

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
November 19, 2015

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. INVESTMENT REPORT
Kingsley Okereke provides the October, 2015 Investment Report.
- B. 2015A LEASE REVENUE BOND SALE SUMMARY
Kingsley Okereke provides information on the sale of the Series 2015A Lease Revenue Bonds to refinance the City's prior 2002 Bonds and raise funds to construct a fire station and renovate the police station.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the local newspaper articles for weeks ending November 12 and 19, 2015 are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

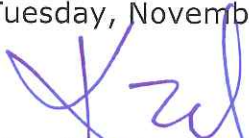
2015A Lease Revenue Bond Sale Summary

November 18, 2015

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The groundwork for this successful sale of the City's Series 2015 Bonds were as a result of prior months of detailed and conscientious work by City staff and the City's finance team.

The actual bond closing, true up and funds delivery to the trustee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24.



Kingsley Okereke
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept: City Manager
Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT
FOR OCT 2015

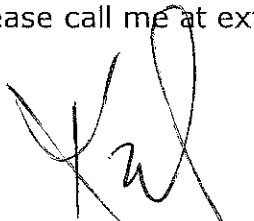
From: Kingsley Okereke
Dept: Finance
Date: NOV 09, 2015

Enclosed is the October 2015 Investment Report which shows the financial institutions, types of investment instruments, monthly transactions, current month interest received, and the par and fair market value of investments held. The month-end cash in the bank and petty cash balances are also listed on the Cash and Investment Report. The pie chart reflects the investment instruments as a percentage of the total portfolio.

This investment portfolio meets State guidelines and adheres to the City investment policy. As of October 2015, the City invested 20.010% of its total portfolio in treasury securities and 57.595% in federally backed securities. 18.292% of the portfolio or \$33.824 million is invested in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) managed by the California State Treasurer. A portion of the investment portfolio is restricted as they are funds held and invested by an outside fiscal agent. The restrictions were set forth in the related bond indentures. As of October 2015, 4.104% of the portfolio is restricted. Please see chart on attachment A.

In summary, the investment portfolio is secured and the City has the necessary cash to pay its bills for six months in a timely manner.

Please call me at extension #5060 if you have any questions.



KINGSLEY OKEREKE
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

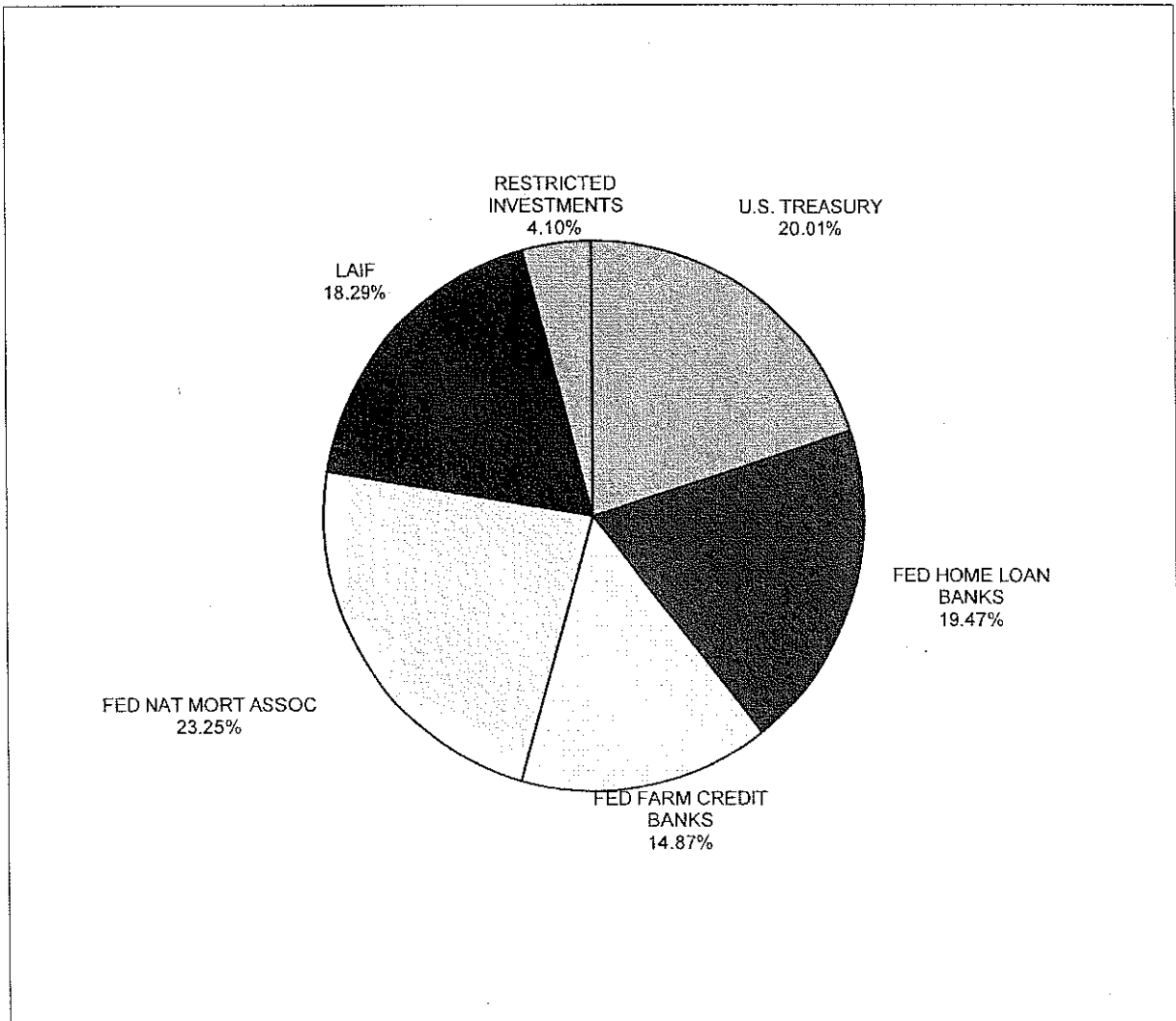
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Attachments
cc: Monica Neely

ATTACHMENT A

INVESTMENT SUMMARY October 2015

<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT / FIN INSTITUTION</u>		<u>END. INV</u>	<u>% OF INV.</u>
U.S. TREASURY	\$	37,000,000	20.010%
FED HOME LOAN BANKS		36,000,000	19.469%
FED FARM CREDIT BANKS		27,500,000	14.872%
FED NAT MORT ASSOC		43,000,000	23.254%
LAIF		33,823,902	18.292%
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS		7,588,140	4.104%
TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS	\$	184,912,042	100.000%



WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITIES
October 2015

Investment	Yield (Rate)	UBOC Held	Amount	Date of Maturity	No. Days to Mat. 10/31/2015	Weighted Investment Amt	Weighted # of Days
			(a)		(b)	(a / total a = c)	(b x c)
TREASURY							
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	02/29/16	121	1.69182%	2,047
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	4,000,000	06/30/16	243	2.25576%	5,481
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	07/31/16	274	1.69182%	4,636
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	08/31/16	305	3.38364%	10,320
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	10/31/16	366	3.38364%	12,384
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	06/30/18	973	1.69182%	16,461
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/31/18	1,035	1.69182%	17,510
U S TREASURY	1.250	*	3,000,000	10/31/18	1,096	1.69182%	18,542
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	07/31/18	1,004	1.69182%	16,986
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	1,247	1.69182%	21,097
CITY							
FHLB	1.360	*	4,000,000	09/06/16	311	2.25576%	7,015
FHLB	2.125	*	2,000,000	06/10/16	223	1.12788%	2,615
FHLB	1.300	*	6,000,000	11/30/16	396	3.38364%	13,399
FHLB	1.000	*	3,000,000	06/09/17	587	1.69182%	9,931
FHLB	1.125	*	3,000,000	07/28/17	636	1.69182%	10,760
FHLB	2.250	*	3,000,000	09/08/17	678	1.69182%	11,471
FHLB	0.875	*	3,000,000	03/10/17	496	1.69182%	8,391
FHLB	1.500	*	3,000,000	03/13/19	1,229	1.69182%	20,792
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/13/19	1,413	1.69182%	23,905
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	06/14/19	1,322	1.69182%	22,366
FHLB	1.750	*	3,000,000	06/12/20	1,686	1.69182%	28,524
FFCB	1.500	*	3,000,000	11/16/15	16	1.69182%	0,271
FFCB	0.930	*	2,000,000	11/16/15	16	1.12788%	0,180
FFCB	0.400	*	3,000,000	02/01/16	93	1.69182%	1,573
FFCB	1.050	*	3,000,000	03/28/16	149	1.69182%	2,521
FFCB	1.000	*	3,000,000	05/16/17	563	1.69182%	9,525
FFCB	1.160	*	3,000,000	10/23/17	723	1.69182%	12,232
FFCB	1.460	*	3,000,000	11/21/18	1,117	1.69182%	18,898
FFCB	1.590	*	3,000,000	10/01/18	1,066	1.69182%	18,035
FFCB	2.060	*	1,500,000	08/01/19	1,370	0.84591%	11,589
FFCB	1.500	*	3,000,000	06/05/19	1,374	1.69182%	23,246
FNMA	2.170	*	2,000,000	09/15/16	320	1.12788%	3,609
FNMA	2.200	*	3,000,000	03/24/16	145	1.69182%	2,453
FNMA	5.375	*	3,000,000	07/15/16	258	1.69182%	4,365
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	10/26/17	726	1.69182%	12,283
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	09/28/18	1,063	1.69182%	17,984
FNMA	1.325	*	3,000,000	11/27/18	1,123	1.69182%	18,999
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	08/28/17	667	1.69182%	11,284
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	02/08/18	831	1.69182%	14,059
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	05/21/18	933	1.69182%	15,785
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	02/27/19	1,215	1.69182%	20,556
FNMA	1.750	*	3,000,000	11/26/19	1,487	1.69182%	25,157
FNMA	1.625	*	3,000,000	11/27/19	1,488	1.69182%	25,174
FNMA	1.320	*	2,000,000	10/22/19	1,452	1.12788%	16,377
FNMA	1.800	*	3,000,000	06/30/20	1,704	1.69182%	28,829
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	09/18/19	1,418	1.69182%	23,990
LAIF/REPO/COMMERCIAL PAPER							
LAIF	0.500		33,823,902	10/31/15	-	19.07464%	0.000
			177,323,902		36,958	100.00000%	624
							Wtd. Avg. Mat.
RESTRICTED							
UNION BANK -2006 Katella Cottages			175,517	10/31/15	-	2.31304%	0.000
U.S. BANK-2004 WATER			-	10/31/15	-	0.00000%	0.000
US BANK -2006 SEWER			1,505,509	10/31/15	-	19.84028%	0.000
US BANK -2010 WATER			696,332	10/31/15	-	9.17658%	0.000
US BANK -2014 TARB			5,210,783	10/31/15	-	68.67009%	0.000
			7,588,140			100.00000%	-
Investment Total			184,912,042			TOT WAM	598

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
 PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2015

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES AMOUNT	PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT RECD DATE
				DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT					
LAF	0.500		33,593,191.92		7,230,710.56		7,000,000.00	33,823,902.48	30,710.56			10/15/15
			33,593,191.92		7,230,710.56		7,000,000.00	33,823,902.48	30,710.56			
SHARES/ UNITS HELD												
U.S. TREASURY	2.250	02/09/12	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,018,233.00	06/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	01/11/13	1,000,000.00					1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00	4,030,160.00	06/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	03/15/13	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,024,600.00	07/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	04/25/13	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	6,029,200.00	06/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	05/09/13	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	6,032,040.00	04/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	04/25/13	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,031,560.00	06/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	03/27/14	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,091,560.00	07/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	06/05/14	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,040,950.00	06/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	04/02/14	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,017,100.00	04/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.250	06/04/14	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,042,720.00	05/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.625	01/09/15	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,296,120.00	
			37,000,000.00					37,000,000.00		37,000,000.00		
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS												
FHLB	2.125	12/01/11	2,000,000.00					2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00	2,021,320.00	06/10/15
FHLB	1.350	09/06/11	4,000,000.00					4,000,000.00		4,000,000.00	4,032,480.00	09/08/15
FHLB	1.300	12/02/11	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	6,044,220.00	06/01/15
FHLB	1.300	12/02/11	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,013,530.00	06/09/15
FHLB	1.000	06/25/13	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,018,170.00	07/28/15
FHLB	1.125	07/29/13	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,079,050.00	09/08/15
FHLB	2.250	12/17/13	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,010,410.00	09/10/15
FHLB	0.875	01/09/15	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,010,770.00	09/14/15
FHLB	1.500	03/13/15	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,058,970.00	09/14/15
FHLB	2.000	05/07/15	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,032,730.00	06/15/15
FHLB	1.625	06/03/15	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,017,940.00	
FHLB	1.750	06/30/15	3,000,000.00					3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	36,350,590.00	
			36,000,000.00					36,000,000.00		36,000,000.00		

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2015

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT REC'D DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS												
FFCB	0.370	01/14/13	3,000,000.00	10/14/15	3,000,000.00	10/14/15	3,000,000.00	10/14/15	5,550.00	3,000,000.00	3,001,580.00	05/18/15
FFCB	1.900	10/12/11	3,000,000.00	11/16/15	3,000,000.00	11/16/15	2,000,000.00	05/18/15		2,000,000.00	2,000,580.00	05/18/15
FFCB	0.930	11/17/11	2,000,000.00	02/01/16	3,000,000.00	02/01/16	3,000,000.00	08/03/15		3,000,000.00	3,000,450.00	08/03/15
FFCB	0.400	02/01/13	3,000,000.00	03/28/16	3,000,000.00	03/28/16	3,000,000.00	09/28/15		3,000,000.00	3,009,480.00	09/28/15
FFCB	1.050	03/28/12	3,000,000.00	05/16/17	3,000,000.00	05/16/17	3,000,000.00	04/23/15		3,000,000.00	3,012,720.00	04/23/15
FFCB	1.008	05/16/12	3,000,000.00	10/23/17	3,000,000.00	10/23/17	3,000,000.00	05/21/15	17,400.00	3,000,000.00	3,007,560.00	05/21/15
FFCB	1.150	01/23/14	3,000,000.00	11/21/18	3,000,000.00	11/21/18	3,000,000.00	10/01/15	23,650.00	3,000,000.00	3,035,340.00	10/01/15
FFCB	1.460	06/05/14	3,000,000.00	10/01/14	3,000,000.00	10/01/14	3,000,000.00	08/03/15		1,500,000.00	1,504,125.00	08/03/15
FFCB	1.590	10/01/14	3,000,000.00	08/05/19	3,000,000.00	08/05/19	3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,999,490.00	
FFCB	2.050	07/29/15	1,500,000.00									
FFCB	1.500	08/11/15	3,000,000.00									
			30,500,000.00		3,000,000.00		27,500,000.00		46,800.00	27,500,000.00	27,619,215.00	
FED NAT MORT ASSOC												
FNMA	1.625	12/07/11	3,000,000.00	10/26/15	3,000,000.00	10/26/15	3,000,000.00	10/26/15	24,375.00	3,000,000.00	3,023,700.00	08/24/15
FNMA	2.200	11/17/11	3,000,000.00	03/24/16	3,000,000.00	03/24/16	2,000,000.00	09/15/15		2,000,000.00	2,028,320.00	09/15/15
FNMA	2.170	11/17/11	2,000,000.00	07/15/16	3,000,000.00	07/15/16	3,000,000.00	10/26/15		3,000,000.00	3,103,830.00	07/15/15
FNMA	5.375	05/09/13	3,000,000.00	10/26/17	3,000,000.00	10/26/17	3,000,000.00	09/21/15	13,125.00	3,000,000.00	3,004,380.00	09/21/15
FNMA	0.875	09/13/13	3,000,000.00	09/28/18	3,000,000.00	09/28/18	3,000,000.00	09/21/15		3,000,000.00	3,008,810.00	09/21/15
FNMA	1.000	10/01/13	3,000,000.00	11/27/18	3,000,000.00	11/27/18	3,000,000.00	05/27/15		3,000,000.00	3,047,970.00	05/27/15
FNMA	1.625	12/19/13	3,000,000.00	09/28/17	3,000,000.00	09/28/17	3,000,000.00	09/20/15		3,000,000.00	3,006,570.00	09/20/15
FNMA	0.875	01/16/14	3,000,000.00	02/08/18	3,000,000.00	02/08/18	3,000,000.00	09/10/15		3,000,000.00	2,999,520.00	09/10/15
FNMA	0.875	01/09/14	3,000,000.00	05/21/18	3,000,000.00	05/21/18	3,000,000.00	05/21/15		3,000,000.00	2,991,300.00	05/21/15
FNMA	0.875	06/08/14	3,000,000.00	02/27/19	3,000,000.00	02/27/19	3,000,000.00	09/27/15		3,000,000.00	2,980,820.00	09/27/15
FNMA	1.375	02/27/15	3,000,000.00	11/26/19	3,000,000.00	11/26/19	3,000,000.00	05/26/15		3,000,000.00	3,033,450.00	05/26/15
FNMA	1.750	05/07/15	3,000,000.00	11/27/19	3,000,000.00	11/27/19	3,000,000.00	10/22/15	13,200.00	3,000,000.00	3,012,450.00	10/22/15
FNMA	1.625	05/27/15	3,000,000.00	06/30/20	3,000,000.00	06/30/20	2,000,000.00	09/18/15		2,000,000.00	1,988,300.00	09/18/15
FNMA	1.320	06/03/15	2,000,000.00									
FNMA	1.800	06/03/15	3,000,000.00									
FNMA	1.500	07/15/15	3,000,000.00									
			46,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		43,000,000.00		50,700.00	43,000,000.00	43,265,180.00	
SUBTOTAL			183,083,191.92	7,230,710.56	13,000,000.00	177,323,902.48	128,210.56	143,500,000.00		144,533,105.00		

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				DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT				

CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS

UNION BANK - 2008 Kavella Cottages (VanKampen)		10/31/15	175,518.58	-	-	10/31/15	-	175,518.58					
US BANK - 2004 WATER		10/31/15	0.00	-	-	10/31/15	-	0.00					
US BANK - 2006 SEWER		10/31/15	1,505,508.54	-	-	10/31/15	-	1,505,508.54					
US BANK - 2010 WATER		10/31/15	686,332.04	-	-	10/31/15	-	686,332.04					
US BANK - 2014 TARB		10/31/15	5,210,782.65	-	-	10/31/15	-	5,210,782.65					
			7,588,139.81	-	-			7,588,139.81					

SUBTOTAL 7,588,139.81

TOTAL INVESTMENTS 190,681,331.73

7,230,710.56

13,000,000.00

184,912,042.23

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CASH IN BANK													
			Ending Cash Balance										
COMMERCIAL BANK-Wilowick		10/31/15	77,163.31					10/31/15	77,163.31				
WELLS FARGO BANK - Civic Center Housing		10/31/15	112,043.64					10/31/15	112,043.64				
UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA													
Charge Back Account		10/31/15	11,777.09					10/31/15	11,777.09				
General Account		10/31/15	2,067,750.94					10/31/15	2,067,750.94				
Home		10/31/15	216.22					10/31/15	216.22				
Housing Authority (Accounting)		10/31/15	5,703.41					10/31/15	5,703.41				
Housing Authority Escrow		10/31/15	107,275.48					10/31/15	107,275.48				
Liability		10/31/15	82,615.49					10/31/15	82,615.49				
Workers Comp		10/31/15	244,983.65					10/31/15	244,983.65				
Successor Agency		10/31/15	156,190.47					10/31/15	156,190.47				
			2,865,719.70						2,865,719.70				
SUBTOTAL													

PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS													
Change Fund		10/31/15	3,680.00					10/31/15	3,680.00				
Finance		10/31/15	3,000.00					10/31/15	3,000.00				
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Raena Ramirez

Age: 19
 College: Golden West
 Major: Psychology
 Potential career:
 Criminal profiler for
 the FBI

Miss Garden
 Grove 2016
 Raena Ramirez
 waves to the
 audience.

SHE'S GOT SPEAR-IT

Javelin-thrower Raena Ramirez, competing in her first pageant, wins the Miss Garden Grove crown and moves on to state competition.

By CHRIS HAIRE • STAFF WRITER

Raena Ramirez said she wants to be one of the best javelin throwers in the state, a UCLA Bruin and potentially a criminal profiler for the FBI.

But first, she has another job to do: be Miss Garden Grove.

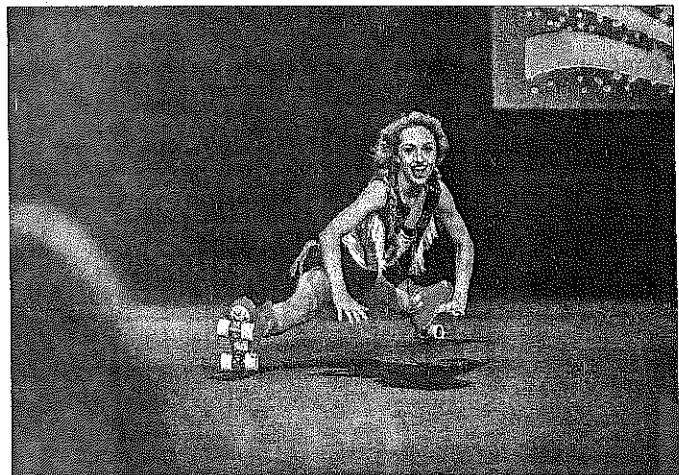
The 19-year-old Golden West College student, competing in her first pageant, was chosen out of nine other young women to be the 2016 Miss Garden Grove – a title that requires her to act as an ambassador for the city, attend mul-

tiple events and compete for Miss California in July.

"It was absolutely shocking," Ramirez said. "It was a huge moment for me."

Ramirez's talent was jazz acro, which combines classical dancing with acrobatics.

Her platform is about empowering women through sports. Ramirez placed seventh in javelin during this year's California community college track and field



PHOTOS: FRANK D'AMATO, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
 Jenna Tower gives an athletic performance while dancing on roller skates to song "Footloose" during the talent portion of the Outstanding Teen competition.

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tournament and also plays soccer for the Rustlers.

Ramirez said she wanted to compete in Miss Garden Grove because she loves the city - her grandfather lived in town and her mom's first job was for Garden Grove.

"I go to the Strawberry Festival every year, but next year it will be even more special," she said about representing the city at its largest fair. "Garden Grove is such a tight-knit community. I am so happy to be able to represent the city."

Ramirez, who said she is considering a career with the FBI, is majoring in psychology at Golden West and hopes to transfer to UCLA at the start of the 2016 school year.

"I'm excited and nervous," she said about vying for the Miss California crown in Fresno. "But more excited. It's an incredible opportunity for me."

Jenna Tower, a 16-year-old junior at Pacifica High School, was chosen Saturday as this year's Outstanding Teen - winning after her third attempt at the title.

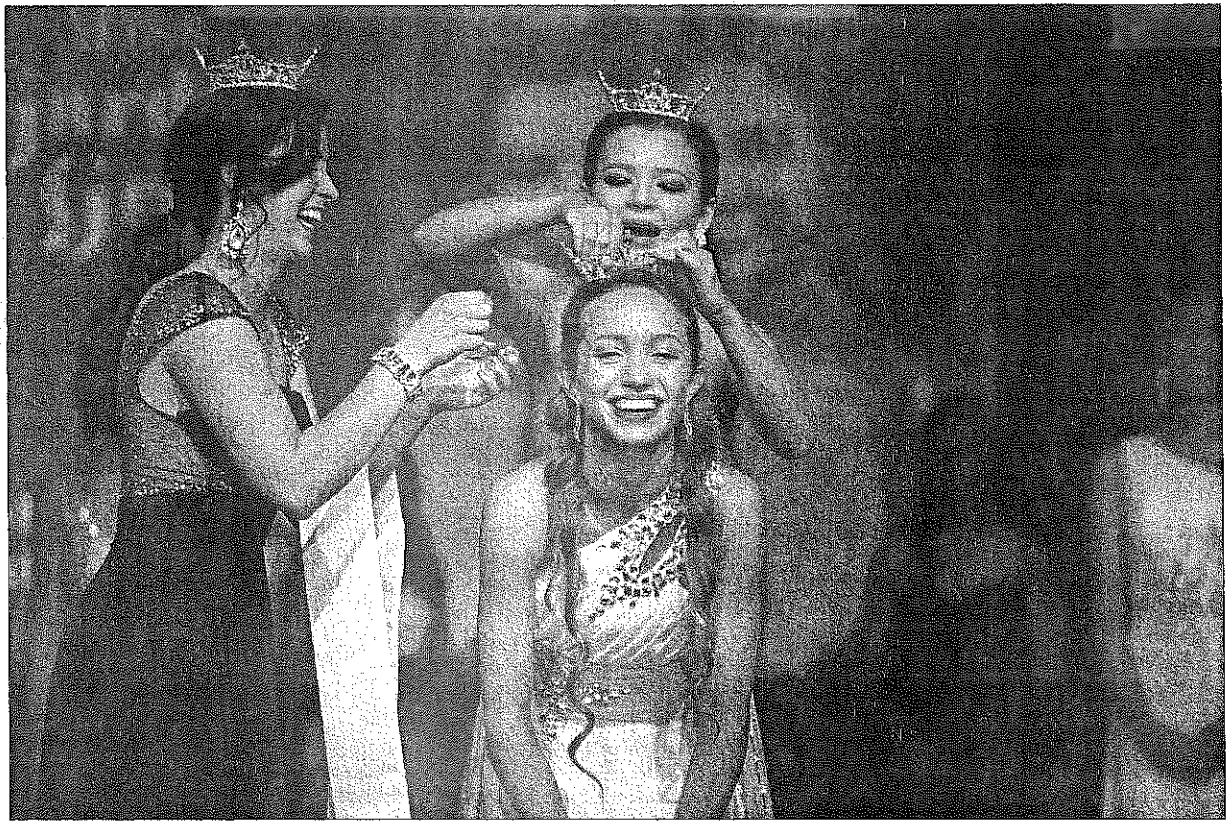
She is a competitor roller skater who performed "Footloose" on her wheels during the talent portion of the competition.

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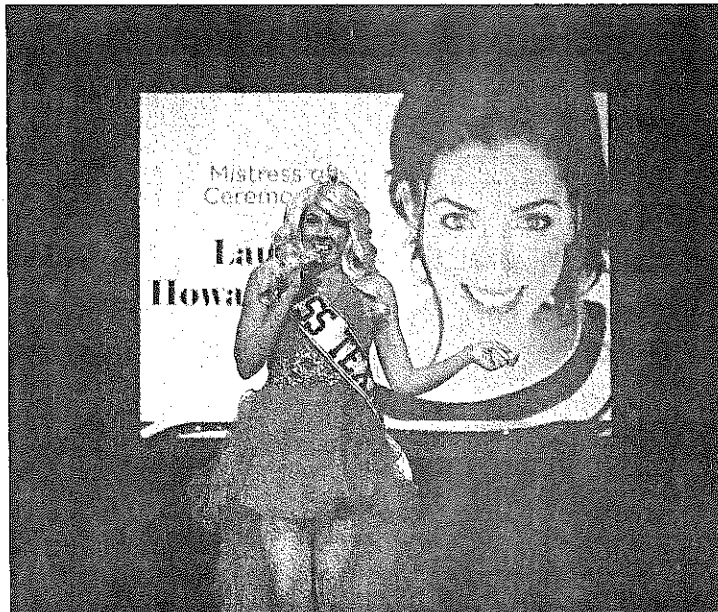


Jenna Tower, Miss Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen 2016, left, joins Raena Ramirez, Miss Garden Grove 2016, after the event.

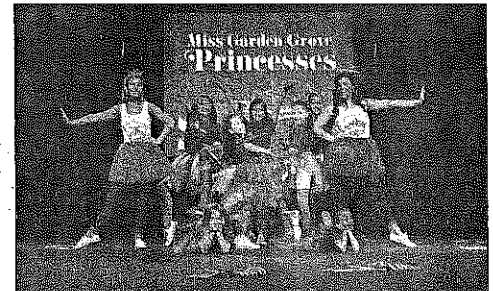


Jenna Tower is crowned Miss Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen 2016.

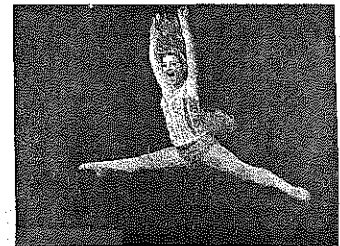
PHOTOS: FRANK D'AMATO, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER



Mistress of Ceremonies Lauren Howard Hayes (Miss Garden Grove 2006 and Miss Placentia 2007) dons a Texas accent and attire for some comedic flavor.



The 2016 Miss Garden Grove princesses give a patriotic dance performance together with Josie Pearce, Miss Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen 2015, left, and Shannon Galipault, Miss Garden Grove 2015, right.



Heather Leffler dances to the song "Diamonds."



Pondering the role and relevance of the pageant in 2015

They crowned a new Miss Garden Grove over the weekend and unless you're part of the pageant world you probably didn't know that.

But it's true: **Raena Ramirez** took home the crown and for the next year will represent Garden Grove in various events including the Miss California pageant, and if she's lucky there Miss America, too.

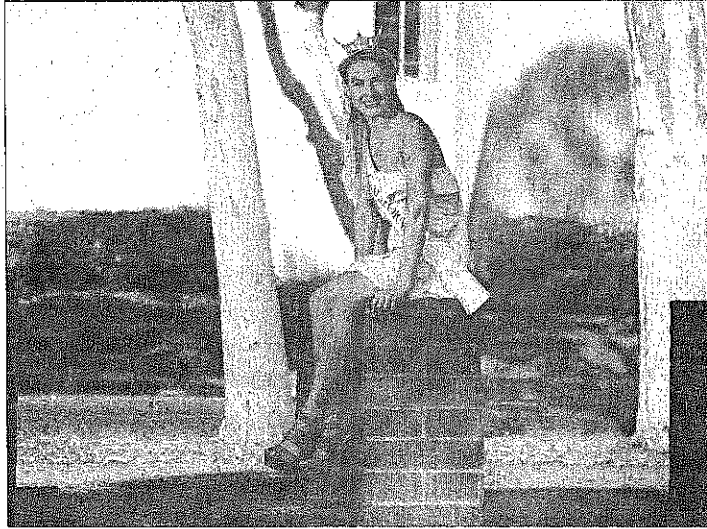
All of which makes Brainiac wonder: Do we still really care about beauty pageants in 2015? Nothing against Ramirez or any other young woman who has entered this year or in years past, but doesn't it feel ... old-fashioned?

We remember watching Miss America on television as a kid, but then there were only a handful of channels so what else are you going to watch, right? Even then it seemed like a throwback to an earlier time.

Yes, the contestants have a chance to win scholarships and help with college costs, which is great. And they get to perform a civic kind of duty, appearing at community events.

And OK, contestants from Garden Grove have done all right as a result of these competitions in years past.

Bree Morse of Garden



JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden Grove's Bree Morse didn't start off winning pageants. It took a few years before she eventually won Miss California.

Grove worked her way up from Miss Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen five or six years ago to Miss Garden Grove to a couple of other titles such as Miss Orange Coast, from which this year she finally managed to win the title of Miss California and compete at Miss America.

In 2012, **Leah Cecil** of Garden Grove, who'd been Miss Garden Grove a year earlier, won Miss Califor-

nia. And in 1994, **Jennifer Hanson** of La Habra hopped a few cities south to serve as Miss Garden Grove and also won Miss California, helping her jump-start a career in country music.

We'll admit that there's a lot of fascinating history to the Miss America and Miss USA pageants. Once we started researching we found all kinds of cool trivia.

For instance, the first

Miss California to win Miss America? That would be Miss **Fay Lanphier**, who in 1925 crushed the beauty pageant competition winning Miss America and Rose Queen in a daily double that's never been repeated.

And the winners have often ended up with longer careers in the spotlight. **Lee Meriwether**, a Miss California who won Miss America in 1955, had a long career in Hollywood with highlights



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/AP

Actress Lee Meriwether is a former Miss California who also won Miss America.

including Catwoman in the 1966 "Batman" movie and later the title character's secretary on "Barnaby Jones."

Our favorite bit of trivia, though, involves **Terry Huntington**, who in 1959 became the first Miss California USA to win the Miss USA pageant. She, too, ended up in Hollywood playing Hecuba in "The Three Stooges Meet Hercules" and the defendant Kitty Wynne - great name! - on an episode of "Perry Mason" titled "The Case of

the Bartered Bikini," which you have to admit is the perfect title for a show starring a beauty queen.

What do you think? Are beauty pageants - scholarship pageants as they're sometimes called - still relevant to you? Is Brainiac just being cranky because Mr. Universe turned us down? Shoot us an email or leave us a voice message and let us know.

Got a question, comment, story idea? Brainiac@ocregister.com or 714-796-7787

THE → THINGS TO KNOW

BY CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF WRITER

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Have it made with some street-made shade on eBay

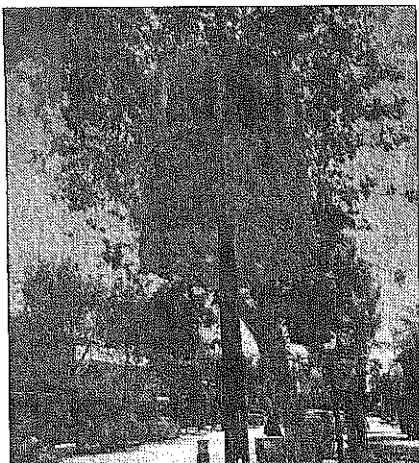
Are you a lampshade aficionado? Do you like things that are bigger than they probably should be?

Are you a compulsive online shopper?

Then sign onto eBay and get one of 10 large lampshades that Andrew Kanzler, the vice president of the Garden Grove Community Foundation, created for October's open streets event.

The decorative lampshades – with varying designs – adorned the street lights along Main Street during Re:Imagine Garden Grove By Day and By Night on Oct. 10. They are now on sale on eBay for \$50 a piece. You can find them by searching for the Garden Grove Community Foundation.

The proceeds will go to the nonprofit foundation.



CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF

Ten lampshades created for October's open streets event are being sold on eBay.

SNOW DAY COMING SOON

Get ready for a snow day!

That's right, Garden Grove's Winterfest is back – and with it, 50 tons of snow, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, carnival games, train rides and music.

Winterfest will be held 4-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way.

The 1,000 available tickets go on sale Monday and are \$10 per person. Ticket sales end the day before Winterfest – or whenever they run out.

Tickets are available at the recreation counter at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway.

To order by phone or for more information, call 714-741-5200.



WAYNE MAH, FILE PHOTO

The snow field is always popular with the younger set at the Winterfest in Garden Grove.

Search through police's cold cases on city's website

The Garden Grove Police Department has 57 cold case files posted on its website, starting with 1962 when a 54-year-old gas station worker was found dead from head injuries in the station's bathroom.

Each unsolved case posted has the name of the victim, a case number, a date and location of the killing, a synopsis and often a photo.

There are also investigators listed, with email and phone numbers, who you can contact if you have information about any of the cases.

The cold cases are available on the Police Department website, ci.garden-grove.ca.us/police, under a tab at the right.

Little Saigon Tet festival unlikely

By **CHRIS HAIRE**
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in about 30 years, Little Saigon will likely not have a major Tet festival next year.

Two nonprofits that stepped up two weeks ago to save a 2016 Lunar New Year celebration in Garden Grove Park withdrew their application Tuesday — hours before the City Council was to weigh whether to allow them to co-host the festival.

“I was surprised,” said Kim Huy, the city’s community services director, who recommended in a staff report the council approve the permit. “They are legitimate nonprofits, and

they have experience helping with festivals in the past. We figured, why not give them a shot?”

But in a letter to Garden Grove, Richard Bui, the chairman of the now-nixed 2016 Year of the Monkey Tet Festival Committee, cited insufficient time to attract donors, sponsors and other organizations to help with the celebration, and the potential for El Niño to wreak havoc on the area as insurmountable hurdles to hosting a successful festival.

Bui could not immediately be reached for comment.

The Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Association in Southwestern USA and the Tran Hung Dao Foun-

dation submitted the proposal to host a festival Feb. 5-7. The Year of the Monkey begins Feb. 8.

Theirs was the second proposal the city received. At the time, city staffers were wary of allowing the organizer of the previous two Tet festivals, the Vietnamese Community of Southern California, to host a celebration again in 2016 because it still owes Garden Grove about \$27,000.

In response, that group announced last week its festival is going to Mile Square Regional Park in Fountain Valley. A Tet parade is held annually in Westminster; council members were set to approve it Wednesday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great Wolf Lodge invested in community

Re: "Will taxpayers end up howling over the deal?" [Opinion, Oct. 20]: We look forward to opening the doors to the newest Great Wolf Lodge, in Garden Grove. The highly anticipated resort will provide tremendous benefit for the city of Garden Grove, including job creation, significant tax revenue and economic stimulation. To ensure this value, leaders at McWhinney who have shepherded this project for almost a decade have withstood significant challenges, including a major national economic downturn, never losing sight of the goal.

The development and construction phase of the project generated more than 750 jobs. Upon opening, the resort will

provide more than 730 permanent jobs. Garden Grove will receive more than \$12 million in annual city, county and state tax revenue. The agreement between McWhinney and Garden Grove will provide continual financial benefit back to taxpayers through the resort's occupancy tax.

Despite the risk and ongoing challenges in undertaking this project, the developer team moved forward, investing equity to initiate the project that will benefit residents. McWhinney had the vision to foresee the uniqueness and demand for the project as well as the ability to launch it.

The city has tremendous incentive to support the success of the project and its contribution to the city's efforts to add value to the neighborhood. McWhinney has been strategic in every aspect of this project, especially its location. With the farthest average distance from Disneyland, the location allows for proximity

to Disneyland but creates demand to stay at the water park for a unique experience, resulting in economic stimulus for businesses in Garden Grove between the two destinations.

The dual benefit of the water park and hotel adds value from both the occupancy and sales taxes associated with travel, and we look forward to many years of success in Garden Grove.

Dave Johnstone

Denver

McWhinney, Chief Investment Officer, Hospitality

DRIVING GOVERNMENT OUT-OF-STATE

For as many decades as I can recall, California has been driving businesses out of the state. Now, apparently, California is driving itself out of the state. I just mailed a payment to the California Earthquake Authority, in Dallas, Texas. I kid you not!

R.L. Carpenter

Huntington Beach

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Tet festival: City staffers are recommending the City Council allow two Vietnamese American organizations to co-host a Tet festival in February in Garden Grove Park. If the council agrees, staff would draw up a one-year contract with the non-profits – requiring a \$75,000 deposit, a 50 percent increase from what previous groups paid.
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Districts update: Garden Grove staffers are set to give the City Council on Tuesday an update on the process of moving toward district elections. Under the terms of a recent settlement with former council candidate Rickk Montoya, Garden Grove must have district elections in place for the November 2016 general election.
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Community spotlight: The City Council will congratulate Jami Marseilles, the first female double amputee to ever run a full sanctioned marathon, today during its meeting. Marseilles, who lost her legs in 1988, completed the Chicago Marathon in October. She teaches kindergartners at Eisenhower Elementary.
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Honorary citizenship: Tibor Rubin, a longtime Garden Grove resident and a Korean War Medal of Honor recipient, has received honorary citizenship from Anyang, South Korea, a Garden Grove sister city. Anyang honored Rubin, who survived the Holocaust, during Tuesday evening's City Council meeting, though he was unable to attend.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707

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Queen crowned: Raena Ramirez, 19, a Golden West College student, is the 2016 Miss Garden Grove, beating out nine other women. She is a psychology major who wants to transfer to UCLA and maybe one day become a criminal profiler for the FBI. Ramirez will compete in Miss California in July.
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Community Calendar

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out Chamber holds Friday meetings The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at Christ Cathedral, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at 949-637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime

Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

GG Kiwanis to meet

The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 714-892-7267.

School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

Winterfest!

The Garden Grove Community Services Department presents Winterfest 2015 on Dec. 5, from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Atlantis Play Center. Atlantis Play Center is at 13630 Atlantis Way in Garden Grove Park.

Be sure to dress warmly because there will be 50 tons of snow! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting from the North Pole. Activities include crafts, inflatables, carnival games, train rides and more.

Ticket prices are \$10 per person, and children 2 years old and younger get in free. Only cash or credit cards are accepted. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

Ticket sales for Winterfest run from Monday, Nov. 16 through Friday, Dec. 4. Tickets can be purchased at the Recreation Department counter, on the first floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

To order by phone, call 714-741-5200.

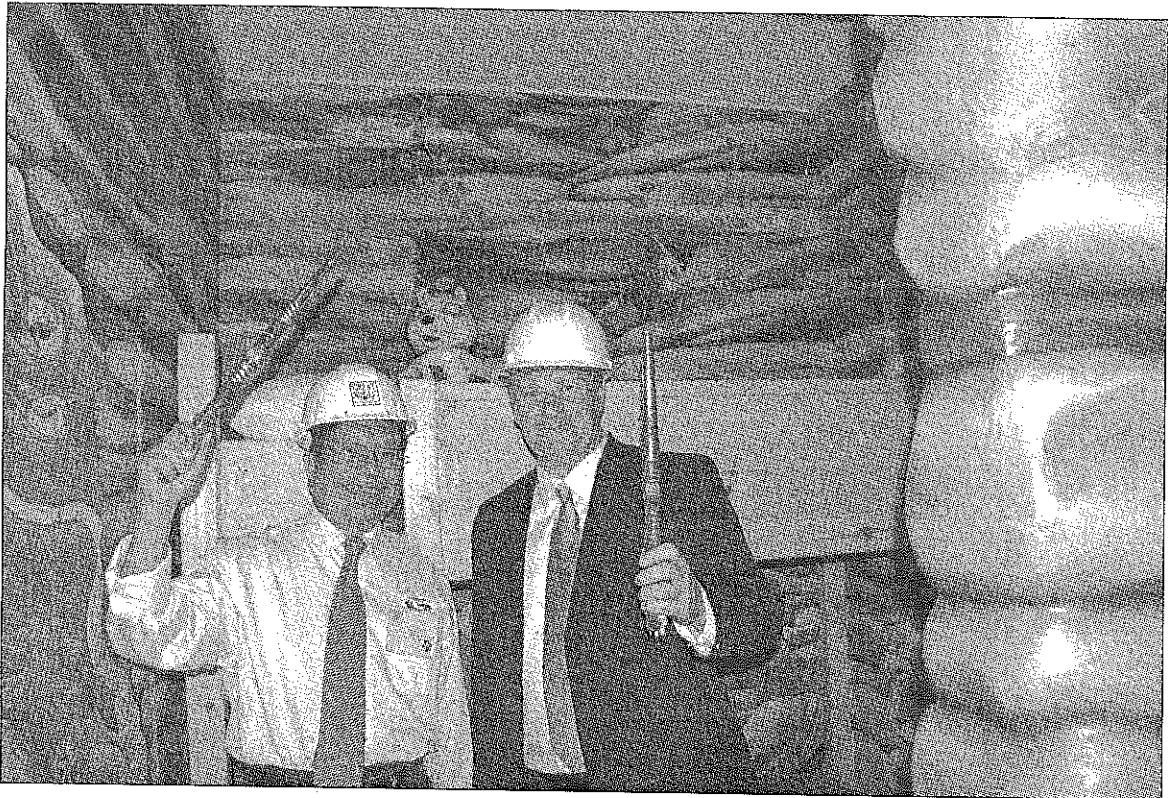


Photo by Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove City Councilman Phat Bui, left, and Mayor Pro tem Steve Jones recently were on hand for the hard-hat tour of the Great Wolf Lodge, set to open in Garden Grove in March, 2016.

Are critics all wet when it comes to water park?

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Some say now – a time of drought – is not the time; columnist presents some facts

By Tony Cheong

One of the biggest developments — and potential tourist destinations — is set to open on Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove in early 2016.

The 100,000-square-foot, indoor Great Wolf Lodge promises to be the most unique water park in Orange County, featuring 10 water slides and five pools.

But I'm getting mail from critics.

Their complaint: During the biggest drought in California history, how can Garden Grove leaders justify opening a water park?

They've got a point. I mean, Garden Grove residents are being mandated to cut THEIR water usage by about 30 percent.

But they should look at the big picture, and take some facts into consideration.

The big picture: the park, and a 603-room hotel, could bring loads of sorely-needed money into city coffers during tight financial times. For years, Garden Grove has tried to piggyback on the success of Disneyland on Harbor Boulevard. The Great Wolf Lodge might finally do the trick.

The facts: Yes, it will take about 150,000 gallons of water to get the park started, but 98 percent of that water will be reused. The Great Wolf Lodge has a state-of-the-art recycling system whereby it cleans its water and puts it back into circulation.

The recycling system will use

a series of mechanized pumps, filters and tanks to purify the water before it is circulated back into the park, said Susie Storey, spokeswoman for the resort company. It is used in the other 12 Great Wolf Lodges.

With 2 percent water loss a day, mostly because of evaporation, about 3,000 gallons of water will need to be replaced each day.

To put that in perspective, an average family uses about 500 gallons of water a day, conservatively speaking. So 3,000 gallons for a water park is, well, pretty good.

Or am I all wet on this issue? Let me know. I can take it.

Do you have a comment, question or news tip for Tony? Email her at tonyontown@yahoo.com.

Rep receives 'A' grade for tax restraint

State Sen. Janet Nguyen recognized
by Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association

School District celebrates 50 years

A 50th-anniversary logo was
recently unveiled, for starters

Turn back the clock to a half-century ago. A new Pontiac GTO was selling for \$2,699 and a four bedroom home in Garden Grove, described as a "King's Mansion," was priced at \$22,950.

It was 1965, also an important time for education in Orange County. On July 1 of that year, the Garden Grove Unified School District became officially operational after local voters overwhelmingly supported the merger of three smaller school districts and chose a new Board of Education.

Much of the current school year is devoted to celebrating

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It's a fact that California residents are some of the most highly-taxed citizens in the country.

Some support that, saying it pays for badly-needed services and programs.

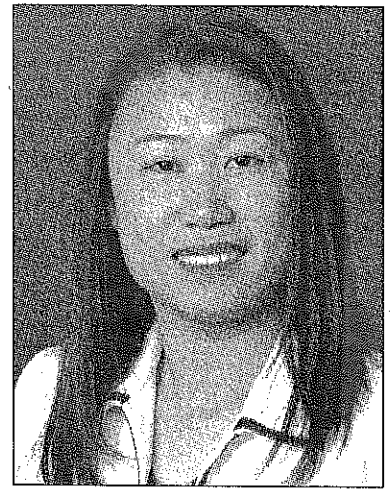
Others say it's choking the state's economy.

State Sen. Janet Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove, falls into the latter category.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) released its 2015 Legislative Report Card and Nguyen is proud to announce that she was recognized with an "A" rating for her efforts to protect California's taxpayers.

The HJTA Legislative Report Card is an annual rating card that measures how state legislators voted on taxpayer-related issues, such as bills affecting tax increases and Proposition 13. The 2015 score card was based on votes involving 16 bills during the past legislative session.

"As a taxpayer advocate, I am always proud to take a stand against legislation that seeks to increase or impose taxes on hardworking Californians," said Nguyen. "This Legislative Report Card is a reflection of my



File photo
State Sen. Janet Nguyen

commitment to my constituents and I will continue to fight to protect them from frivolous tax increases."

The HJTA was founded by Howard and Estelle Jarvis and is dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights, including the right to limited taxation, the right to vote on tax increases and the right of economical, equitable and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

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the district's 50-year milestone.

To promote this significant occasion, a new 50th anniversary logo was unveiled for the current school year, special colorful banners will decorate all district sites, and employees are wearing new lapel pins featuring the 50th-anniversary logo.

In the past half-century, many district students, the district and its schools have earned recognition.

Included among more than 170,000 alumni are Olympic medalists; a Medal of Honor recipient; leading scientists; business CEOs; outstanding educators; and pro athletes.

In 2004, the district earned the Broad Prize as the top urban school district in the U.S., and was a finalist for the award the prior two years.

More recently, 26 schools were recognized by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence, and five schools were named California Gold Ribbon Schools for gains in putting in place academic standards. The district's seven high schools are consistently listed among the nation's elite in annual rankings by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

As proud as the district is of the accomplishments of the past 50 years, the district looks forward with great anticipation to an even more exciting future in the next half-century.

Garden Grove goes 'BIGG' for local business

Want a chance to win extra holiday cash? Spend your money locally

The biggest shopping day of the year—Black Friday—goes “BiGG” by offering Garden Grove shoppers a chance to win some extra holiday cash.

From Friday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Dec. 18, the city's shop local program, Buy in Garden Grove (BiGG), and the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce will reward customers who make at least \$50 in Garden Grove purchases, with a chance to win \$500.

For every \$50 in total register receipts from local Garden Grove merchants, customers will receive one raffle ticket toward a \$500 cash drawing. If purchases were made at a participating BiGG business, or from a Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce business member, customers will receive one additional raffle ticket.

Businesses that participate in the BiGG program offer special shopper discounts or incentives.

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Participating businesses can be accessed from the City of Garden Grove website at www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us by clicking on the BiGG icon, or through the free Garden Grove mobile app available via Play Store (iPhone/iPad) and Google Play Store (Android). Chamber of Commerce business members are listed on the chamber website at www.gardengrovechamber.com.

Receipts must be taken to the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce office, at 12866 Main St., Suite 102, Garden Grove 92840, to receive raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will not be available at business establishments. The first 100 customers to turn in their receipts will also receive a free thank you gift from the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and the City of Garden Grove.

The deadline to turn in receipts is by 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18. Participants must be at least 18 years old to win.

From all the entries received, one winner will be chosen and

the winning name will be posted on the City of Garden Grove and Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce websites and social media, on Dec. 21. Winners must present winning raffle ticket to the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce within 30 days to claim their prize.

Since 2008, the city's Buy in Garden Grove program has encouraged customers to support the local business economy as well as receive special discounts for shopping in Garden Grove. Keeping purchases in Garden Grove keeps tax dollars in the community, which is a crucial resource for providing public safety, roads, parks, and other quality-of-life needs. Over 100 businesses, ranging from auto repair to restaurants, currently participate in the Buy in Garden Grove program, offering special customer incentives. There is no charge to become a participating Buy in Garden Grove business.

For more information, visit the city's website, or call the Office of Community Relations at 714-741-5280, or the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at 714-638-7950.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE COURTYARD CENTER, 12732 MAIN STREET, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

* THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., DECEMBER 3, 2015

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-053-2015
FRONT YARD DETERMINATION NO. FYD-002-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new pre-school, Angels Day Care, at 11741 Brookhurst Street, which will offer licensed child care services to children ages 2 to 6, with the total licensed capacity to be limited to 35 children. Also, a Front Yard Determination to determine the Orangewood Street side of the corner lot as the front yard, and to designate Brookhurst Street as the street side yard. The site is at 11741 Brookhurst Street in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities and 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on December 3, 2015. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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TROPICAL MOSQUITOES FOUND IN 8 O.C. CITIES

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One site of the aggressive pests was a half-mile from Disneyland.



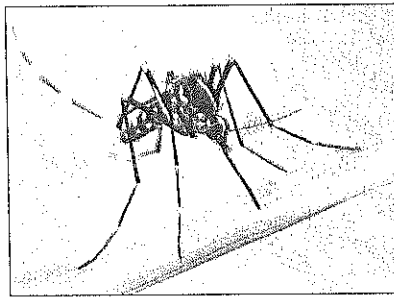
JENNA CHANDLER
STAFF WRITER

Tropical mosquitoes, which bite relentlessly and are capable of spreading painful diseases, are now infesting more

Orange County neighborhoods. If they survive the winter, they could be here to stay.

Two tropical species – known commonly as Asian tiger and yellow fever – have been found in nine sites over eight cities including two locations in Anaheim, one at Katella Avenue and Haster Street, about a half-mile from the Disneyland Resort.

The site near Disneyland is particularly concerning, said Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control spokesman Jared Dever, because these mosquitoes



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Asian tiger mosquitoes, pictured, and yellow fever mosquitoes usually target legs, ankles and feet, where they cannot be heard buzzing.

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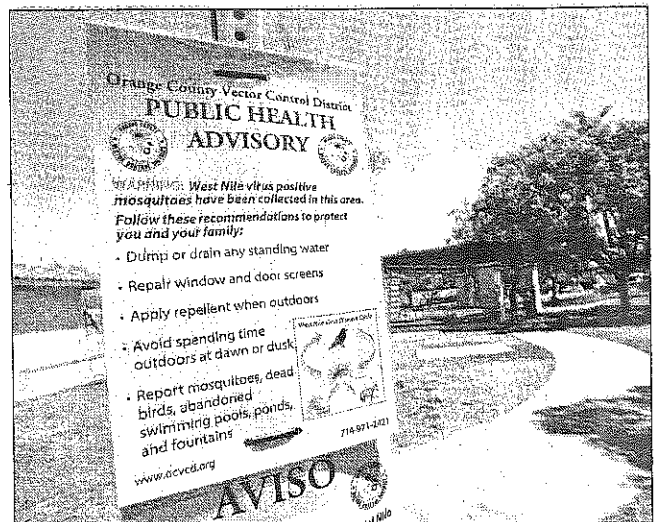
spread diseases after biting a person who is sick – typically a traveler from a region where the diseases are prevalent, including Mexico and the Caribbean.

Disneyland operates its own vector control program, but a spokeswoman declined to provide specifics. “We have a very effective mosquito prevention and monitoring program in place, and we work closely with Orange County Vector Control,” said spokeswoman Suzi Brown.

Dever said Vector Control doesn’t do any work “on Disneyland Resort property.”

Dever said officials are finding the mosquitoes – which can spread dengue and chikungunya viruses – at about 40 percent of the properties they inspect.

He called the county’s level of infestation “disappointing.”



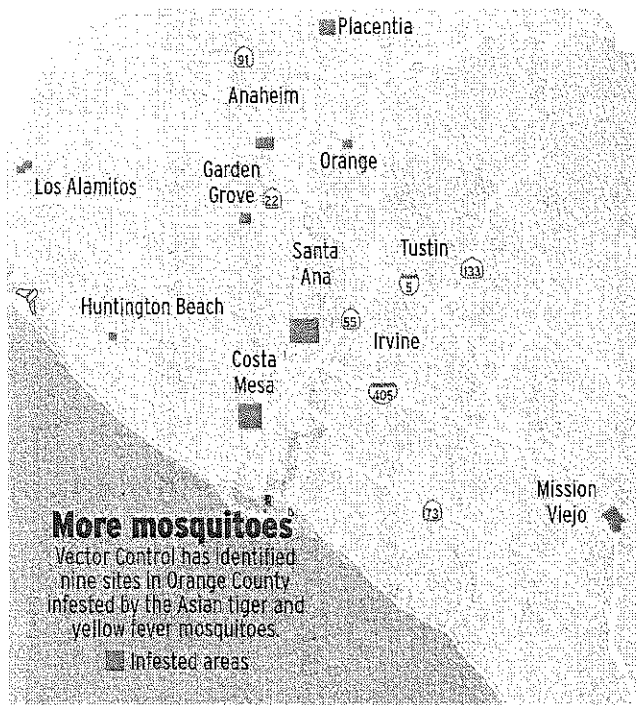
PAUL RODRIGUEZ, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An advisory from Vector Control seen Nov. 2 at Peppertree Park in Tustin warns that mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus have been found in the area.

A warm, rainy winter ushered in by the expected El Niño could favor the tropical mosquitoes, which might not survive freezing temperatures. They won’t likely be wiped out by torrents of rain either. These species lay their eggs in containers, and the larvae dive to the bottom to avoid being flushed away.

“In the spring, the emergence of these mosquitoes will really be telling,” Dever said. “You could get to that threshold of entrenchment where the eggs are too abundant for an eradication program to be successful.”

The tropical mosquitoes are stealthy, aggressive and bold, usually biting legs, an-



Source: Vector Control of Orange County

STAFF GRAPHIC

kles and feet, where they cannot be heard buzzing. The insects will also bite during the daytime. These habits are different from the native mosquito, which spreads West Nile virus.

Experts are not sure why the tropical mosquitoes are

coming to Orange County and California now. It doesn't appear, however, that hot weather is a factor. They are in a dozen California counties, from Alameda to San Diego.

"These mosquitoes are very difficult to control" -

harder to control than the mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus, said Vicki Kramer, head of the California Department of Public Health's vector-borne disease division.

This year, West Nile virus has killed 32 California residents, the most since it was first detected in the state in 2003. Three of those deaths were in Orange County, which reported nine deaths in 2014.

"The higher fatality rate is not due, to the best of our knowledge, to any changes in the virus," Kramer said. "It often has to do with the age and underlying medical conditions of people who get West Nile virus. We just might have had a more susceptible population."

West Nile virus was first found in Orange County in 2004. Last year, a record 280 Orange County residents were infected. This year, 84 cases have been reported in the county.

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Courtesy photo

A worker at the recent West-Central Vision Expo and Flu Vaccine Day offers eyeglasses to children.

Expo draw hundreds

Hundreds of residents gathered recently at Concorde College in Garden Grove to attend the West-Central Vision Expo and Flu Vaccine Day.

The event, which began at 9 a.m., featured vision examinations, prescription eyeglasses and flu shots, all at no cost to participants. By the end of the day, residents received much needed preventive care services.

"The demand for preventive care, especially for vision services, was so high that residents lined-up as early as midnight," said event host State Sen. Janet Nguyen. "This high turnout highlights the great need that exists in the community for preventive care."

The West-Central Vision Expo and Flu Vaccine Day was made possible through the collabora-

tive efforts of Sen. Nguyen's office, the California Department of Health Care Services, the Central County Foundation, Illumination Foundation, Concorde Career College, Coastline Community College, Brand New Day Health Plan, UCI Ophthalmology, Nhan Hoa Clinic, Vietnamese Community of Orange County, PepsiCo and the UCI Nursing Science Program.

Together, these organizations provided free eye exams, non-prescription reading glasses and prescription eyeglasses for adults and children ages 6 and older. Vision screenings for children ages 3 to 5 were also available on site. For residents needing to protect themselves against influenza, free flu shots were provided. More than 200 residents received eye care services, while more than

500 residents took advantage of the flu vaccines.

All of the services provided at the expo were offered at no cost to attendees and were made possible through the generous donations of local organizations, agencies and businesses. More than 200 volunteers, including optometrists, ophthalmologists, nurses and students donated their time to make the event successful.

"The success of this event belongs to the hundreds of volunteers who joined us on Saturday," said Nguyen. "Thanks to their commitment to serving the community, we were able to bring preventative care directly to residents in need. I am proud of what we accomplished and am grateful for the generosity of our volunteers."

Deadly mosquitos ambush Garden Grove

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District has informed city officials that invasive mosquitoes have been found in Garden Grove.

The species (*Aedes aegypti*) is a

small, black, mosquito with white stripes, capable of transmitting West Nile virus as well as other diseases. A public health advisory warning of the existence of the invasive mosquitoes, including

facts about the species, is being distributed to local residents.

The discovery occurred as a result of a service request to the Vector Control District that Garden Grove residents had experienced bites to their legs from aggressive mosquitoes. A thorough investigation by the district was conducted, and the presence of the invasive mosquito was confirmed.

District personnel have been deployed to areas of the city to conduct neighborhood inspections of properties for mosquito breeding and standing water in the surrounding area. District staff are also informing nearby residents of the discovery of the invasive species and asking them to report additional sightings and mosquito bites.

According to the district, to date, four human infections of the West Nile virus have been reported in Garden Grove. Anaheim, with seven cases, has the most number of West Nile infections reported in Orange County.

More information regarding West Nile virus can be found at the district website at <http://www.ocvcd.org/WNVThreat-Gauge.php> and through the OC Health Care Agency's website: <http://ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/dcepi/epi/disease/wn>.

Fire Department reaches out to victims

The Garden Grove Fire Department responds to over 12,000 calls for assistance each year.

Of the thousands of calls, many leave family and friends in the wake of devastation and uncertainty when they lose a family member or everything they owned. Unfortunately, many of the incidents take a toll on members of the community and first responders.

Because of this, the Fire Department has recognized the need to take care of the mental well-being

of everybody involved as equally important as the day-to-day service it provides. This has prompted the introduction of the Chaplain Program in the Fire Department.

The Chaplain Program was started with the intent to provide a means of counseling and spiritual help in difficult times and whenever needed. Pastor Fernando Villicana is the department's new chaplain, and he provides his voluntary service on a 24/7 basis.

His experience is unique and

brings on a much-needed service to the community. Villicana's background involves 17 years of firefighter experience with the Los Angeles Fire Department, 25 years as a pastor and extensive training in counseling. He is currently the lead pastor of Firehouse Church in Brea.

"Fernando has provided his service to countless families during times of crisis, and we're fortunate to have him in our organization," said Fire Chief Tom Schultz.

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Police honor former colleague for 30 years of service

The Garden Grove Police Department paid posthumous tribute to Sergeant Bruce Beauchamp for his 30 years of dedicated service to the community last week.

Beauchamp's tireless efforts assisting the youth of Garden Grove were memorialized with the official renaming of the department's Juvenile Justice Center and an unveiling of a bronze plaque in honor of his legacy of service to the community.

The dedication was held at the Bruce Beauchamp Juvenile Justice Center, 11301 Acacia Parkway.

Beauchamp dedicated his life, first as a police officer, then in retirement, to serving the community. He was an advocate for improving services to Garden Grove's youth

population and his decade's long volunteer involvement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove contributed to their recognition as a model organization.

The Juvenile Justice Center is a collaborative program between the city and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, which opened in 1998 to provide services to at-risk youth and their families. More than 90 percent of youths serviced at the center experience successful outcomes.

Beauchamp's volunteerism benefitted a variety of local service clubs including: Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove; Lions Club of Garden Grove; the Garden Grove Historical Society; and the Elks Lodge #1952.

Among his accolades, in 1985, the

Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce named Beauchamp "Man of the Year" in honor of his active support within the community and his mannerism that inspired affection, respect, and admiration.

Following his retirement, after 30 years with the department, Beauchamp remained closely connected to the department. In 2009, he was selected to wear the Police Department's original uniform for the "Call to Duty" annual Police Memorial for the Fallen Five, where he revealed the first public viewing of the 22 Freeway sign, "Garden Grove Police Officers Memorial Highway."

Beauchamp was the only Garden Grove officer to have personally known and worked with each of the Fallen Five.

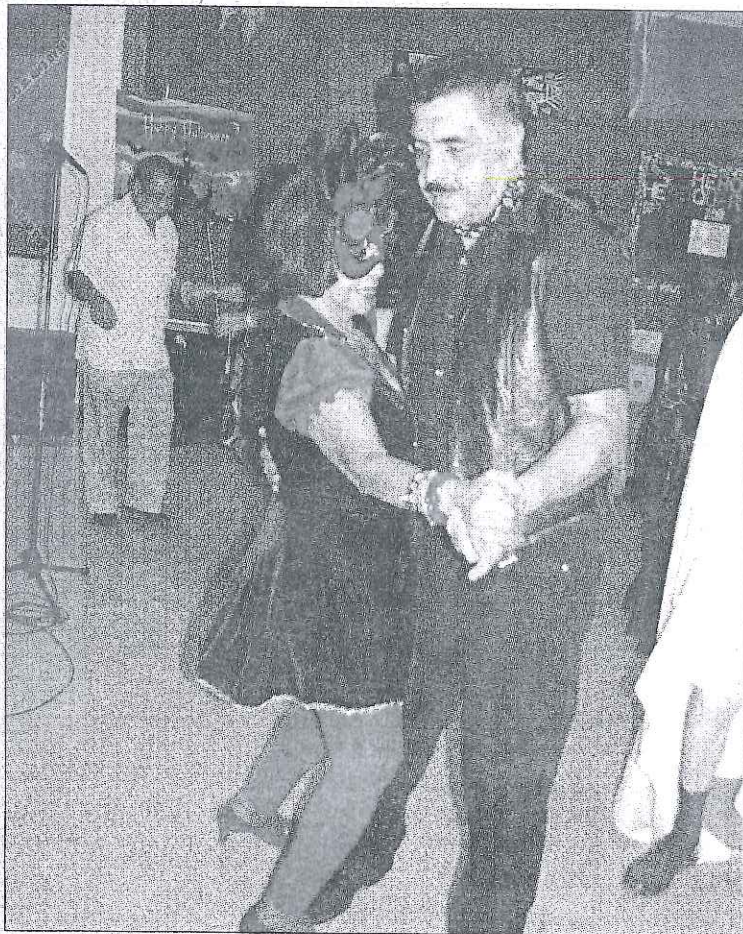
Structure fire

Garden Grove firefighters were dispatched to the 5400 block of Park Avenue last week for a residential structure fire.

The first-in crew reported smoke showing, and initiated fire attack and a search for residents. The fire was isolated to an office.

Damage to the structure is estimated at \$5,000 to the structure and \$3,000 to contents.

There were no reported injury to the residents or firefighters. The cause of the fire is undetermined.



GG seniors cut a rug...

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Photo by Loreen Berlin
Elvia and Norberto Colin, married 41 years, dance to Halloween music at the Halloween celebration at H. Louis Lake Senior Center last week. The two were winners of the "Best Couple" costume contest as a biker and his mystery lady, in a Medieval Times costume. For story, see Page 3.



Photo by Loreen Berlin
Seniors celebrate Halloween last week at The H. Louis Lake Senior Center in Garden Grove.

Seniors celebrate Halloween in style

H. Louis Lake Senior Center hosts party that includes live band, costume contests

By Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove seniors got a jump on Halloween celebrations Wednesday, Oct. 28, with a Halloween costume parade, live band and food at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

The "Scare-enaders" (AKA Serenaders) live band played for seniors' listening enjoyment and dancing.

Prizes were awarded by the Strawberry Festival King and Queen Hazlette Tsukiyama and Yolanda Montano for best costumes in the categories of scariest, most original, and best overall.

"I love it here at the senior center. The music, the people and food are good, and I love to dance; I came from a musical family, they all played musical instruments and I danced," said Montano.

During the costume parade, there was quite a variety of ghosts, masked people and happy witches.

Seniors seem to have five top favorite events they enjoy at the center: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, their Hawaiian Luau and Independence Day, according to Program Coordinator Lori Ochoa.

"This is our first year attending events at the Garden Grove senior center," said Elvia Colin, who with husband Norberto, won first place in the couple's costume contest. "They have a better program here than some of the other centers we've attended and we have a lot of friends here, plus we live closer here."

Colin said they like the interaction with the different nationalities they find at the Garden Grove center.

"This is a good experience for us to interact with people here. One lady who is 98 and another who is 95 are still very active and dancing," she said. "I live my life

day-to-day and thank God for my health."

"This is a really good turnout," said Community Services Department Recreation and Human Services Coordinator Juan Medina. "This is the most attendance we've ever had. We can only handle 120 people in this dining room and sold out quickly."

"We had to turn away approximately 20 people," Medina said, explaining that the larger ball room in the Community Center is being renovated and will be ready in early 2016.

To start off the Halloween event, those attending were treated to pumpkin pretzels, witch's brew (green punch), devilish donuts, and a 50/50 raffle. Half of the proceeds of the raffle are given back to the center for future parties such as the upcoming

Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities already planned.

The Thanksgiving luncheon is set for Wednesday, Nov. 25, for the first 100 people who call for reservations; a \$3 donation is suggested for lunch. The Christmas luncheon is slated for Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon, and it requires a \$3 donation. An evening Christmas party is also on Dec. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m., for the first 100 people. Cost of the evening party is \$10 per person.

The New Year's party is Wednesday, Dec. 30 from 10 a.m. to noon, with a \$3 donation suggested for the luncheon.

"This is a fun job," said Medina, "I've had five Halloween parties in one week and my daughter, who is 11 now, was born on Halloween and it fits her outgoing personality."

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Community Calendar

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Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out
Achievers Club 9331 is hosting communication and leadership meetings featuring professional speakers at the Crystal Cathedral Tower of Hope, 12141 Lewis St. Meetings will be held every Thursday except during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday weeks. For more information, call Barbara Barrientas at 714-971-4123, e-mail bbarrientas@crystalcathedral.org or visit www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331.

Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support
The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-

892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's
The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Crystal Cathedral Arboretum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social
Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at (949) 637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime
Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the

animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden

Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.



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Thursday, November 12, 2015

NEW OPEN GOVERNMENT SITE FURTHERS CITY TRANSPARENCY

At the direction of the Garden Grove City Council, the City has created an Open Government portal, via the City's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, where users can access public information about the City, including its finances, its officials, and other government resources. Through the creation of the Open Government site, the City can provide greater, more easily understandable, and completely anonymous, accessibility to City operations, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Transparency has been a top priority for myself and the entire City Council," says Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen. "Our efforts to increase transparency and information accessibility through new technology will remain a priority for our City."

As part of this larger effort, the City has entered into an agreement with OpenGov, a private company that focuses on web-based financial transparency in local and state governments. The software enables the City to share its financial and budget information online in graphical form that is interactive, convenient, and user-friendly. Financial reports featured on the site include: sources of revenue; types and amounts of expenses; labor cost components; and tax revenue breakdown.

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New Open Government Site Furthers City Transparency
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The City of Garden Grove is committed to upholding the principles of openness, accessibility, and transparency in the community, and strives to continue to offer its citizens easy access to important City information. Visit the City's website, at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, to access the Open Government portal. Additional content and functionalities will be regularly added to the site.

For more information, please contact the Information Technology Department at (714) 741-5225.

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Tuesday, November 10, 2015

MEDIA ALERT

CITY TO DEMO NEW TRANSPARENCY WEBPAGE

At the direction of the Garden Grove City Council, the City has created an Open Government webpage, via the City's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, where users can access public information about the City, including its finances and other open government resources.

Members of the media are invited to attend a press conference this Thursday, November 12, at 11:00 a.m., to learn about the new "Open Gov" application. Mayor Bao Nguyen will initiate the press conference, which will be held in the 3rd Floor Training Room at Garden Grove City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, and conducted by Information Technology Director Charles Kalil and Finance Director Kingsley Okereke.

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Tuesday, November 10, 2015

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR SUNDAY'S HALF MARATHON

On Sunday, November 15, 2015, from 5:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., various streets in Garden Grove will be closed or impacted by the 2nd Annual Avengers Super Heroes Half Marathon. The 13.1-mile race will begin at the *Disneyland*® Resort and travel south through the Grove District – Anaheim Resort, along Harbor Boulevard.

The half marathon will encompass portions of Harbor Boulevard with road closures from the *Disneyland*® Resort going south to Chapman Avenue. From Chapman Avenue, roads will be closed to Haster Street. Chapman Avenue and Haster Street closures will be in effect from 5:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Haster Street will experience road closures going south towards Garden Grove Boulevard from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Garden Grove Boulevard will experience road closures towards Lewis Street from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

It is important to note that public parking along these road closures will not be allowed from 1:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on race day. No parking signs have been placed at the following streets: the north curb on Chapman Avenue, from Sommerset Place to Haster Street; both north and south curbs on Haster Street, from Chapman Avenue to Garden Grove Boulevard; on Garden Grove Boulevard, from Haster to Lewis Streets.

Temporary Road Closures for Sunday's Half Marathon

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For the safety of the runners, from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., the on-ramp to the eastbound SR-22 freeway on Fairview Street will be closed. The off-ramp from the westbound SR-22 on Haster Street will allow a right turn only.

Residents and businesses in the affected areas have received prior notice. The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be onsite during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes.

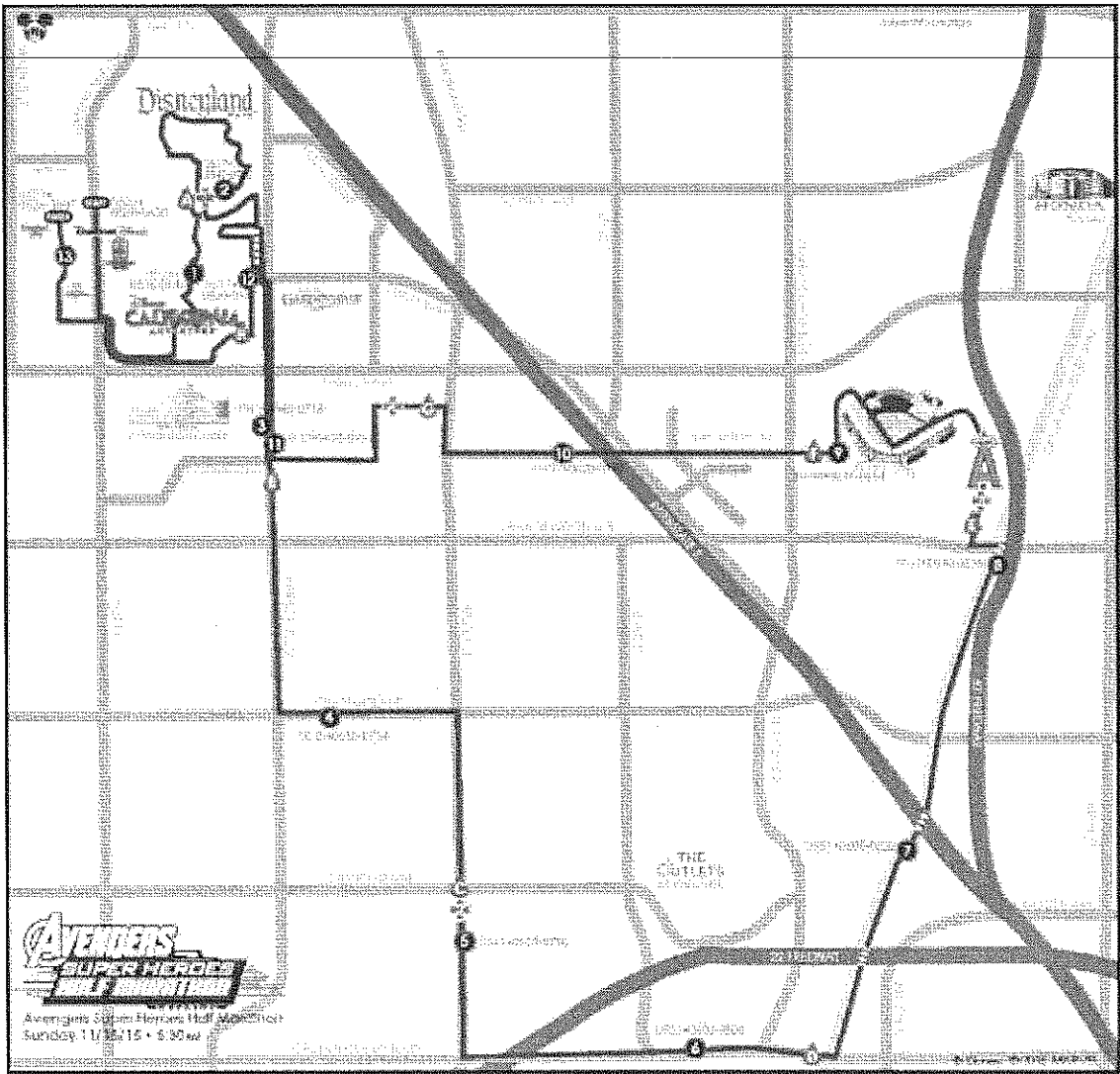
The 2nd Annual Avengers Super Heroes Half Marathon runs in conjunction with *Disneyland*® Resort's Avengers Super Heroes Half Marathon Weekend. The half marathon will start at 5:30 a.m. on Disneyland Drive to Disney Way; travel through *Disney California Adventure*® Park and *Disneyland*® Park; and then down Harbor Boulevard through the Disney and Grove District resorts. The race continues through neighboring cities, traveling to Angel Stadium of Anaheim and back to the *Disneyland*® Resort at 10:00 a.m.

Along the route, spectators dressed as the original Avengers Super Heroes will be cheering on the runners in several locations. The community is encouraged to join in the celebration and cheer on the runners at Chapman Avenue, at both Harbor Boulevard and Haster Street. Runners are expected to be in that area at 5:45 a.m.

For detailed information about the 2nd Annual Avengers Super Heroes Half Marathon and other *runDisney* events, visit www.rundisney.com, or contact Spectrum Sports Management, Inc. at (909) 399-3553.

For more information on Garden Grove street closures, please contact the Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit at (714) 741-5898.

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Economic Development Division

Monday, November 9, 2015

**HYATT SALE SUPPORTS INVESTOR INTEREST
IN CITY'S RESORT AREA**

The \$137 million sale of the Hyatt Regency Orange County is the highest purchase price paid per room in Garden Grove, California at \$208,000 per key. The purchaser, SCG America, a subsidiary of one of the largest construction companies in China – Shanghai Construction Group – considers the hotel its cornerstone in the western United States. The hotel, located in the Grove District - Anaheim Resort, will remain branded and managed by Hyatt Hotels.

This acquisition serves as an indicator to economic growth of the Grove District – Anaheim Resort, Garden Grove's main tourist destination which generates over \$16 million a year in TOT (hotel tax). Factors driving interest in the area include the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California – the first indoor water park resort in the state – which will open next February. The resort is expected to generate \$8 million a year in revenue.

Other Grove District projects in the works include a new, full service, high-end, 750-room hotel, south of the Target store on Harbor Boulevard and is expected to generate an additional \$3.5 - \$4.3 million per year in hotel tax revenue.

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Hyatt Sale Supports Investor Interest in City's Resort Area

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New developments to Disneyland's attractions, like Star Wars Land, and the \$180 million, 200,000-square-foot expansion of the Anaheim Convention Center, located just one mile away from the Grove District, are other contributing factors for investments in the District.

For now, the Grove District is comprised of nine modern hotels that offer a variety of room sizes and rates to meet every tourist and business traveler's needs. Providing hospitality to more than 22.5 million tourists that visit the area each year, the Grove District has more than 3,000 hotel rooms and over 85,000 square feet of event space, and is located within a few miles from many major Southern California attractions, beaches, airports, and freeways.

The Grove District recently completed a \$5.8 million street and infrastructure rehabilitation along Harbor Boulevard. Street improvements made included new sewer, storm drain, and water line installations, and electrical conduits. Aesthetic upgrades to sidewalks, medians, traffic signals, bus shelters, and new landscape and hardscape were added to visibly enhance the District. The improvement area spans approximately 2,200 feet from the site of Great Wolf Lodge Southern California to Twintree Avenue.

The City's Economic Development Division receives daily calls regarding hotel opportunities. For new development inquiries, call Senior Project Manager Greg Blodgett at (714) 741-5124 or email greg1@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

For more information about the Grove District – Anaheim Resort, visit <http://grovedistrictanaheimresort.com/>.

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ABOUT GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

The city of Garden Grove, CA, located just one mile from the Disneyland Resort, home to the Grove District – Anaheim Resort, complements Southern California's most popular tourist zone. Several brand-name hotels, restaurants, including Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, opening in early 2016, highlight the resort area. As the fifth largest city in Orange County, CA, Garden Grove boasts many of the most recognized cultural and spiritual centers, including Little Saigon, the Korean Business District, and the Christ Cathedral (formerly the Crystal Cathedral). Some of the most affordable new housing developments in Southern California, the third largest school district in the county with one of the highest college graduation rates in the state, and a strong, business-friendly atmosphere make Garden Grove an ideal place for new and current residents, businesses, and visitors. For more information, visit www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

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S. KOREA HONORS WAR VETERAN

Medal of Honor recipient. Portrait on a U.S. Postal Service stamp. Namesake for a Garden Grove library.

Now add one more honor to Korean War veteran and Garden Grove celebrity Tibor Rubin's list of recogni-

tions: honorary citizen in Anyang, South Korea.

Anyang is Garden Grove's sister city, and its officials recently bestowed the octogenarian Holocaust survivor with honorary citizenship.

Officials for the Sister Ci-

ty Association of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove City Council congratulated him during last week's meeting, though Rubin was unable to attend. His daughter, Rosie Rubin, accepted the citizenship on his behalf.



MICHAEL GOULDING, FILE PHOTO

Tibor Rubin, Medal of Honor recipient and Holocaust survivor, gets his first look at the bronze bust of himself that the City of Garden Grove dedicated in his honor in March.

Garden Grove council salutes marathoner

The Garden Grove City Council is in Jami Marseilles' cheering section.

During a recent meeting, the council congratulated Marseilles, a 47-year-old Garden Grove kindergarten teacher who became the first female double amputee to complete a marathon.

Marseilles, who teaches at Eisenhower Elementary School, lost both legs below the knees in 1988 after

spending 11 days in a car stuck in the snow.

She finished the Chicago Marathon in October in about 6½ hours.

During the Garden Grove Community Spotlight presentation, Marseilles told the audience that the brain is the strongest muscle in the body – and if it thinks you can do something, then you can.



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Jami Marseilles is honored by, from left, Councilmen Kris Beard and Phat Bui, Mayor Bao Nguyen and Councilmen Steve Jobs and Chris Phan last week.

Car crashes into store; no injuries



Courtesy photo

Firefighters responded to the 9500 block of Garden Grove Boulevard for a report of a vehicle colliding into a building last week. The first-arriving crew reported a car that had driven into a T-Mobile phone store. The driver had self-extricated and was not complaining of any injury. The store was occupied at the time of the incident, but everyone escaped injury. Firefighters were assisted by the Huntington Beach Fire Department USAR team to stabilize the structure. The cause of the accident is under investigation by the Garden Grove Police Department.

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Apartments damaged in truck crash

Sixteen units uninhabitable; driver is injured

The Garden Grove Fire Department and neighboring agencies were dispatched to the 12800 block of Haster Street at 3:09 p.m. last week for a tractor trailer truck that lost control coming off the Haster Street off ramp from the 22 Freeway.

On scene, firefighters found a truck that had collided with a two-story apartment building.

Residents of the apartment build-

ings were evacuated, and the driver was treated by firefighter/paramedics.

The driver was transported to UCI Medical Center, and his condition is unknown. There were no other reported injuries. Firefighters shut down the utilities and were able to stabilize the truck from further movement. Additional resources from Anaheim Fire and Rescue were requested to help stabilize the build-

ing before removing the truck.

The investigation is being handled by the Garden Grove Police Department and the California Highway Patrol. Inspectors from the Building Department were on scene, and deemed 16 apartments uninhabitable due to either structural compromise or utilities affected. The Red Cross was requested to respond, and were able to find shelter for the residents affected.

Measure GG headed to the ballot

Environmental Quality Act. The Planning Commission will be considering a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed code amendment.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on December 3, 2015. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312:

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1179-A

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to: Furnish all Labor, Material, and Equipment for On-Call Street Striping and Sign Installation for the City of Garden Grove. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website: Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at the Public Works Municipal Service Center, Executive Conference Room, located at 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: November 18, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840
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One cent sales tax increase will get a second vote in 2016

There will be a second vote on Measure GG, the one-cent sales tax increase passed by voters last year.

At last week's meeting, the Stanton City Council placed two measures on the November 2016 ballot which qualified for the ballot via the initiative process.

The first measure proposes a repeal of the Stanton 9-1-1 Public Safety and Essential City Services Protection Measure, or Measure GG, the city's one cent sales tax enacted by voters in November 2014.

The second proposes to establish term limits for City Council seats.

The council received an informational report on the impacts of the measures on the city's finances and ability to provide services. The report cites a loss of \$3.3 million in revenues for city services if the one cent local sales tax is eliminated. The report also details cuts to essential services due

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to this loss of revenue, including cuts to sheriff, fire protection and other city services. The report cites a limited fiscal impact to the city from the term limits measure.

"This local sales tax has made Stanton safer," said Debi Grand, a Stanton planning commissioner who spoke during public comment portion of the meeting. "The city has been able to hire additional sheriff's deputies, a code enforcement officer and school crossing guards with this funding. This repeal measure would eliminate all of those services."

The impact report cites the elimination of the programs funded by the Stanton 9-1-1 Public Safety and Essential City Services Protection Measure as "initial" cuts. These would be followed with

an additional \$2.5 million in cuts to every department. The level of cuts sustained by each department would be relative to its share of the city's budget.

"Since public safety services make up more than 70 percent of the city's budget, they would be the hardest hit," said Stephen Parker, administrative services director. "The Orange County Sheriff's Department would need to be cut by an additional \$1.22 million and Orange County Fire Authority would sustain \$560,000 in cuts if the repeal measure were to pass."

California statute requires that the measures be placed before Stanton's voters. The City Council placed both measures on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot. As a presidential election ballot, this allows for the broadest participation from the Stanton community on these issues.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. A 014 2015, A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO PORTIONS OF CHAPTERS 9.04, 9.16, AND 9.18 OF TITLE 9 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER USES AT WHICH MASSAGE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance approves text amendments to portions of Chapters 9.04 (Definitions), 9.16 (Commercial, Office Professional, Industrial, and Open Space Development Standards), and 9.18 (Mixed Use Regulations and Development Standards) of Title 9 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to update the references, definitions, development standards, and operational conditions pertaining to massage establishments and other types of uses at which massage services are provided to be consistent with the City Massage Regulations set forth in Chapter 5.12 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code and the State Massage Therapy Act. Pursuant to this Ordinance, massage establishments are treated as a separate commercial use, rather than as an adult entertainment business, and may be located in the C-2 (Community Commercial), GGMU (Garden Grove Mixed Use), and NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zones, subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit, provided they are not located within 1000 feet of another massage establishment, meet specified development, operational, and minimum parking standards, possess a valid and current massage operator's permit issued by the Police Chief, and comply with all other requirements of the City Massage Regulations in Chapter 5.12. Existing legally established and permitted massage establishments will be deemed legal nonconforming uses that are subject to the provisions of Chapter 5.12 (Massage Regulations) and Chapter 9.36 (Nonconformities) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code. This Ordinance also updates the definitions, references, conditions and standards applicable to Athletic and Health Clubs, Spas or Gyms that provide massage services, and permits massage services to be provided as part of a salon, spa or similar facility located in, and incidental to the operation of, a Hotel that contains at least one hundred fifty (150) rooms located anywhere in the City.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 10th day of November 2015.

ATTEST: /s/ BAO NGUYEN
MAYOR

/s/ TERESA POMEROY
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, TERESA POMEROY, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on October 27, 2015, with a vote as follows:

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BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

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/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AMENDING SECTIONS 8.70.030 AND 8.70.040 CHAPTER 8.70 OF TITLE 8 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO GUEST REGISTERS AT PUBLIC LODGING FACILITIES

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance would amend Sections 8.70.030 and 8.70.040 of Chapter 8.70 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to update the City's regulations pertaining to the register of guests required to be kept by public lodging facilities in the City and to add new regulations regarding verification of guests' identity and acceptance of payment by credit or debit card in order to prevent fraud. This Ordinance would amend Section 8.70.030 to permit such registers to be maintained in electronic form and would amend Section 8.70.040 to delete existing provisions requiring that such registers be at all times open for inspection by the City pursuant to the recent United States Supreme Court decision in City of Los Angeles v. Patel. This Ordinance would also amend Section 8.70.030 to require verification of each guest's name, address and proof of financial responsibility upon check-in and to prohibit the manual entry of credit or debit card payment information in order to prevent fraud.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 10th day of November 2015.

ATTEST: /s/ BAO NGUYEN
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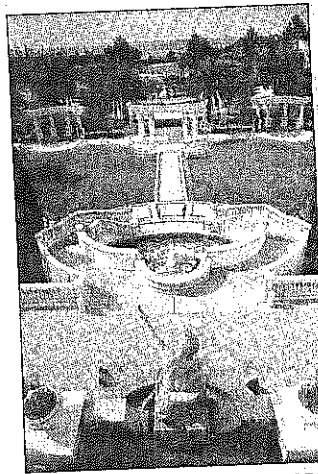
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Local hotels attract big investors

High-end hotels in Orange County are hot properties on Wall Street. Consider: Marriott Corp. said Monday it will pay \$12.2 billion for Starwood Hotels, a chain that owns, among other properties, the St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point, the Westin South Coast Plaza, and Sheraton hotels in Garden Grove and Anaheim.

It's the second big hotel deal to hit the county in the past three months. In August, Blackstone Group announced a plan to pay \$6 billion for a chain that includes the Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel and the Montage Laguna Beach.

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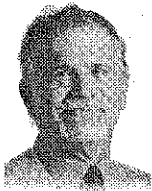
NICK AGRO, FILE PHOTO

The St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point is getting a new owner.

HOTEL MANTRA: BIGGER IS BETTER

Travel boom, rising room rates spur investment in ever-larger hotel groups.

No business has been hotter than hotels coming out of the recession – and the money chasing that momentum has been equally impressive.



JONATHAN LANSNER
STAFF COLUMNIST

Monday brought another megadeal to the industry, as hotel chain operator Marriott International said it would pay \$12.2 billion for competitor Starwood Hotels and Resorts.

The deal would create the world's biggest hotel management company, operating or franchising 5,500 hotels with 1.1 million rooms worldwide. Locally, Starwood runs the St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point; Westin South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa; Sheraton Park Hotel in Anaheim; and Sheraton Garden Grove.

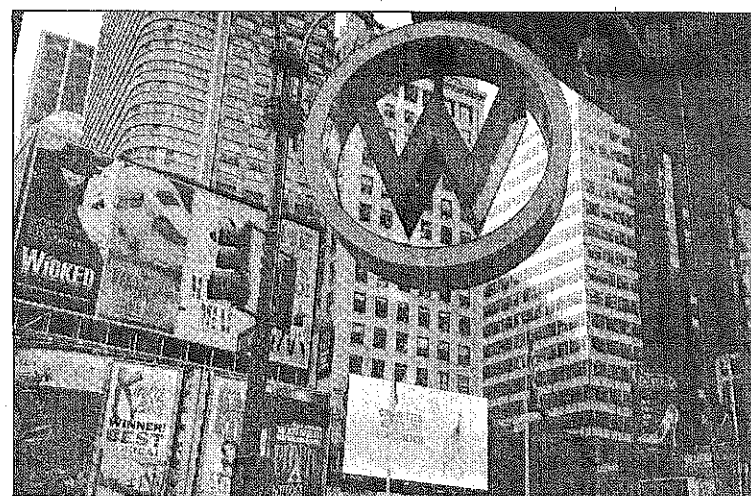
Just two months ago, investment giant Blackstone Group – already owner of the Hilton and Motel 6 chains – said it would pay \$6 billion for Strategic Hotel, owners of 17 luxury hotels, including Orange County's Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel and Montage Laguna Beach.

The buying spree means California hotels are in high demand. A record \$4.4 billion was spent to buy 174 California hotels in the first half of this year, according to Irvine-based Atlas Hospitality Group, a hotel consulting firm.

So why does money chase hotels? Just look at the sharp rebound of the hotel trade in



The St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point is managed by Starwood, which has agreed to be purchased by Marriott International for \$12.2 billion in a deal that will create the world's largest hotelier.



With the addition of Starwood properties, including the W Hotel in Times Square, Marriott will have 1.1 million rooms worldwide.

Orange County – a classic tourism hot spot – according to statistics from PKF Consulting that show “no vacancy” signs are hard to find.

In the first eight months of the year, Orange County hotels were 81.4 percent full vs. 80.4 percent a year earlier. That's up from 66.4 percent for all of 2009, in the

depths of the recession. The lack of vacancy pushes up prices. The countywide average room rate is \$174 a night this year – up 6 percent in 12 months and 27 percent in six years.

Fewer vacancies and rising room rates mean more profits for operators and owners. Orange County's hotel cash flow is up 7 percent in one year and 55 percent since 2009, according to one estimate by PKF.

And it's not just Orange County. That measure for Los Angeles hotels is up 68 percent in six years. In San Diego, it's up 48 percent.

The business world's renewed confidence means business travel is growing. Meanwhile, consumers surprisingly have made vacations a must-have part of the household budget. Hotel opera-

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tors and owners see the trends, and they want more of the pie.

These giant acquisitions are a bet on lowered management costs, while giving a newly consolidated group like Marriott-Starwood wider appeal around the world. Owners such as Blackstone boost hotel portfolios because the fatter cash flow they get from their properties looks better than many other investments.

Still, questions pop up.

Has pricing become too frothy - like it did a decade ago?

These same fundamentals have lured developers to build more hotels; could the

new supply limit potential room-rate increases?

Will service slip at these giant hotel companies, opening the door for new competition? And, of course, how long can the travel boom last?

"The Lodging cycle is maturing, but imminent demise seems unlikely," wrote hotel

analysts at Green Street Advisors.

As always, time will tell. But the hotel industry's bet is clear. Adam Aron, Starwood's CEO, told investors after the Starwood deal: "Today, size matters."

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O.C. high school exit exam results released, but carry little weight

Register

Nov. 17, 2015

New legislation means even those who didn't pass are still eligible for a diploma.

Eighty-nine percent of Orange County high school students passed the now-defunct state exit exam last school year, outperforming the state by 4 points, data shows.



JOANNA CLAY
STAFF WRITER

Since 2006, the California High School Exit Exam has been a measuring stick for student achievement for math and English-language arts and a requirement to graduate.

But legislation that was passed months ago got rid of the exam – even retroactively. The results released Friday were for tests taken in the 2014-15 school year.

High school students through the Class of 2018, now sophomores, no longer need the exam to get diplomas, according to a law passed in August.

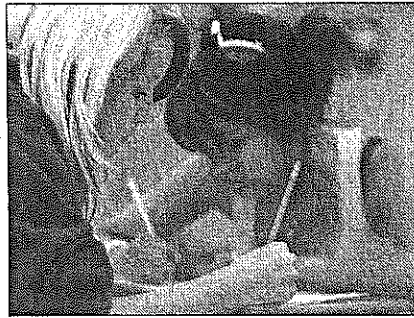
A board will come up with a recommendation for subsequent classes. Also, starting on Jan. 1, students who didn't get their diploma going all the way back to the Class of 2006 now can get one, if they met all the requirements except passing the exam, according to a law passed last month.

Further devaluing the exam's relevance was the introduction of Common Core, accepted as the new state standard in 2012, which changed the way students all over the United States were taught and evaluated.

Lucinda Pueblos, assistant superintendent of school performance and culture at Santa Ana Unified School District, said the exam's results no longer paint a picture of how local schools are performing.

The district's 2014-2015 data showed an 85 percent pass rate for math (the same as last year) and 81 percent pass rate for English-language arts (up from 79 percent last year).

"That assessment is not measuring



KARI RENE HALL, FILE PHOTO

Students work together on math exercises at Aliso Niguel High School.

any of the instruction our kids are participating in," she said. "There was a mismatch ... now that we've transitioned to Common Core and the new state standards."

For a while, the district showed gains in students passing the exam, due to interventions in the ninth and tenth grades, she said. Many of the students who didn't pass were English learners.

Last month's legislation makes about 80 students from Santa Ana Unified's class of 2015 eligible to graduate. The district is holding a ceremony for about 40 of them Thursday.

Pueblos expects up to 1,000 students from the last decade to qualify for their diploma under the new law. The district will go through records and reach out to past students and communicate the news on social media.

"Since it's a done deal, effective in January, we're waiting to see what's going to come next? Is there going to be another assessment?" Pueblos asked.

In the future, state officials said they want to have an exit exam of some sort. They see it as a barometer for college and career readiness.

An advisory panel will come up with recommendations for the exam's replacement following the 2017-2018 school year and submit those to the state on March 1, according to department spokeswoman Pam Slater.

PASS RATES IN 2014-15

	Math	English
School district	Percent passed	Percent passed
O.C. Department of Education	52	59
Anaheim Union	82	83
Brea-Olinda Unified	96	93
Capistrano Unified	93	93
Fullerton Joint Union	90	89
Garden Grove Unified	88	85
Huntington Beach Union	93	92
Irvine Unified	97	95
Laguna Beach Unified	98	100
Los Alamitos Unified	97	97
Newport Mesa	89	89
Orange Unified	89	89
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	92	91
Santa Ana Unified	85	81
Saddleback Valley Unified	92	92
Tustin Unified	92	92

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Miss Garden Grove: The City Council congratulated Raena Ramirez, the 2016 Miss Garden Grove, and her court during Tuesday evening's meeting. Ramirez beat out nine others to take the tiara. Jenna Tower, a 16-year-old junior at Pacifica High School, was chosen Saturday as this year's Outstanding Teen.

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Open government: The city has launched an Open Government portal on its website, giving the public access to Garden Grove's finances and information about officials and government resources. On the page, there is information on salaries, labor contracts, business licenses and more.

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"The Holiday Gem": "The Holiday Gem," a yuletide revue, runs from Nov. 27 to Dec. 20 at the Gem Theater, 12852 Main St. The show has live musicians, merry costumes, tap-dancing elves and more. "The Holiday Gem" begins at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. Sundays. Info: 714-741-9550, ext. 221.

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Financial website: Garden Grove launched a Web page last week where residents can easily find out about the city's finances, including employee salaries. The site, ci.garden-grove.ca.us/OpenGov, is a way to increase transparency, officials say. The software cost \$45,000 through a contract with financial transparency website OpenGov.

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Main break: A water main broke Monday at Brookhurst Street and Dakota Avenue, flooding the area and closing the intersection. The Public Works Department had to shut down water to the area in order to fix the break. The water was turned back on around 6:30 p.m. The city's Twitter account sends out notices when things like this occur.

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Signing day: Six Pacifica High School student-athletes signed letters of intent with universities. Five play softball and one plays baseball. Two softball players will stay in California, attending Cal State Fullerton and Saint Mary's College of California. A softball and baseball player are going to New Mexico State.

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Public Works Department

Thursday, November 19, 2015

CITY HALL CLOSED, NO STREET SWEEPING THANKSGIVING DAY

In observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2015. Friday, November 27, 2015 will be a regular alternate Friday closure day. No street sweeping services or trash pick-up will be provided on November 26. Streets will be swept and trash will be picked up as scheduled on all other days.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375.

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Community Services Director

Monday, November 16, 2015

**HOLIDAY SEASON KICKS OFF IN GARDEN GROVE WITH
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION**

Get ready to experience holiday sights, sounds, and spirit at the City of Garden Grove's 9th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. This year's event will take place under the illuminated clock tower at Village Green Park, at the corner of Main and Euclid Streets. The event is free to the public, with specialty foods, made and sold by members of LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) at 5:00 p.m., live entertainment from talented local youth, and a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Get into the spirit with holiday performances by the Fireside Carolers; One More Productions; the HOPE team from the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove; the Christ Cathedral Academy Advance Choir; students from The Colony of Performing Arts; Amber Tran, the 2015 Voice of Garden Grove winner; and the Bolsa Grande concert choir.

After the festive performances, Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council will light the 24-foot Christmas tree, amid a flurry of winter snowfall. The event will culminate with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus by fire engine.

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HOLIDAY SEASON KICKS OFF IN GARDEN GROVE

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Free hot cocoa comes courtesy of the Garden Grove Walmart stores, and free cookies will be handed out at the 7-Eleven tent, sponsored by franchisee Navdeep Bassi, while supplies last.

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the event, via Twitter, by using the hashtag #ggctlc in their posts. The City will be live-tweeting during the event @CityGardenGrove.

For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5290. To view photos from last year's event, visit Garden Grove City Hall on Facebook and Instagram.

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Community Services Department

Monday, November 16, 2015

SENIOR CENTER GIVES THANKS WITH MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN

To celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, the City's H. Louis Lake Senior Center will hold its annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The harvest festivities will take place at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. A suggested donation of \$3 helps defray the costs of the event.

In addition to the autumn feast, a holiday bake sale and boutique will be open. Entertainment will be sponsored by Professional Health Care Services.

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center offers seniors 50 years and older an array of services and activities aimed at living longer, healthier, and rewarding lives. No membership is required. The Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Space is limited for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. For additional information, please contact the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253.

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Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

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Ban Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng

Thứ Ba, 17/11/2015

WINTERFEST TẠI THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE

Vào mùa đông năm nay, Ban Phục Vụ Cộng đồng sẽ mang đến chương trình Lễ Hội Mùa Đông (Winterfest) được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 5 tháng 12, 2015. Chương trình đặc biệt hằng năm này sẽ được mở tại Atlantis Play Center, tọa lạc tại số 13630 Atlantis Way, từ 4:00 giờ chiều tới 7:30 giờ tối.

Gần 50 tấn tuyết đặc biệt được mang tới cho buổi lễ hội này để những ai tham dự có được cơ hội nặn tượng người tuyết và chơi trượt tuyết. Những trò chơi thú vị khác trong ngày bao gồm đồ chơi thủ công nghệ, trò chơi tàu hỏa. Ngoài ra sẽ có sự xuất hiện của ông già /bà già Noel để chụp hình lưu niệm và đón chào những gia đình tới tham dự ngày hôm đó.

Giá vé để tham dự vào buổi Lễ hội Mùa Đông này là \$10, số vé có giới hạn. Trẻ em dưới 2 tuổi được miễn phí nếu đi cùng với người lớn.

Vé sẽ được bán kể từ ngày Thứ Hai, 16 tháng 11 tại lầu một trong City Hall Thành phố, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway. Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin gọi về số (714) 741-5200.

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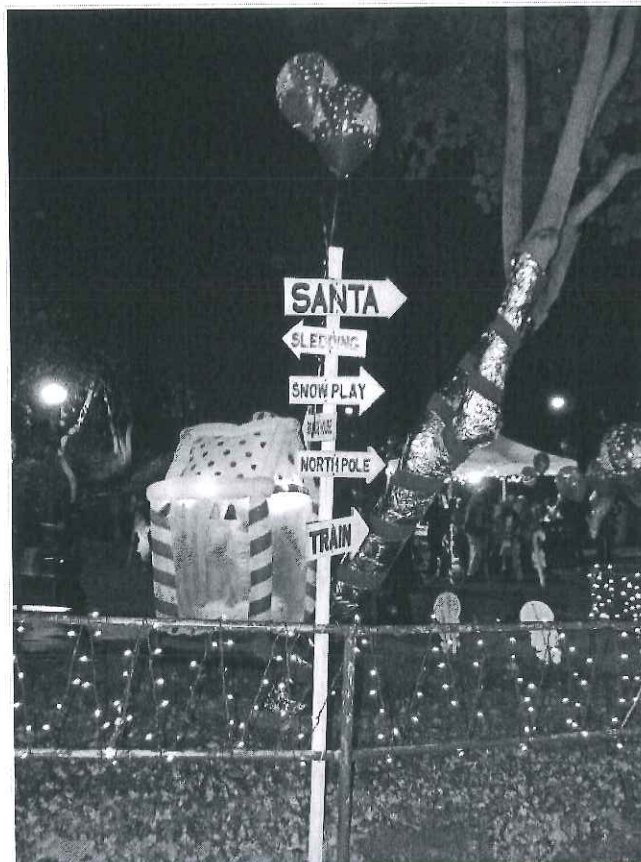
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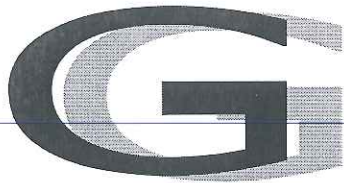
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

November 19, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Cancellation Notice for the November 26, 2015 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Minutes from the October 1, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.
4. The Southern California Association of Governments Spotlight Newsletter dated November 5, 2015.
5. Copy of the letter from the OCTA discussing a "Proposed Amendment to Measure M2 Ordinance to Reallocate \$219 million to Fund Senior/Disabled Fares and Metrolink Improvements".
6. Notice from the OCTA discussing public meetings on Saturday, November 21 and Wednesday, December 9 discussing OCTA's Wildlife Preserves plans.
7. Notice of an OCTA Public Hearing December 14, 2015 concerning an "Amendment of the Orange County Local Transportation Authority Ordinance No. 3 Transit Category High Frequency Metrolink Service Gateways to High-Speed Rail Fare Stabilization for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities".
8. Notice of a mass layoff from Microsemi Corporation on Western Avenue in Garden Grove.
9. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated November 6 and 13, 2015.

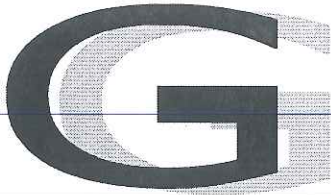


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 19, 2015 – December 6, 2015

	November – December 24		Spark of Love Toy Drive Drop off Locations: Garden Grove Fire Stations And City Hall
Thursday	November 19		Casual Day
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
Tuesday	November 24	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Study Session, Courtyard Center Activity Room Housing Authority Meeting, Courtyard Center Sanitary District Meeting, Courtyard Center Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	November 25	10:00 a.m.- Noon	Senior Center Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by PHCSI, Senior Center Dining Room
Wednesday	November 25	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
Thursday	November 26		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Day
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
Friday	November 27		City Hall Closed
Friday- Sunday	November 27- November 29		One More Productions presents “The Holiday Gem” Gem Theater
Tuesday	December 1		Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration Village Green Park 5:00 p.m. <i>Food Sale Starts</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Program Starts</i>
Thursday	December 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Friday- Sunday	December 4- December 6		One More Productions presents “The Holiday Gem” Gem Theater



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, November 26, 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: November 10, 2015

KARL HILL
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Mai
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner Pak
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: Mai, Pak, Zamora

Commissioner Mai joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and Commissioner Zamora joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice Chair Kanzler.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.
Motion: Margolin Second: Kanzler
Ayes: (4) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (3) Mai, Pak, Zamora

STUDY SESSION – REVIEW OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):
Ricia Hager, Esq., from the City's Attorney's office, presented an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff then discussed and received input on the subject.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Margolin asked for staff to update the Commission on projects that had come before them, specifically, the new fast food tenants at the Promenade Shopping Center, the Inge Realty sign, the East Seafood Buffet, and the large sign for Next Level Sports center. Staff responded that regarding the East Seafood Buffet, Del Taco appealed the Planning Commission's Decision to the City Council; that the three-to-four Promenade Shopping Center

tenants were in plan check; that there was no movement on the Inge Realty sign; and that Next Level Sports center was reconsidering their sign due to cost requirements and may do something different.

Chair O'Neill asked staff to explain the Harbor Boulevard monument sign process. Staff responded that all of the signs could not be done at the same time and that two years was the original timeline to begin; that if a business wanted a sign, they would receive the criteria and go ahead, and if the City provided the sign, the City would set aside the funds. Staff added that the Hyatt Hotel sign was complete and the Great Wolf sign was in progress.

Commissioner Mai asked for an update on the Brookhurst Triangle. Staff stated that the developer's financing was in order, the loan documents would be signed shortly, the construction documents were in Building Services waiting to be issued, and that once the development fees were paid, permits would be issued. Construction could start with the ground breaking in three to four weeks. Staff added that issues with the boundaries on the tract map had been satisfied for the map to be recorded. After the site preparation is finished, the first phase of the project should be completed approximately 18 months after breaking ground. Staff also added that Kia would be relocated, as yet to an unknown location.

Staff also mentioned that Site "C" would break ground in three to four months and that recently, Great Wolf used the site for staging.

Commissioner Margolin asked for an update on the Galleria. Staff stated that a letter was sent from the City Attorney's office to all parties involved to obtain a timeline for the refined the conceptual plans, the three-party agreement between Hoag, Cathay, and the prospective developer, and the submittal of the revised entitlements for the new configuration. Then, if the timeline dates were not met, a 'Notice and Order' would be sent to have the structure demolished.

Commissioner Paredes mentioned that a resident said that Diane Street had no street lights, and that this was a public safety issue. Staff responded that there may be proximity restrictions for the lights and there may be enough coverage, however, the matter would be looked into.

Commissioner Paredes also mentioned that he had noticed more graffiti between Costco and Magnolia Street. Staff responded that a staff member that would be contacted regarding the issue.

Staff then addressed Commissioner Zamora's previous concern regarding the trees near McDonald's on Garden Grove Boulevard, responding that the City's arborist had scheduled the removal and replacement of a dying tree. Staff added that the trees on Main Street would be treated and were watered and maintained on a regular basis.

Commissioner Mai asked if the landlord in the Dalat retail center, where his dental office was located, could make the tenants pay for the fence between the landlord's property and the corner Property. Staff responded that the delineating fence was a

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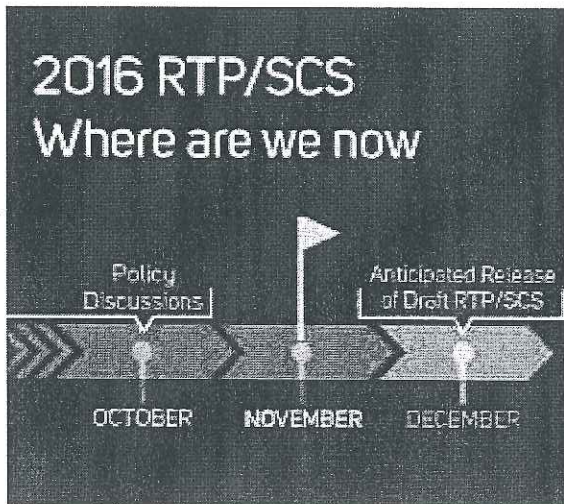
SPOTLIGHT



Legislation and Policy Affecting Our Region

November 5, 2015

RC Report



At today's RC meeting, SCAG operations technician Edward Venegas was recognized for his exemplary service. Edward is pictured here with, from left, Second Vice President Margaret Finlay, President Cheryl Viegas-Walker, First Vice President Michele Martinez and Executive Director Hasan Ikhrata.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION – POLICY COMMITTEES RECOMMEND RTP/SCS RELEASE

Members of all three Policy Committees voted in today's Special Joint Meeting to direct staff to prepare and finalize the Draft 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) and its Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, as well as recommend to the Regional Council that both documents be released for public review and comment on Dec. 3.

Today's meeting was a culmination of many months of discussions in each of the Policy Committees. The chairs of the three Policy Committees each gave summaries of these discussions and the committee guidance on various elements of the plan. Transportation Committee Chair Alan Wapner presented on highways and arterials-related strategies, alternative transportation strategies, strategies to improve the region's core economic sectors, the role of technology and the 2016 RTP/SCS financial plan. Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Chair Bill Jahn presented on outreach and engagement with local jurisdictions on growth projections and the policy growth forecast. Energy and Environment Committee Chair Deborah Robertson gave a presentation

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

UPCOMING CAP-AND-TRADE WORKSHOPS

To take advantage of the upcoming Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant and other cap-and-trade funding opportunities, SCAG is offering members two upcoming workshops in the region. On Nov. 18, SCAG is partnering with the Southern California Gas Company for a workshop on how to access state cap-and-trade grant funding. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the SoCalGas Energy Resource Center in Downey. Cities and counties interested in applying for cap-and-trade funds are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Sarita Figueroa at (213) 244-3621.

For those interested in applying for an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant, SCAG and its regional partners are planning a follow-up to the successful "California Gold" workshop on Dec. 8, at SCAG's headquarters in downtown Los Angeles. "California Gold: Partnerships for Cap-and-Trade Success" will focus on two competitive grants: Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation and the Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities program. A portion of the workshop will be dedicated to providing technical assistance to applicants

on the environmental justice outreach and analysis, how SCAG is developing its Program Environmental Impact Report, the guiding principles and framework for the public health component of the plan and how SCAG will address natural lands and farm lands.

SCAG's Executive Director Hasan Ikhata then spoke on the critical issues, explained the scenarios being considered and described the key policy recommendations and potential outcomes associated with the plan. He provided highlights on the plan's performance and benefits, including how the plan exceeds the state's greenhouse gas reduction targets and reduces congestion. The plan's transportation projects would boost the local economy through hundreds of thousands of new jobs annually and the plan's land use strategies would also provide residents with more mobility options by encouraging growth near high quality transit.

INFORMATION - RC MEMBER OUTREACH TOOLKIT

SCAG staff reported today that in anticipation of the Dec. 3 release of the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS, staff is preparing an outreach toolkit that will provide Regional Council members with collateral materials and talking points to build awareness of the draft plan and generate widespread public participation during the public comment period, which will conclude on Jan. 29. SCAG will be conducting a series of elected official briefings and public hearings on the draft plan, and Regional Council members will play an important role in raising the awareness and the participation of local elected officials, residents and other stakeholders. The toolkit will include key highlights and benefits of the RTP/SCS for their subregion, links to videos, invitations to workshops, sample calendar postings and social media posts which they can distribute through their existing communications or other local channels.

seeking funding for transformative projects that will implement Southern California's regional and local plans. To RSVP, please visit: www.scag.ca.gov/californiagold. For more information on how to sign up for technical assistance, please contact Kristen Pawling at pawling@scag.ca.gov.

CALTRANS TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

DEC. 2-4

Caltrans, in collaboration with SCAG and UCLA, is hosting the 2015 California Transportation Planning Conference, "Partnering for Sustainable Transportation," Dec. 2-4, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. This interactive, three-day conference will explore the latest developments in transportation planning from a national, state and local perspective. Conference panels include discussions on strategies to achieve a sustainable, multi-modal transportation system; innovative transportation funding mechanisms; the context for the future of transportation; best practices for meeting state and federal planning requirements; and new opportunities for collaboration to efficiently develop and deliver transportation plans and programs. The conference is open to anyone involved and interested in the transportation planning process. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://2015ctpc.org/>.

GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) is now accepting applications from eligible community-based nonprofit groups and federally recognized tribal governments to support environmental justice-related projects across California. More than \$1 million is available for this program. Applicants should address a variety of environmental and public health objectives, including reducing diesel emissions, ensuring safe drinking water and participation in the environmental decision-making processes at the state and local levels. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and applications must be received by CalEPA by Jan. 22, 2016. Awards will be announced in May 2016. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1P7YN4Z>.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 10:00 AM

SCAG Main Office (with videoconference options)

Visit: www.scag.ca.gov/californiagold



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

November

- 17th** Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 17th** Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 19th** Technical Working Group
- 26th** Thanksgiving Holiday (SCAG Offices Closed)
- 27th** Day After Thanksgiving Holiday (SCAG Offices Closed)

December

- 3rd** Regional Council Meeting
- 8th** California Gold: Partnerships for Cap-And-Trade Success
- 14th** Audit Committee
- 15th** Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 17th** Technical Working Group
- 22nd** Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 25th** Christmas Day (SCAG Offices Closed)

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November 2, 2015

The Honorable Bao Nguyen
Mayor, City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92841

RE: Proposed Amendment to Measure M2 Ordinance to Reallocate \$219 million to Fund Senior/Disabled Fares and Metrolink Improvements

Dear Mayor Nguyen:

On October 12, 2015, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) received the Measure M2 (M2) Ten-Year Review report. The Ten-Year Review, required under the M2 Ordinance, evaluates all project and program elements of M2 to determine if there is a need to make changes to improve its performance. Due to the decline of sales tax revenues, a funding shortfall was identified in the Transit Program. OCTA is seeking comments from your city as well as stakeholders in your community on a proposed amendment to M2 which addresses this shortfall.

On October 26, 2015, the Board directed staff to initiate the process to amend the M2 Transportation Investment Plan (M2 Plan) to assure the programs promised to the public in Measure M are kept. There are two programs that currently have funding gaps addressed by the proposed amendment.

First, based on current ridership projections, the funding available for the Senior/Disabled Fare Stabilization Program (Project U) has a shortfall of \$69 million. Secondly, High-Frequency Metrolink Service (Project R), which supports ongoing capital requirements and operations of Metrolink service also has a funding shortfall.

The program to convert Metrolink stations to regional gateways that connect Orange County with planned future high-speed rail systems (Project T) is complete with no new projects identified. It is recommended that the remaining funds in this project be reallocated to help stabilize fares for senior and disabled bus transit users and fund planned improvements to frequency on Orange County's Metrolink system. Again, both of these programs were promised to voters when Measure M was extended in 2006.

The OCTA Board is seeking your comments on the recommendation that remaining funds in Project T (\$219 million) be reallocated to Project U (\$69 million) and Project R (\$150 million). Project T has a capital investment

The Honorable Bao Nguyen

November 2, 2015

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emphasis, Project U has an operational assistance, and Project R has a mix of capital and operations.

The M2 Ordinance allows for amendments, but requires approval by the Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC), a public review period, and approval by the Board. The proposed amendment to the M2 Ordinance No. 3 is shown on pages 23, 24, and 31 of Attachment A and page B-16 of Attachment B (enclosed). For consistency, the project costs reflected in the Plan are in 2005 dollars (the year the plan was developed).

The public review period for the proposed amendment is now open, and we welcome your input. To solicit further input from stakeholders, a public meeting has been scheduled for:

November 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
OCTA Headquarters, 600 S. Main St., Orange

The public hearing has been set for:

December 14, 2015 at 9 a.m.
OCTA Headquarters, 600 S. Main St., Orange

The completed Ten-Year Review and staff report is available on the OCTA website, www.octa.net/MeasureM. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Tamara Warren, M2 Program Manager, at (714) 560-5590.

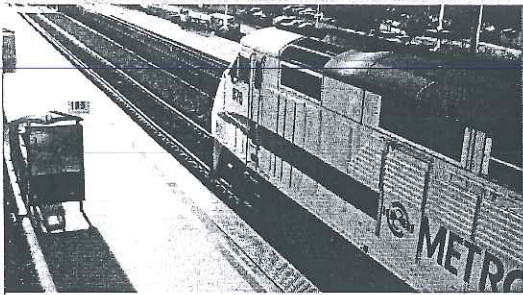
Sincerely,



Jeffrey Lalloway
OCTA Chairman

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Attachments

c: Members, Orange County City Councils
Orange County City Managers
Ryan Chamberlain, Caltrans District 12 Director
Members, Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee



Transit Projects

**High Frequency Metrolink Service
Transit Extensions to Metrolink**

Project R

High Frequency Metrolink Service

Description:

This project will increase rail services within the county and provide frequent Metrolink service north of Fullerton to Los Angeles. The project will provide for track improvements, more trains, and other related needs to accommodate the expanded service.

This project is designed to build on the successes of Metrolink and complement service expansion made possible by the current Measure M. The service will include upgraded stations and added parking capacity; safety improvements and quiet zones along the tracks; and frequent shuttle service and other means, to move arriving passengers to nearby destinations.

The project also includes funding for improving grade crossings and constructing over or underpasses at high volume arterial streets that cross the Metrolink tracks.

Cost:

The estimated cost of capital and operations is \$1,014.1 million*

\$1,129.8

Project S

Transit Extensions to Metrolink

Description:

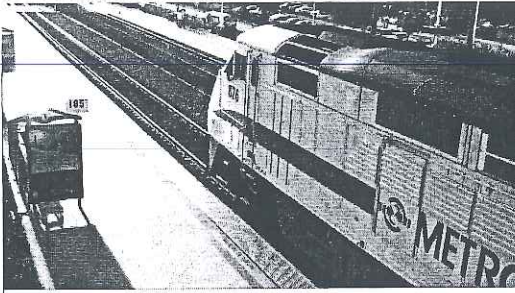
Frequent service in the Metrolink corridor provides a high capacity transit system linking communities within the central core of Orange County. This project will establish a competitive program for local jurisdictions to broaden the reach of the rail system to other activity centers and communities. Proposals for extensions must be developed and supported by local jurisdictions and will be evaluated against well-defined and well-known criteria as follows:

- Traffic congestion relief
- Project readiness, with priority given to projects that can be implemented within the first five years of the Plan
- Local funding commitments and the availability of right-of-way
- Proven ability to attract other financial partners, both public and private
- Cost-effectiveness
- Proximity to jobs and population centers
- Regional as well as local benefits
- Ease and simplicity of connections
- Compatible, approved land uses
- Safe and modern technology
- A sound, long-term operating plan

This project shall not be used to fund transit routes that are not directly connected to or that would be redundant to the core rail service on the Metrolink corridor. The emphasis shall be on expanding access to the core rail system and on establishing connections to communities and major activity centers that are not immediately adjacent to the Metrolink corridor. It is intended that multiple transit projects be funded through



*Project cost estimate amended on December 14, 2015.



Transit Projects

Metrolink Gateways Expand Mobility Choices for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

a competitive process and no single project may be awarded all of the funds under this program.

These connections may include a variety of transit technologies such as conventional bus, bus rapid transit or high capacity rail transit systems as long as they can be fully integrated and provide seamless transition for the users.

Cost:

The estimated cost to implement this program over thirty years is \$1,000.0 million.

Project **T**

Convert Metrolink Station(s) to Regional Gateways that Connect Orange County with High-Speed Rail Systems

Description:

This program will provide the local improvements that are necessary to connect planned future high-speed rail systems to stations on the Orange County Metrolink route.

The State of California is currently planning a high-speed rail system linking northern and southern California. One line is planned to terminate in Orange County. In addition, several magnetic levitation (MAGLEV) systems that would connect Orange County to Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, including a link from Anaheim to Ontario airport, are also being planned or proposed by other agencies.

Cost:

The estimated Measure M share of the cost for these regional centers and connections is \$226.6 million*.

\$57.9



Project **U**

Expand Mobility Choices for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Description:

This project will provide services and programs to meet the growing transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities as follows:

- One percent of net revenues will stabilize fares and provide fare discounts for bus services, specialized ACCESS services and future rail services
- One percent of net revenues will be available to continue and expand local community van service for seniors through the existing Senior Mobility Program
- One percent will supplement existing countywide senior non-emergency medical transportation services

Over the next 30 years, the population age 65 and over is projected to increase by 93 percent. Demand for transit and specialized transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities is expected to increase proportionately.

Cost:

The estimated cost to provide these programs over 30 years is ~~\$339.8~~ million*.

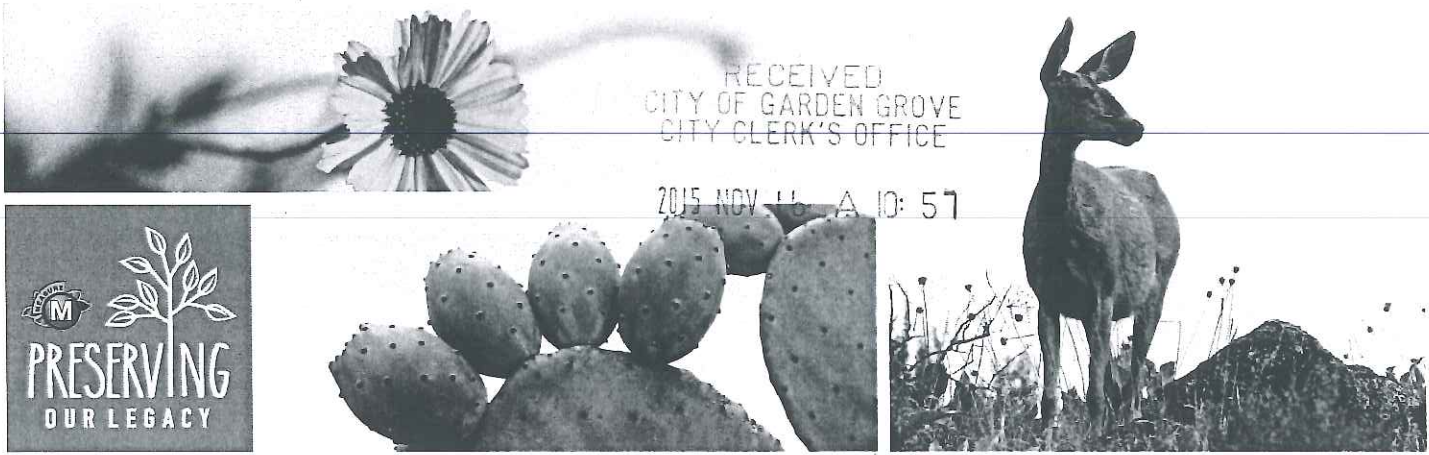
\$392.8



Measure M Investment Summary

LOCATION		PROJECTS	COSTS 2005 estimates in millions	
Freeway Projects (in millions)			\$4,871.1	
I-5	Santa Ana Freeway Interchange Improvements	A	\$470.0	
I-5	Santa Ana/San Diego Freeway Improvements	B C D	1,185.2	
SR-22	Garden Grove Freeway Access Improvements	E	120.0	
SR-55	Costa Mesa Freeway Improvements	F	366.0	
SR-57	Orange Freeway Improvements	G	258.7	
SR-91	Riverside Freeway Improvements	H I J	908.7*	
I-405	San Diego Freeway Improvements	K L	1,392.5*	
I-605	Freeway Access Improvements	M	20.0	
All	Freeway Service Patrol	N	150.0	
Streets & Roads Projects (in millions)			\$3,625.0	
	Regional Capacity Program	O	\$1,132.8	
	Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program	P	453.1	
	Local Fair Share Program	Q	2,039.1	
Transit Projects (in millions)			\$2,832.0	
	High Frequency Metrolink Service	R	\$1,014.1*	<u>\$1,129.8</u>
	Transit Extensions to Metrolink	S	1,000.0	
	Metrolink Gateways	T	226.6*	<u>\$57.9</u>
	Expand Mobility Choices for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	U	339.8*	<u>\$392.8</u>
	Community Based Transit/Circulators	V	226.5	
	Safe Transit Stops	W	25.0	
Environmental Cleanup (in millions)			\$237.2	
	Clean Up Highway and Street Runoff that Pollutes Beaches	X	\$237.2	
Taxpayer Safeguards and Audits (in millions)			\$296.6	
	Collect Sales Taxes (State charges required by law)		\$178.0	
	Oversight and Annual Audits		118.6	
Total (2005 dollars in millions)			\$11,861.9	

*Asterisk notes project estimates that have been amended since 2006.



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR OCTA'S WILDLIFE PRESERVES RELEASED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Resource Management Plans (RMP) for the Trabuco and Silverado Canyon areas were released for public review on November 11, 2015.

The draft RMPs outline the stewardship and operations of each Preserve. This RMP release includes the Ferber Ranch, O'Neill Oaks, Hafen, Saddle Creek South, and MacPherson Preserves. The RMPs are available for public review during a 90-day public comment period to gather feedback.

CONSERVATION PLAN

OCTA's Measure M2 (M2) Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program allocates funds to purchase conservation properties and contribute to habitat restoration projects in exchange for streamlined project approvals for 13 M2 freeway improvement projects. The M2 freeway projects impact protected habitats and biological resources including plants and wildlife. State and federal laws require that impacts to these resources be reduced. To do this, OCTA is developing a Conservation Plan, which is a state and federal document to protect threatened and endangered species. Preserves that possess habitat and important wildlife species that are similar to those affected by the construction of the M2 freeway projects have been purchased by OCTA and are included in the Conservation Plan. These Preserves will remain in a natural state and will be protected in perpetuity.

PRESERVE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The RMPs are required in order to provide guidelines for the management and monitoring of the Preserves in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Conservation Plan. Key components of the RMPs include guidance for the ongoing protection, preservation, and adaptive management of the natural plants and wildlife found within the Preserve. The RMPs also address fire prevention measures and recreational use of the site by the general public where and when appropriate. Designated roads and trails (and their uses) will be identified in each RMP.

HOW TO COMMENT

The RMPs and comment forms are posted online at www.OCTA.net/RMP. In addition, all materials will be available during two public meetings at Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall, 22112 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita on:

SATURDAY
Nov. 21, 2015
9 to 11 a.m.

OR

WEDNESDAY
Dec. 9, 2015
5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact Marissa Espino at mespino@octa.net or 714-560-5607.





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November 13, 2015

Public Hearing Notice

Dear Public Officials, Orange County City Managers, Colleges, and Universities:

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors will conduct a Public Hearing concerning an Amendment of the Orange County Local Transportation Authority Ordinance No. 3 Transit Category High Frequency Metrolink Service (Project R) Gateways to High-Speed Rail (Project T) Fare Stabilization for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Project U), as follows:

Monday, December 14, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.
Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters
600 South Main Street, Board Room – First Floor
Orange, California 92863

All persons having an interest in these matters are invited to attend the public hearing to address the Board of Directors with verbal or written comments/recommendations. If you wish to file a written comment, submit to:

Orange County Transportation Authority
Clerk of the Board
550 South Main Street
P.O. Box 14184
Orange, CA 92863-1584

or

boardofdirectors@octa.net

Please contact the Clerk of the Board with any questions regarding this hearing or request for special accommodations at boardofdirectors@octa.net or 714.560.5676.

Sincerely,

Lauren Weinert
Clerk of the Board



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November 6, 2015

Mayor Bao Nguyen
City Hall
P.O. Box 3070
Garden Grove, CA 92842

RE: Notification of Mass Layoff
Worker Adjustment Retraining And Notification Act

Dear Mayor Bao Nguyen:

This letter constitutes formal notice pursuant to the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, 29 U.S.C. §§2102-2109, and California Labor Code sections 1400-1408, that Microsemi, a California corporation, will be carrying out a mass layoff at its facility located at:

11861 Western Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92841
11652 Markon Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92841

This mass layoff is occurring because some of our products have become obsolete and some of our products have become too costly to build at the Garden Grove Wafer Fab location. In the cases where it is no longer financially viable to build certain products at the Garden Grove Wafer Fab facility, the products will be transferred to our Lawrence facility at 6 Lake Street, Lawrence, MA 01841.

The expected date of the first separation from employment at the plant is January 6, 2016. We expect this mass layoff to take several months, over the course of several stages between January 6, 2016 to April 29, 2016 and the decommissioning activities are expected to take place by September 30, 2016. We anticipate terminating approximately fifty seven (57) employees in this division.

This reduction in force of the Garden Grove Wafer fab is expected to be permanent. There are other divisions at this site that will remain at this facility. There is no union representing any employees at Microsemi, and no company policy which provides any bumping rights with respect to a mass layoff.

The job titles of the positions affected, and the number of affected employees in each job classification are listed in the enclosed attachment.

The actual timing of the closing of the plant may be delayed for several reasons, many of which are beyond the Company's control, such as delays in leasing or building work space,



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installing new equipment, planning operations, obtaining necessary government approvals, material and work stoppages, inclement weather, acts of God, and other events.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Microsemi Corporation, One Enterprise, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656, mbondi@microsemi.com (949) 356-1005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Bondi".

Mike Bondi
Director, Human Resources

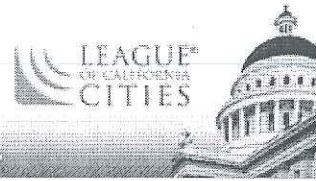
Cc: eddwarnnotice@edd.ca.gov
KeitaLaFavor@edd.ca.gov – State Rapid Response Coordinator
Andrew Munoz - Orange County Workforce Investment Board
Todd Spitzer – Board Chairman Orange County Board of Supervisors

LIST OF AFFECTED POSITIONS

Job Titles of positions to be eliminated and the number of affected employees in each job classification:

Job Slated for Elimination	# of Incumbents
Chemical Technician	1
CWF Equipment Manager	1
CWF Planner	1
Die Line Inspection Supervisor	1
Die Line Operators	5
Director of CWF Operations	1
Equip Maintenance Supervisor	2
Equipment Engineer	1
Equipment Support Technician	1
Equipment Technician	4
Facilities Technician	1
Manufacturing Maint. Tech.	1
Process Engineer	3
Process Engineering Mgr	1
Production Planner	1
Senior Failure Analysis Technician	1
Senior Process Dev Engr	1
Senior Process Technician	1
Wafer Fab Operator	28
Wafer Fab Supervisor	1
Total	57

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California Cities Solutions: Perris Adds a Chef in the Classroom to Improve Public Health

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. Perris' Chef in the Classroom program was submitted in 2015 for the CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration award category.

The city of Perris originated as an agricultural enclave, spanning 31.39 square miles. From late 1990s to earlier this decade, the population doubled to nearly 75,000 residents, transforming the city from a small community into an urbanized, diverse community. As the population grew so did the city's obesity and diabetes rates, surpassing California's average. Committed to improving public health, the city partnered with several agencies and launched its Chef in the Classroom program in 2013. Introduced in Perris' elementary schools, the program enriches and transforms youth by providing nutrition education through fun and interactive cooking sessions.

For more, see Page 2.



Registration Open for Two Premiere League Conferences in Early 2016

New Mayors and Council Members Academy and City Managers Department Meeting

With local elections now complete, the League invites cities to register their newly elected officials for the New Mayors and Council Members Academy. *For more, see Page 3.*



City Managers Department Call for Award Nominations is Open for Three Awards

Deadline to Submit Applications is Wednesday, Dec. 9

The League of California Cities® City Managers' Department is now accepting nominations for the three prestigious awards presented annually to distinguished members of the department.

For more, see Page 4.

Though rising rates of obesity and diabetes are widespread throughout the country, these problems are particularly troubling in Riverside County. In the city elementary schools, an alarming 47 percent of the children qualified as overweight or obese. Because many aspects of an unhealthy life-style are passed down through generations, and begin at a very early age, Perris set out to teach the youth within its schools to make healthier choices.

The Perris City Council affirmed its commitment to improving public health during its annual strategic planning process. The city started a program to put a professional chef in the classroom to educate children about the benefits of healthy eating early enough to form good habits. The goal was to impact their current and future quality of life.

City leaders realized, however, that implementing such a program would involve overcoming several challenges. While partnerships with the county and local school districts were important, the most crucial partners were the kids in the classroom; the program's success hinged on effectively engaging these kids.

The first task was to find a chef who could communicate with youths. As discussions about putting a chef in the classroom progressed, a program began to take shape. Since the Chef in the Classroom program was new, the city established a promotion plan to reach out to students using social media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, the city's website and the local public access television channel.

Recognizing that a public health situation of this magnitude required a multi-jurisdictional solution, Perris began discussions with Riverside County Department of Public Health. In late 2013, the city became a sub-grantee of Riverside County for a three-year United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant, administered at the state level through the Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention Branch. The purpose of the grant was to educate low-income households about the benefits of good nutrition and physical exercise and the risks associated with poor diet and lack of exercise.

Local schools were reluctant to give up classroom time to a city-sponsored program and some initially passed over the opportunity. Convincing them that the program could fit into their structured curriculum or extracurricular activities required ongoing dedicated efforts and communication. These efforts proved to be fruitful when the city secured an agreement with two school districts and the Teaching, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing Kids Together (THINK) program.

Ongoing discussions about the needs of the program with Chef Lee Burton proved that he was the right person for the job as he talked about the importance of learning about nutrition at an early age. The program began as a 40-class series spread over five weeks at various school sites. Each class session was designed to include a 30-minute educational component and a 30-minute interactive hands-on cooking demonstration component.

Chef Lee made the educational message simple. The interactive cooking demonstrations created enthusiasm and excitement in the classroom as students helped in the preparation of healthy recipes, by peeling oranges and bananas, mixing yogurt, folding wheat tortillas into veggie wraps and more.

Many of the children in the first round of classes lived in parts of Perris considered food deserts, sections of the city served primarily by corner markets with little or no access to fresh produce or other healthy foods. These children had little exposure to the fundamental concepts of good nutrition. As the classes progressed, the children understood the importance of eating healthy as they were preparing their own flavorful, nutritional snacks.

This program was designed to reach approximately 500 students. Chef Lee quickly became a celebrity amongst the students. This popularity resulted in other school administrators requesting the Chef in the Classroom program for their schools. At the end of the first grant year, the program held 140

classes reaching approximately 2,500 students. The program's effectiveness of the program was measured by the number of students reached and by its strength in helping to create enduring habits of choosing healthy foods over unhealthy ones. One instrument used to measure the program's effectiveness included youth questionnaire pre and post program participation.

The results of the assessment were encouraging, but the program's impact was noticed when a group of students who participated in the program approached their school cafeteria staff and put in a request that a recipe they created, chickpea dip with vegetables, be added to the lunch menu. Their enthusiastic description of the class, recipe, and of instructor Chef Lee convinced the employees to pass the request up the ranks, eventually reaching the Food Services director. Impressed by the youth's engagement, the director added the recipe and actually hired Chef Lee to develop healthy menus that were kid-approved for that school site and throughout the school district on an ongoing basis. That group of elementary school-aged students pioneered a health policy, system and environmental change for their community.

At the end of 2014, the city assessed the success of program and concluded that it met the goal of providing effective health education to young citizens. Perris' mayor hosted a celebration lunch for students that included veggies, fruit, and as a test, chocolate chip cookies. The children passed this test, when most of them passed over the cookies to reach for mixed berries and carrot sticks to fill their plates.

Parents in the community were initially intrigued when their children came home and talked about healthy foods, claiming to have learned about health from a professional chef. As the program unfolded, the parents applauded the collaboration between the agencies and the creativity of the program. Students have asked for, and the city plans to initiate for 2015, classroom sessions based upon the popular television program "Chopped" in which students will work in groups to compete for the chance to gain the recognition of their peers and school and city officials by preparing USDA approved healthy recipes.

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Scheduled for Jan. 20-22 in Sacramento, the conference is a must-attend for both newly elected officials, and veterans interested in a refresher course on the basic legal and practical framework in which city officials operate. The three-day event will feature critical training on important, fundamental topics for local government taught by policy experts and seasoned elected officials. The conference also includes AB 1234 ethics training.

[Register online.](#)

City Managers Department Meeting

The League is also gearing up for the [City Managers' Department Meeting](#), Feb. 3-5 in Indian Wells. The largest gathering of California city managers, the meeting includes sessions on a range of the most pressing issues facing California cities and the city management profession.

Two keynote speakers will be sharing their expertise. April Rinne, a sharing economy guide and globetrotter will address how the sharing economy affects cities. Kevin "Kal" Kallaugher, editorial cartoonist for the *Economist* and the *Baltimore Sun*, will engage city managers with his experience as an award-winning political cartoonist.

[Register online.](#)

Please submit nominations no later than Dec. 9. Additional information about the awards is below:

The John H. Nail Memorial Award is presented to an outstanding municipal assistant who has contributed significantly to his or her city government and to the advancement of the community as a whole. The department created the award in memory of a highly regarded city manager known for his great personal integrity.

The Award for the Advancement of Diverse Communities recognizes a city manager or assistant successful in promoting the advancement of diversity within the community and workplace by developing and implementing effective programs, policies and/or practices.

The Wes McClure Award of Distinction honors a leader making a difference for the profession. It honors one city manager's outstanding career service, leadership, ethics, expertise and innovation.

Nomination forms can be found at: www.cacities.org/managers. Please send completed forms to Meghan McKelvey with the subject line "award nomination" or submit nominations by mail to:

Meghan McKelvey
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

A confirmation will be emailed to you upon receipt of your completed nomination form.

Please direct any questions to Meghan McKelvey at (916) 658-8253.

Apply for a 2015 City Managers' Department Meeting Graduate Student Scholarship

The League of California Cities City Managers' Department will provide a select number of scholarships to Masters of Public Administration graduate students in California who wish to attend the City Managers' Department Meeting in Indian Wells, Feb. 3-5.

The scholarship (value \$1,000) will cover the cost of the three-day conference registration, as well as up to two nights of hotel lodging (room and tax only). Session information can be found at www.cacities.org/citymanagersed.

Those interested in applying should complete their application and essay online at www.cacities.org/managerssscholarship before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The following information will be required and a confirmation email will be sent once your completed application has been received:

- Applicant information;
- Essay: A 300–500 word essay about why you are interested in local government; and
- Short resumé.

For questions regarding the scholarship, please contact Meghan McKelvey at (916) 658-8253.

U.S. Communities Now Offers Democracy Live Electronic Balloting Services

Informational Webinar Scheduled Nov. 17 and 19

U.S. Communities, the League-sponsored cooperative purchasing program, is pleased to announce that Democracy Live has been awarded a multi-year contract to provide electronic balloting through the innovations solutions solicitation.

Democracy Live was awarded the contract based on demonstrated success of its LiveBallot application, which makes it possible for voters with disabilities, voters in the military and Americans living abroad to access their local ballot materials online. With over 500 successful deployments to date, Democracy Live is the leading provider of web balloting in the United States. Democracy Live strives to ensure its tools are cost effective and create efficiencies that improve the delivery and processing of ballots.

Informational Webinars

U.S. Communities will be hosting two free informational one-hour webinars for members to learn more about Democracy Live and its services. Speakers will include representatives from U.S. Communities and Democracy Live.

Register for either webinar by clicking on the dates below:

- Tuesday, Nov. 17, 8 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.

About U.S. Communities

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

For additional information, please visit www.USCommunities/LCC.

UPDATE: Session Proposal Deadline for 2016 Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum Extended

Submit proposals By Nov. 11

Are you still holding on to a great session idea for the 2016 Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum?

Don't delay, act now! The deadline to submit your session ideas has been extended to Wednesday, Nov. 11.

What is the Executive Forum?

- The Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum is a premier educational conference for new and seasoned mayors and council members from all throughout the state. This event is focused on educating elected officials about cutting edge approaches to challenges facing cities.
- A two day conference that includes general sessions, workshops, and networking.

Who Can Submit?

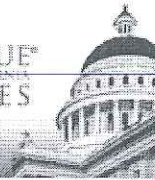
- Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome.
- The Executive Forum Program Planning Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information.
- Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind.

Where Do I Submit My Idea?

- Only proposals submitted online through this proposal form will be considered.
- There are a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. We recommend you write your proposal in a word-processing program first, and then paste the final version into the online form.

Session proposals will be reviewed by the planning committee. If you have any additional questions or to see last year's program, please contact Caitlin Cole at (916) 658-8248.

Visit Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum Call for Proposals for additional information and to submit proposals.



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Calling All Outstanding City Street Projects

Nominations for the 2016 Local Streets and Roads Awards due Jan. 13

The Save California Streets Coalition has opened the nomination period for its annual Local Streets and Roads Awards. Submissions should highlight a street infrastructure project or program that has demonstrated a significant improvement in your community's street system. The coalition comprises a number of organizations including the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. *For more, see Page 2.*



2015 Legislative Briefing Webinar to be Held Nov. 17

Register by Nov. 16

Please join League lobbyists for the annual Legislative Briefing webinar, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 10-11:30 a.m. *For more, see Page 2.*



Mayors and Council Members Should Register Now for this January Event

Deadline to Register, Jan. 6

Registration is now open for the League of California Cities® New Mayors and Council Members Academy scheduled for Jan. 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. Did your city fill either of these positions in this month's elections? This training conference will help your mayors and council members acquire all the skills they need to hit the ground running. *For more, see Page 2.*

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Nominations for this prestigious award are due by Wednesday, Jan. 13. Winners will be announced in February and awards will be presented during the Public Works Officers Institute and County Engineers Association of Counties conference March 9-11 in Sacramento. They will also be featured later in 2016 in *Western City*, the League's monthly magazine.

Projects nominated should address one of three categories that promote a comprehensive improvement of local streets:

- Efficient and Sustainable Road and Bridge Preservation, Maintenance and Construction and Reconstruction Projects;
- Complete Streets and Multi-Modal Mobility Projects; or
- Safety or Intelligent Transportation System Projects.

Applications must be submitted online.

Please contact Meghan McKelvey with any questions on the award program and application process.

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During this year's Legislative Briefing, League lobbyists will discuss developments from the first year of the 2015-16 Legislative Session. Participants will hear the latest on medical marijuana regulation, transportation, economic development, land use, water, employee relations bills, and several other important legislative developments affecting the state and local governments.

The registration cost for League members and partners is \$25. For non-members, the cost is \$125 per city. Register online by noon on Monday, Nov. 16. Two connections per city will be allowed.

For questions on how to register for the webinar, please contact Megan Dunn. For all other questions, please contact Meg Desmond.

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This conference is a must attend for newly elected officials, and for veterans who would like a refresher course on the basic legal and practical framework in which city officials operate. Delve into critical training on important, fundamental topics for local government taught by subject matter experts and seasoned elected officials. View the 2016 New Mayors and Council Members Academy announcement and schedule online.

Conference registration includes admission for the following:

- Two and a half days of important educational sessions, with pertinent information for newly elected city officials, including AB 1234 Ethics Training;
- Wednesday lunch and reception, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

For more information and to register, please visit the League's website. If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Cole at (916) 658-8248.

Like the League of California Cities on Facebook and follow on twitter at @cacitieslearn to get updates and useful information about upcoming conferences.

California City Solutions: Glendora Prepares Foothill Community for Post-Wildfire Effects during Seasonal Weather

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). Glendora's Colby Fire Recovery communication plan was submitted in 2015 for the Public Safety award category.

The Colby Fire started on Jan. 16, 2014 in the foothills above Glendora, eventually burning 1,962 acres. Fanned by the strong Santa Ana winds, the fire destroyed five homes, injured one person, and forced the evacuation of 3,600 people. A post-fire assessment of the burn area shows that a portion of the city is susceptible to debris and mud flows during rain storms for the next three to five years. This prompted Glendora to develop a color-coded alert system and multi-faceted outreach plan to prepare the community for future emergencies.

Although there were many favorable factors at play during the Colby Fire — lighter traffic during the start of the fire, availability of water-dropping airplanes, and no conflicting fires to detour resources from the area — the city's preplanning was invaluable. Still, Glendora's leaders saw opportunities to fine tune the city's emergency outreach.

The city grappled with how to communicate the progress of emergency services with the community and media during potential mudslide events in an efficient, timely and wide-reaching manner.

A color-coded alert system, consisting of green, yellow, orange, and red, was developed to explain parking restrictions, evacuation protocols, and re-entry protocols, as well as an educational component for those unable to evacuate.

Automated alert status changes are made by using the rules wizard in Microsoft Outlook, allowing select personnel to change the color status instantly by sending an email message with a specified keyword. Using an application called If This, Then That (IFTTT) allowed to the city to automate status alert changes through social media outlets, including images and text.

A [webpage](#) specific to the fire and mud slide-affected areas serves as an information portal for citizens. It features the color-coded alert status, frequently asked questions, an impact area emergency alert signup form, temporary railing information, a media center, restoration and preparedness information, and post-storm assessment reports. Resource links connect residents to our varied preparedness partners, including the United States Geological Survey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Los Angeles County Public Works and Fire.

The city created a Colby Fire Impact Area, which comprises nearly 1,000 homes that could potentially be affected by dangerous debris and mud flow, and sends messages through Nixle, a service for local police departments, county emergency management offices, and municipal governments to connect with local residents by sending important text, website, and email notifications. Glendora surveyed residents to obtain data for the notifications, including names and all available contact information for everyone in each household, as well as a section for any family members that required assistance in evacuating.

During the morning of the Colby Fire, two dispatchers answered 397 calls between 5 and 9 a.m., which is nearly a 700 percent increase from normal activity. Since then, a social media team was created to inform the public, media and public safety partners of current events, status updates on critical incidents, and current alert level.

The city developed a mobile application to share photos taken in the field which are tagged with a location, date and time. Pictures are emailed to a designated address and processed by another Outlook rule. The end result is a live feed of pictures in the city's Emergency Operations Center to track storm progression.

Press releases are posted to city's website, which are automatically distributed by RSS feed and e-Notification, and the city's Facebook and Twitter pages. Press conferences are covered by city

staff, with key points distributed through real time tweets, as well as video recorded to post on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and the city's website media center.

Before the Colby Fire, the city's social media reached between 200 to 2,000 people weekly. During the week of the first storms following the fire (Feb. 24 through March 2, 2014) the city's reach jumped to 43,000. Social media updates helped lower the volume of calls received at the dispatch center. During the peak of the storm between 5 and 9 a.m., only 92 calls were received, a 76 percent decrease compared with the same time frame during the fire.

The Colby Fire Information webpage has been a key resource for impact area updates. It tracks 2,000 to 5,000 unique page views per month and has seen over 11,000 page views since its creation.

The combination of emergency response alerts allows residents multiple choices on how they wish to receive their information.

2016 Annual Conference Session Proposals due Jan. 6

Some of the best conference sessions each year come straight from the source – California city officials. The League of California Cities® is accepting session proposals for the 2016 Annual Conference through Jan. 6 for the Oct. 5-7 conference in Long Beach.

The League's Annual Conference is organization's conference that brings together elected and appointed officials and staff and stakeholders for three days of educational sessions, workshops and networking.

Proposal Session Submission Instructions

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome. The Annual Conference Program Planning Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information. Sessions should not be product or vender commercialization oriented.

Proposals may be submitted online only.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Finances for Stockton-Based Charter School and Childcare Program for Underserved Children

The California State Wide Development Authority (CSCDA) on Thursday, Nov. 12 announced that it issued \$8 million in tax-exempt bonds and \$279 in taxable bonds for TEAM Charter School and Creative Child Care Inc. (CCCI), both in Stockton.

About Team Charter School and CCCI

Founded in 2011, TEAM Charter serves 552 children in transitional kindergarten through fifth grade. Team Charter provides free quality education to serve students from various backgrounds, including a large number of at-risk students in San Joaquin County. In the school year 2015-16, 92.35 percent of students enrolled in Team Charter are from low-income families, English language learners or foster care kids.



Since 1992, CCCI, a nonprofit organization, has been committed to providing exemplary child development programs through a comprehensive network of community support

and collaboration. CCCI provides free and subsidized child care for income eligible families with a demonstrated need for child care services, such as employment, training, or attending school. CCCI currently serves more than 1900 children and employs more than 340 people in more than 36 locations throughout San Joaquin County.

About the Financing

CSCDA partnered with Westhoff, Cone & Holmstedt to provide the \$8.27 million in tax-exempt and taxable bonds for TEAM Charter and CCCI. The bonds will be used to acquire and improve a charter school and early education facilities

Background

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

Save the Date: Municipal Law Symposium, Feb. 5

Additional Information and Registration Details Coming Soon

The 2016 Municipal Law Symposium will focus on the challenging issues public agency attorneys face in the areas of water and public works. Panels will focus on: water rights, drought, and enforcement; water issues related to CEQA and land use; alternative water supplies, including stormwater, groundwater, and recycled water; water and public works finance issues including those related to Proposition 218; and conflicts of interest, including an update on the new FPPC regulations and conflict of interest issues relevant to public works projects.

Titled “Ensuring Integrity in 21st Century California: Water & Public Works in Our Arid State,” the symposium will be held on Feb. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The League will share registration details and additional information when it is available.

This annual event is co-sponsored by the Municipal Law Institute of the League of California Cities®, McGeorge School of Law, the County Counsels’ Association and the State Bar of California Public Law Section.

State and Local Legal Center Advocates to the Supreme Court for Local Governments

By: Lisa Soronen, executive director, State & Local Legal Center

Since 1983 the State and Local Legal Center (SLLC) has filed *amicus curiae* briefs to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the “Big Seven” national organizations representing the interests of state and local government. The Big Seven groups include: the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, Council of State Governments, the National League of Cities (NLC), the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties, and the International City/County Management Association. The International Municipal Lawyers Association and the Government Finance Officers Association also belong to SLLC.

State leagues participate in SLLC through NLC. Many state leagues contribute financially on an annual basis to support SLLC.

In 2014 the Arkansas Municipal League defended a high speed police chase case before the Supreme Court. SLLC filed an *amicus* brief supporting the league.

SLLC files an *amicus* brief in a Supreme Court case where three of the seven members of SLLC want a brief written and two organizations do not veto participation. Each SLLC member decides whether to sign onto an SLLC brief after reviewing its contents.

To date, SLLC has filed over 300 Supreme Court briefs. SLLC generally files briefs in cases involving federalism and preemption and in other cases where the interests of state and local government are at stake.

It is not unusual for the Court to cite or quote an SLLC brief in an opinion or discuss a SLLC brief at oral argument.

Lisa Soronen is the executive director of SLLC. She is a resource to the Big Seven on the Supreme Court. SLLC also offers moot courts to attorneys arguing state and local government cases before the Supreme Court. Each year SLLC offers Supreme Court Review, Preview, and Mid-Term webinars and articles focusing on cases from the term affecting state and local government. Soronen also writes about Supreme Court cases affecting cities on the NLC blog, the *Weekly*, and the *Federal Advocacy Update*.

To learn more about SLLC and to read the briefs SLLC has recently filed, visit [SLLC's website](#). Follow SLLC on [Twitter](#) for up-to-date information on Supreme Court grants and decisions affecting state government.