conversation.”

Members of the audience had questions mostly about the West Grove area, covering issues such as a new Korean barbecue eatery – “The Thirsty Cow” – opening at the site of a former Soup Plantation in the Eastgate Center, and the resurfacing of roadways on Springdale Street and in the area of Eastgate Park.

‘33: Downtown walls came down

January 23, 2024



DOWNTOWN Garden Grove was hit hard by the '33 quake. Some merchants moved their goods outside (Garden Grove Historical Society)

Editor’s note: This year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Garden Grove in 1874. This is the third in a series on key events in the city’s history.

It was the afternoon of March 10, 1933 that Garden Grove’s world came tumbling down, quite literally.

The so-called Long Beach Earthquake – believed to actually originate offshore near Huntington Beach – rumbled across Los Angeles and Orange counties toppling buildings, killing and injuring people and rendering many homeless.

The earthquake struck Garden Grove hard. Still a town (about 5,000 people) and not a city, it was an agricultural community best known at the time for growing and packing oranges.

Many business buildings were constructed of unreinforced masonry; many homes were wooden structures not bolted to a concrete foundation. The result was that much of the community’s central business district – clustered around what is now Main Street and Garden Grove Boulevard – was damaged. Some structures were leveled; some hit so badly they were unusable.

But the worst impact was at Garden Grove Union High School, a short distance away on Stanford Avenue. The main classroom building, a two-story structure built in 1923, suffered severe damage and one student, Elizabeth Pollard, was fatally injured.

Worried about after shocks, some downtown merchants moved their goods into the roadway and people slept on their lawns. There were no fires, but the danger of looting inspired members of the local American Legion to stand guard, there being no police in town then.

However, the community recovered. The high school building was rebuilt as a one-story structure on the foundation of the original edifice. The downtown area was rebuilt, the street widened and the architectural theme of white storefronts and red tile roofs introduced, some of which can be seen today.

Dân cử và giới chức Garden Grove thăm và chúc Tết nhật báo Người Việt

January 26, 2024

WESTMINSTER, California (NV) – Một phái đoàn bao gồm dân cử và giới chức thành phố Garden Grove, Học Khu Garden Grove, và Đặc Khu Thủy Cục Orange County vừa ghé thăm và chúc Tết Giáp Thìn nhật báo Người Việt, Westminster, hôm Thứ Sáu, 26 Tháng Giêng.

Đây là truyền thống có từ lâu và luôn được các vị dân cử và giới chức duy trì. Chuyến thăm và chúc Tết này do cô Kristy Thái, nhân viên giao tế cộng đồng Garden Grove, sắp xếp và tổ chức.

Trong hình, từ trái, ông George Brietigam (nghị viên Garden Grove, Địa Hạt 1), cô Lisa Kim (tổng quản trị Garden Grove), Luật Sư Dina Nguyễn (ủy viên Học Khu Garden, Khu Vực 5, kiêm ủy viên Đặc Khu Thủy Cục Orange County, Địa Hạt 1), Tiến Sĩ Joe Đỗ Vinh (nghị viên Garden Grove, Địa Hạt 4), cô Cindy Ngọc Trần (phó thị trưởng Garden Grove, Địa Hạt 3), và cô Stephanie Klopfenstein (nghị viên Garden Grove, Địa Hạt 5) tại phòng họp nhật báo Người Việt. **(Hình: Thanh Long/Người Việt)**



Phái Đoàn Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove Thăm và Chúc Tết báo Viễn Đông

January 31

THANH PHONG/VIỄN ĐÔNG

WESTMINSTER - Như thông lệ hàng năm, vào lúc 10 giờ sáng Thứ Sáu 26.1.2024 phái đoàn Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove đã đến thăm và chúc Tết báo Viễn Đông. Phái đoàn gồm Phó Thị Trưởng Cindy Ngọc Trần (Địa hạt 3), cô Lisa Kim, Tổng Quản Trị Thành Phố, Nghị viên, Tiến sĩ Joe Đỗ Vinh (Địa Hạt 4) , Nghị viên Stephanie Klopfenstein (Địa Hạt 5), Nghị viên Dina Nguyễn (Ủy viên Giáo Dục Học Khu Garden Grove kiêm Ủy Viên Đặc Khu Thủy Cục Orange County Địa hạt 1) và cô Kristy Thái, Nhân viên Giao Tế Cộng Đồng, Người đã kết nối các vị dân cử địa phương đến gần hơn với cộng đồng người Việt tại Quận Cam.

Phó Thị Trưởng Cindy Ngọc Trần thay mặt phái đoàn trao tặng báo Viễn Đông một chậu Nụ Tầm Xuân, chúc Ban Biên Tập và toàn thể nhân viên tòa báo sang năm mới được nhiều sức khỏe, gia đình bình an, hạnh phúc và tờ báo Viễn Đông luôn xứng đáng là món ăn tinh thần của người Việt tỵ nạn tại Little Saigon cũng như khắp nơi trên thế giới qua trang mạng: <https://vien-dong.com>

Ông Nguyễn Quang Thắng, Chủ Nhiệm thay mặt Ban Biên Tập và toàn thể nhân viên báo Viễn Đông cảm ơn phái đoàn đã đến thăm và có những lời chúc rất tốt đẹp dành cho báo Viễn Đông. Ông kính chúc quý vị dân cử Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove năm mới được nhiều sức khỏe để phục vụ cư dân và phát triển thành phố Garden Grove ngày một tốt đẹp hơn.



Quận Cam: Báo Los Angeles Times ủng hộ nghị viên Kim Nguyen-Penalosa (Dân Chủ) giành ghế Dân biểu liên bang hiện do bà Michelle Steel (Cộng Hòa) nắm giữ



Hình trên, Nghị viên Nguyễn-Penalosa (Hình hồ sơ VB, Tết năm 2020).

Ban biên tập tờ Los Angeles Times đã công bố ủng hộ Kim Nguyen-Penalosa trong cuộc đua vào Khu vực Quốc hội thứ 45 của California, khu vực bao trùm phần lớn Little Saigon, giành ghế Dân biểu liên bang hiện do bà Michelle Steel (Cộng Hòa) giữ.

Tiểu sử từ văn phòng cô ghi nhận: "Là con gái của một người tị nạn Việt Nam và một người nhập cư Mexico, Kim Nguyen-Penalosa là người đầu tiên trong gia đình tốt nghiệp trung học và đại học. Mới 25 tuổi, cô đã giành chiến thắng trong cuộc bầu cử lịch sử với tư cách là người trẻ nhất và là người Latina đầu tiên được bầu vào Hội đồng Thành phố Garden Grove.

Là người đi đầu về các vấn đề phụ nữ, Nghị viên Nguyễn-Penalosa đã đứng lên chống lại sự quấy rối và tìm kiếm sự bình đẳng và công lý trên khắp miền Nam California và đã đấu tranh để đảm bảo rằng những người nhập cư, giống như cha mẹ cô, có phẩm giá và cơ hội thành công trong cộng đồng của chúng ta. Là một nhà lãnh đạo cây nhà lá vườn, Nghị viên Nguyễn-Penalosa đã theo học tại Trường Tiểu học Clinton-Mendenhall, Trường Trung học Doig, Trung cấp và Trung học Santiago. Với tư cách là một chuyên gia chăm sóc sức khỏe, cô ấy sẽ mang đến Quốc hội nền tảng kiến thức y tế công cộng rất cần thiết, trước đây từng làm việc cho CalOptima và hiện là Giám đốc Chương trình cho một chương trình y tế lớn. Kim là ứng cử viên được Đảng Dân chủ tán thành trong CA-45."

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
February 1, 2024

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the February 8, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from January 16, 2024 to February 1, 2024.
4. Garden Grove Historical Society Newsletter, February 2024.



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: February 1, 2024

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



Lawmakers wrapped up last year's leftover bills. Here's what it means for cities

Jan 31, 2024

By Cal Cities Staff

Cal Cities solidified some key early wins last week as lawmakers wrapped up last year's remaining business. Legislators voted down measures that would impose new rules for warehouses. Meanwhile, a bill that would make it easier for people to serve on local advisory bodies, boards, and commissions moved to the Senate.

California's legislative cycle lasts two years. Bills that fail to advance in the first year can be taken up again in the second year.

Warehouse expansions

Legislators rejected both [AB 1000 \(Reyes\)](#) and [AB 1748 \(Ramos\)](#), which would have placed overly strict standards on new warehouses or warehouse expansions to lessen their impact on local air quality. Cal Cities opposed AB 1000 and monitored AB 1748 for any major changes.

Over the past decade, companies have built thousands of warehouses in California, particularly in the Inland Empire region. Some have started expanding into less populated areas of the [Central Valley](#). Those regions now have some of the worst [air quality](#) in the nation.

Cal Cities is committed to working with the state to advance clean air initiatives. However, AB 1000 included duplicative requirements for medium and heavy-duty vehicles and emission standards already managed by the California Air Resources Board and air quality management districts.

AB 1000 would also have usurped cities' ability to zone, plan, and perform environmental reviews under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The law requires cities to mitigate significant environmental impacts. Other recent environmental laws, like the state's Advanced Clean Fleet Rule, also made parts of the bill moot.

Although the two measures failed to advance, lawmakers are preparing to take up warehouse citing again this year. Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas called on Asm. Juan Carrillo to [form a working group](#) to determine how to balance warehouse expansions without sacrificing jobs. Cal Cities will report on the working group's progress, as well as any related legislative proposals as the session continues.

Remote public meeting flexibility

In good news for cities, [AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#) moved to the Senate. Co-sponsored by Cal Cities, the bill would address [key recruitment and safety issues](#) by easing restrictions on remote meetings for local non-decision-making legislative bodies. It would allow members of local advisory bodies, boards, and commissions to participate in online public meetings without posting their location and without allowing the public into the private location — just like [state advisory bodies](#).

Barring any unforeseen surprises late today, legislators are now fully focused on the year ahead. Lawmakers have until Feb. 16 to introduce any new bills. Policy committee meetings will begin in earnest when the legislature reconvenes from a brief spring recess on April 1.



‘Taxpayer protection’ ballot measure is an unlawful revision of the state constitution, argues Cal Cities

Jan 31, 2024

By Sheri Chapman, *general counsel*

Cal Cities today filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of a legal challenge that would remove the “Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act” from the November 2024 ballot. The brief argues the measure should be removed because it unlawfully revises the state constitution and would impair essential public services.

The measure, as described by the independent Legislative Analyst’s Office, would change the rules for how taxes, fees, and other charges are imposed. Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature [filed the legal challenge](#) with the California Supreme Court last fall. Several local governments and associations supported the move, including the ten that joined Cal Cities’ amicus brief.

The brief argues the measure would the entire constitutional structure of government finance in California, with vast and sweeping changes that would revise the constitution in a manner that cannot be legally achieved by initiative. The brief also notes the measure’s numerous ambiguities, which will take years and significant public resources to resolve.

It also notes the harm caused by the retroactive provision of the measure — which would invalidate taxes adopted by voters after Jan. 1, 2022 — if not readopted as required by the measure. As an example, the brief notes the measure jeopardizes the city of Los Angeles’ Measure ULA, an initiative special tax to fund solutions to homelessness passed by voters in November 2022.

The brief explains the court needs to act now prior to the election, because even the threat of the measure becoming law may impair local governments’ ability to borrow money, constrain sound fiscal planning and budgetary decisions, and impair essential government services.

Cal Cities anticipates the court will issue a decision before the end of June 2024, when the Secretary of State must formally qualify the measure for the November 2024 ballot.



Cal Cities and other advocates urge ambitious action on retail theft

Jan 31, 2024

The next Assembly hearing on retail theft is Feb. 9 in West Hollywood

By Cal Cities Staff

Cal Cities and a broad coalition are urging policymakers to center any discussions on retail theft around three core pillars: prevention, enforcement, and supervision. The diverse group, made up of local governments, law enforcement, and businesses, [sent a letter](#) to the Legislature and Governor on Monday outlining each pillar.

The letter argues that addressing crime begins with prevention: Identifying and treating the causes of crime often produces the best outcomes. However, that's not always enough — particularly for repeat offenders. In some cases, rehabilitation, education, and/or incarceration may be needed.

The coalition stressed the importance of passing policies that prevent mass incarceration and a revolving criminal justice system. The group is also calling for incentives to help people commit to treatment.

“By connecting people on supervision to services, while also instilling accountability through higher levels of supervision, we return appropriate consequences to the system without over-relying on incarceration,” they noted.

Retail theft shot to the forefront of public consciousness last year in response to several viral videos of smash-and-grab robberies. At least one statewide study suggests a [marked increase](#) in retail theft in urban counties and the Bay Area. Last week, the [Public Policy Institute of California](#) said that data could be an undercount. Businesses are loathe to report low-value theft and reporting standards differ among agencies. Retail theft can also fall under multiple reporting categories. Policymakers have also put retail theft at the top of their agendas. [Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas](#), [Gov. Gavin Newsom](#), and a cadre of Republican and Democratic lawmakers have all put forth their own proposals. Some legislators have even floated the idea of reforming Proposition 47, which changed some nonviolent offenses to misdemeanors.

The Assembly is holding a series of informational hearings on retail theft. The next hearing is Feb. 9 in the West Hollywood City Council Chambers starting at 9 a.m.

For more information about retail theft bills, contact Jolena Voorhis, [legislative affairs lobbyist](#).



Lobby lawmakers and gain policy insights at the 2024 City Leaders Summit

Jan 31, 2024

The City Leaders Summit is open for registration through March 27

By Cal Cities Education Staff

The League of California Cities' biggest advocacy event — the City Leaders Summit — returns to the state Capitol, from April 17-19. The event is an opportunity for city officials to meet with state lawmakers and advocate for cities' top priorities, as well as participate in peer-to-peer discussions and in-depth educational sessions.

Prime advocacy and education opportunities for city leaders

The City Leaders Summit begins on April 17 with a full day of legislative lobbying. Cal Cities' legislative team will kick off the summit with updates on the most important things to advocate for when meeting with lawmakers. City leaders can also attend legislative-focused education sessions in between legislative meetings and an evening reception with the California State Association of Counties, hosted by Cal Cities Partners. Thursday and Friday's educational sessions will cover need-to-know information on emerging issues and solutions for top issues facing cities. Additional information is available in the "schedule at a glance" section of the [City Leaders Summit](#) webpage.

Registration and hotel information

Registration for all three days starts at \$650 for city officials from any Cal Cities member city. Summit registration includes admission to all educational sessions, the Wednesday reception, Thursday breakfast and lunch, Friday breakfast, and access to all program materials. The deadline to register is March 27, after which officials must register on-site if space is available.

The City Leaders Summit will be at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, located in the heart of downtown Sacramento across from the Capitol. The SAFE Credit Union Convention Center is just 15 minutes away from Sacramento International Airport.

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento and Residence Inn Capitol Park at a reduced rate for conference attendees who register before March 26. Discounted hotel rooms often sell out early, so advance registration is encouraged.

For more information, visit the [City Leaders Summit](#) webpage. For questions about registration, please contact Conference Registrar [Megan Dunn](#). For sponsorship opportunities, please contact [Amy Wade](#). For all other questions, please contact Associate Manager, Event Program, [Kayla Boutros](#).



Cal Cities seeking proposals for 2024 Annual Conference and Expo

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By Cal Cities Education Staff

The League of California Cities is seeking unique, forward-looking session proposals for California's premier municipal education event: the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo. Taking place at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, Oct. 16-18, the conference will bring together local officials and policy experts for three days of learning, sharing, and problem-solving.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to gain visibility and share your expertise by submitting a session proposal. The annual conference attracts thousands of leaders from all sections of city government, including mayors, council members, city managers, city clerks, city attorneys, and fiscal officers.

This year's conference will offer educational and innovative leadership sessions across a variety of formats with a roster of more than 100 speakers. Change is constant in cities, and these sessions will support city leaders by equipping them with the latest knowledge, resources, and tools to advance their communities and assist officials in their daily roles and operations.

What we're looking for

Submissions from individuals, groups, businesses, and organizations on any topic of interest are welcome. Cal Cities encourages session proposals that are creative and modern in their programming and format.

A diverse group of Cal Cities members will review each proposal through an online survey. Proposals are evaluated on their broad appeal, topic timeliness, originality, innovation, interactivity, creativity, supporting evidence, the ability to provoke discussion or thought, and the absence of product or vendor commercialization.

The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, April 5, 2024.

How to submit

Only proposals submitted online through the proposal form will be considered. There is a limit to the number of words for each proposal's title and description. Be sure to read the instructions carefully as requirements differ between session types.

Visit the [Annual Conference and Expo page](#) for more information. For questions, please email Associate Manager, Event Program, [Kayla Boutros](#).

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Garden Grove Historical Society

Calendar of Activities

February 2024

February 4 - Public tour, 1:30 PM

February 18 - Public tour, 1:30 PM

February 27 - Board meeting, 9:30 AM

February 29 - It's leap year, so there's an extra day of February!

March 2024

March 3 - Public tour, 1:30 PM

March 10 - Return to Daylight Savings Time. At 2 AM, set your clock to 3 AM (or just move ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday!)

March 17 - Celebrate St Patrick's Day by going on a docent-led tour of the Ware-Stanley Ranch. Meet at the "General Store" at 1:30 PM.

March 26 - Board meeting, 9:30 AM

Membership Renewal

If you haven't yet done so, please renew your membership for 2024. Mail check to:

PO Box 4297
Garden Grove CA 92842

And thank you!

Eagle Scout Ceremony

On Saturday, January 13, Robin Alexander Colley was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. The ceremony was held on the lawn just east of the Ware-Stanley House, with the gazebo as center stage.

Robin's project took place on the Ranch: He organized, financed, and directed the repair and painting of the Disney garage. The project took several weekends during the summer to complete, and included installing a new bench next to the garage (west side). Shrubs that covered the arbor have also been trimmed back.

Robin's career with the Scouts has been impressive. He achieved Scout rank in June 2017, Tenderfoot in July 2018, and Second and First Class in 2019. He reached Life rank in February 2022, and Eagle rank, the highest in the Boy Scout system, in September of 2023.



Robin and
Jeb Price,
Troop 65
Scoutmaster



The new bench next to the garage



Tacos were provided for the guests, who numbered about 100 for the ceremony. Everybody loved the modified VW bus! In case you'd like to hire a caterer for your next party, here's the TacoBus website: <https://www.tacobusvw.com/menu/>

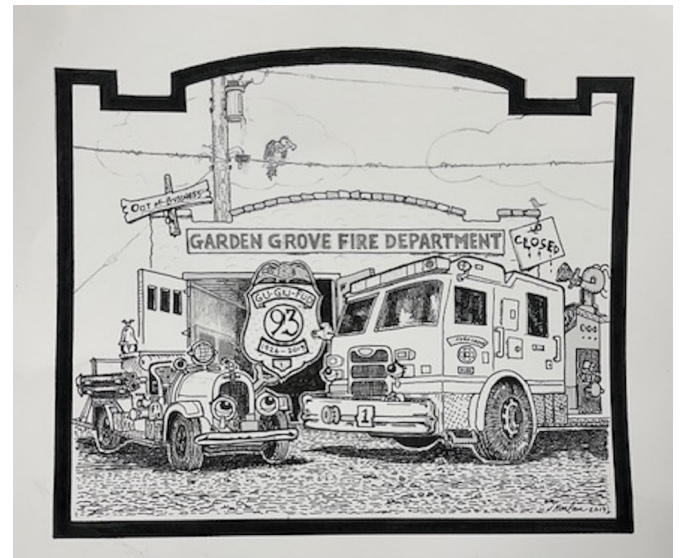


The front of the newly-refurbished Disney garage. This is the highlight of many of our tours, as it draws Disney fans from all over the country.

The Art of Jeff Harlan

Volunteer Jeff Harlan, a retired fireman with the Garden Grove Fire Department (now a part of the Orange County system), is also a prolific and very talented artist.

Jeff joins the crew every Tuesday morning to work on the fire station and the surrounding garden. Here are some of the work he's done in preserving the museum and its exhibits:



This is an earlier work, a composite sketch of old and new fire trucks, in front of the replica station.



A watercolor of the front (north) entrance to the schoolhouse. The school was originally a temporary structure on the grounds of a permanent school, built in 1921 and moved to the Ranch in the 1970s.



Another watercolor, showing the east side of the Ware-Stanley House

In Memoriam: Gail Huitt

We are sad to report the death of Mr. Gail Huitt, another dedicated former fireman, who worked with the fire station maintenance team every Tuesday. He died at his home on January 20.

Orange County Landmarks

If you're interested in local history in Southern California, you should check out the SoCal Landmarks Project. It's an ongoing photography project, documenting the myriad sites, buildings, structures, monuments, and other natural and historical points of importance/interest in the ten southern counties of California.

The project launched in February 2020, the brainchild of Andy Schmidt, a member of the Photographic Society of Orange County. He was involved in the "Slice of Orange" photography project organized by John Bare of Laguna Niguel. In mid-2019, Andy and John, along with another photographer, Al Russell, organized an open-ended project focusing on historical landmarks. As of this date, the project has documented more than 600 landmarks, including the Ware-Stanley House here in Garden Grove.

You can check out the other entries, with a photo gallery included for each site, by going to their website: <https://socallandmarks.com>. The organization has also published eight books (so far), including *Landmarks in Los Angeles County*, *Landmarks in Orange County*, *Victorian Architecture*, *Art Deco Landmarks*, *Landmarks of Early California*, and *Landmarks of Transportation*.

The books are 8.5 inches square, on 80# stock paper, and each sells for about \$20 (includes shipping, handling, and tax). As the website says, this is a "poor man's coffee table book" and it won't cover up your entire coffee tabletop! A portion of the proceeds is donated back to local governments to help in the preservation and conservation efforts of historical landmarks in their communities.



This is the cover of the issue of *SoCal Landmarks* for Orange County. Below is the cover for the Victorian-era landmarks, including houses in Santa Ana, Placentia, and Fullerton.





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DATED MATERIAL

STANLEY RANCH MUSEUM TOURS

Tours begin at 1:30 PM on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Suggested donations are \$5, and \$1 for students under the age of 12.

Group tours for 8 or more can be scheduled Monday through Saturday by calling the office at (714) 530-8871.

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