

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**January 19, 2023**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of this memorandum is to report on the Meal Gap Program, authored by Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley (District 2).

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

A. The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) appoints Director Karl Seckel to Metropolitan Board of Directors.

B. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS

Notice of application, Southern California Gas to increase rates and revenues for the 2023-2025 gas demand response pilot programs application filing A.23-01-004

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Scott Stiles  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott C. Stiles  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: Orange County Supervisorial District 2 – Meal Gap Program

From: Lisa L. Kim  
Dept: Community and Economic Development  
Date: January 19, 2023

**OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this memorandum is report on the Meal Gap Program, authored by Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley (District 2).

**BACKGROUND**

On April 27, 2021, the Orange County Board of Supervisors allocated \$10 million in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 equally amongst five supervisorial districts for the meal gap support initiatives in response to COVID-19. The office of Supervisor Katrina Foley (District 2) authorized \$14,000 in funding to the City of Garden Grove.

**DISCUSSION**

On August 17, 2023, the City of Garden Grove and the County of Orange entered a grant sub-recipient agreement to support Garden Grove seniors and low-income families experiencing food insecurities. Through the Meal Gap Program initiatives, the City offered a self-sufficiency program to support low-income seniors by providing grocery gift cards and a weekly meal distribution program for seniors and families. The programs ran from August 17, 2022, to December 31, 2022 in partnership with Bracken's Kitchen and Community Services staff at our H. Louis Lake Senior Center and Buena Clinton Youth and Family Resource Center.

The City fully expended the \$14,000 grant on 125 Kroger's gift cards and 5,626 meals distributed to seniors and low-income families. Seniors and families receiving support under the Meal Gap Program initiatives, especially during the holidays, expressed their appreciation to City staff and the City.



Lisa L. Kim  
Director of Community and Economic Development

By: Christy Le, Administrative Assistant

Attachment 1: Meal Gap Program Subrecipient Agreement

**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE  
AND CITY OF GARDEN GROVE FOR REVENUE LOSS AMERICAN  
RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING**

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This Subrecipient Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the County of Orange, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “County,” and City of Garden Grove, a California municipal corporation, hereafter referred to as “Subrecipient,” with the County and Subrecipient referred to as “Party,” or collectively as “Parties.”

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the County Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of a novel coronavirus (named “COVID-19”) in Orange County (the “COVID-19 Emergency”); and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2020-11 ratifying the local health emergency declared by the County’s Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency to exist in California because of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the COVID-19 Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President of the United States on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, under the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, enacted as part of ( ARPA), distributed more than \$350 billion in emergency funding was distributed to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments with the County receiving a total of \$616.8 million in two equal allocations of SLFRF funds; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA provides that SLFRF Funds may be used for revenue replacement for the provision of government services, COVID-19 expenditures or negative economic impacts of COVID-19, premium pay for essential workers, and investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure for the State or local government; and were incurred during the period that begins on March 3, 2021, and ends on December 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, the United States Department of Treasury released its Final Rule for the SLFRF program, which among other things, authorizes State and local government recipients to use SLFRF funds to replace lost public sector revenue and use such funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Orange County Board of Supervisors allocated \$10 million in American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), H.R. 1319 dollars equally between the five supervisorial districts for meal gap support initiatives in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority delegated by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, a share will be distributed to each city located in District 2 based on overall district population; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide meals to those facing food insecurities in the Second District due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Parties have agreed that the County shall transfer the grant amount described herein to Subrecipient.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

1. **TERM OF AGREEMENT.** The term of this Agreement begins on the date when fully executed by the Parties, and terminates on December 31 2022, or when all the Parties' obligations under this Agreement are fully satisfied, whichever occurs earlier.

2. **USE OF GRANT AMOUNT.**

a. The grant funds provided are federal funds and subject to the Single Audit Act of 1984. The following information is provided in accordance with the Single Audit Act.

Award Amount	Up to \$14,000
Subrecipient Name	City of Garden Grove
SAM UEI Number	Y1NYWMLHKNM7
Awarding County Agency	OC Community Resources
County Contact Information	Renee Ramirez
Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	SLFRP1607
Assistance Listing Number (ALN)	21.027 / Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
Awarding Federal Agency	US Treasury Department
Indirect Cost Rate	10% MTDC or Federally Approved Rate
Whether Award is R&D	No

- b. Subrecipient shall use the grant amount provided under this Agreement to provide for food insecurities: (1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and (2) were incurred during the period that begins on the date the Agreement is fully executed and ends on December 31, 2022.
- b. The term “Eligible Expenses,” as used in this Agreement, shall mean expenses incurred and paid for by Subrecipient for the provision of providing food/meal gap programs to clients with insecurities due to the Covid-19 pandemic located in the Second District in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Eligible expenses may include improvements to or building of community gardens in neighborhoods or schools to cover supplies, plantings of vegetables and fruits, and waivers of community garden plot stipends. Eligible expenses may also include planting of fruit trees like orange, lemon, lime or apples in low income Covid impacted neighborhoods and parks.
- c. The following is a nonexclusive list of expenditures that shall not constitute Eligible Expenses payable from the grant amount:
  - (1) Damages covered by insurance.
  - (2) Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any local, state or federal program, such as the reimbursement by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act of contributions by States to State unemployment funds.
  - (3) Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
  - (4) Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.
  - (5) Severance pay.
  - (6) Legal settlements.
- d. Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the modified total direct costs per 2 CFR section 200.68 or the federally approved indirect cost rate, if applicable.
- e. Subrecipient must utilize the grant amount in accordance with all Federal and State laws, including but not limited to the American Rescue

Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. § 802, et seq., and all applicable regulations and guidelines implementing ARPA, including the regulations issued by the Department of Treasury at 31 CFR Part 35 regarding costs that are payable from SLFRF Funds.

### 3. PAYMENT OF GRANT AMOUNT

- a. **The County will issue a one-time payment to the Subrecipient in the amount of \$14,000 within 10 business days of the full execution of this Agreement. All of Subrecipient's expenditures of the grant amount must be for costs as described in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement.**
- b. It is understood that the County makes no commitment to fund this Agreement beyond the terms set forth herein.
- c. **Subrecipient will provide the County invoices and receipts as proof of eligible expenses within 14 working days of expending the full \$14,000, or the final amount spent.**
- d. If Subrecipient has not spent any portion of the grant amount it has received under this Agreement to cover Eligible Expenses by December 31, 2022, Subrecipient shall return to the County by January 15, 2023 the amount remaining unspent as of December 31, 2022.

4. **STATUTES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO GRANT.** Subrecipient must comply with all applicable requirements of State, Federal, and County of Orange laws, executive orders, regulations, program and administrative requirements, policies and any other requirements governing this Agreement. Subrecipient must comply with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations pertaining to labor, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment. Subrecipient must comply with new, amended, or revised laws, regulations, and/or procedures that apply to the performance of this Agreement. These requirements include, but are not limited to:

a. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance. Subrecipient must comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards per 2 CFR Part 200 (the "Uniform Guidance"), including the procurement standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.318 through 2 CFR 200.327 when using their grant amount to procure goods and services.

b. Single Audit Act. Since Federal funds are used in the performance of this Agreement, Subrecipient must, as applicable, adhere to the rules and

regulations of the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sec. 7501 et seq.), OMB Circular A-133 and any administrative regulation or field memoranda implementing the Act.

c. Political Activity Prohibited. None of the funds, materials, property or services provided directly or indirectly under this Agreement may be used for any partisan political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office. Funds provided under this Agreement may not be used for any purpose designed to support or defeat any pending legislation or administrative regulation.

d. SAM.gov Requirements. Subrecipient is required to have an active registration with the System for Award Management (“SAM”) (<https://www.sam.gov>).

5. **COMPLIANCE WITH GRANT REQUIREMENTS.** Grant funds awarded must be used solely for the purposes identified in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement. In accordance with Paragraph 11, Subrecipient agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County of Orange for any sums the State or Federal government contends or determines Subrecipient used in violation of this Agreement. Subrecipient shall immediately return to the County any funds the County or any responsible State or Federal agency, including the Department of Treasury, determines the Subrecipient has used in a manner that is inconsistent with Paragraph 2 of this Agreement. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive termination of this Agreement.

## 6. REPORTS.

a. Progress Report. On November 30, 2022, Subrecipient shall provide a report to the County that shall: (1) identify the expenses paid from the grant amount; (2) demonstrate how Subrecipient used the grant amount consistent with the use requirements of Paragraph 2; and (4) identify the balance of the grant amount that Subrecipient has not spent.

b. Final Report. Upon the earlier of Subrecipient’s expenditure of the balance of the grant amount or January 15, 2023, Subrecipient shall provide a report to the County that shall: (1) identify the Eligible Expenses paid from the grant amount; (2) demonstrate how Subrecipient used the grant amount consistent with the use requirements of Paragraph 2; and (3) identify the balance of the grant amount that Subrecipient has not spent, if any.

c. The Subrecipient shall provide a certification signed by its City Manager or designee with each report required under this Paragraph 6 that

the statements contained in the report are true and that the expenditures described in the report comply with the uses permitted under Paragraph 2.

d. Subrecipient shall maintain supporting documentation for the reports required by this Paragraph 6 consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 7.

7. **RECORDS MAINTENANCE.** Records, in their original form, must be maintained in accordance with requirements prescribed by the County with respect to all matters specified in this Agreement. Original forms are to be maintained on file for all documents specified in this Agreement. Such records must be retained for a period of four (4) years after termination of this Agreement and after final disposition of all pending matters. "Pending matters" include, but are not limited to, an audit, litigation or other actions involving records. Records, in their original form pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement, must be retained within the County of Orange unless authorization to remove them is granted in writing by the County.

8. **RECORDS INSPECTION.** At any time during normal business hours and as often as either the County, Inspector General acting pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, or the Auditor General of the State of California may deem necessary, Subrecipient must make available for examination all its records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement. The County, Inspector General, and the Auditor General of the State of California each have the authority to audit, examine and make excerpts or transcripts from records, including all Subrecipient's invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. Subrecipient agrees to provide any reports requested by the County regarding performance of this Agreement. With respect to inspection of Subrecipient's records, the County may require that Subrecipient provide supporting documentation to substantiate Subrecipient's expenses with respect to the Subrecipient's use or expenditure of the grant amount.

9. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** The Subrecipient shall be considered an independent contractor and neither the Subrecipient, its employees, nor anyone working under the Subrecipient shall be considered an agent or an employee of County. Neither the Subrecipient, its employees nor anyone working under the Subrecipient shall qualify for workers' compensation or other fringe benefits of any kind through County.

10. **PERMITS, LICENSES, APPROVALS, AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS.** Subrecipient shall be responsible for obtaining all permits, licenses, and approvals required for performing any work under this Agreement. Subrecipient shall be responsible for observing and complying with any applicable Federal, State, or local



laws, or rules or regulations affecting any such work. Subrecipient shall provide copies of permits and approvals to the County upon request.

11. INDEMNITY. The Subrecipient agrees to indemnify, defend with counsel approved in writing by County, and hold County, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees and agents and those special districts and agencies which County's Board of Supervisors acts as the governing Board harmless from any claims, demands or liability of any kind or nature, arising from or related to the Subrecipient's receipt of the grant amount under this Agreement, including any claims that the grant amounts paid by the County to Subrecipient were not used consistent with the restrictions on the use of SLFRF program funds as set forth in the regulations and guidance issued by the Department of Treasury regarding the use of such funds. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

12. NOTICES. All notices, requests, demands and other communications contemplated, called for, permitted, or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing. Any written communications shall be deemed to have been duly given upon actual in-person delivery, if delivery is by direct hand, or upon delivery on the actual day of receipt or no greater than four (4) calendar days after being mailed by US certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, whichever occurs first. The date of mailing shall count as the first day. All communications shall be addressed to the appropriate party at the address stated herein or such other address as the parties hereto may designate by written notice from time to time in the manner aforesaid.

Subrecipient:  
City Manager  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Pkwy.  
Garden Grove, CA 92842

County:  
Renee Ramirez  
County of Orange  
OC Community Services  
1300 S. Grand, Bldg. B  
Santa Ana, CA 92705

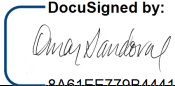
13. DEFAULTS. Should either Party fail for any reason to comply with the contractual obligations of this Agreement within the time specified by this Agreement, the non-breaching Party reserves the right to terminate the Agreement, reserving all rights under State and Federal law.

14. **ATTORNEY FEES.** In any action or proceeding to enforce or interpret any provision of this Agreement, each Party shall bear its own attorney's fees, costs, and expenses.

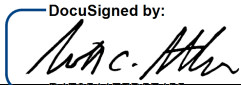
15. **ENTIRE CONTRACT:** This Agreement contains the entire contract between the Parties with respect to the matters herein, and there are no restrictions, promises, warranties or undertakings other than those set forth herein or referred to herein. No exceptions, alternatives, substitutes or revisions are valid or binding on the parties unless authorized by the Parties in writing.

16. **AMENDMENTS.** No alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties; no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on either of the Parties; and no exceptions, alternatives, substitutes or revisions are valid or binding on County unless authorized by County in writing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year dated below.

BY:   
Omar Sandoval, City Attorney  
City of Garden Grove

DATED: 8/17/2022

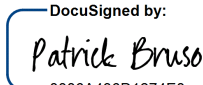
BY:   
Scott C. Stiles  
City of Garden Grove

DATED: 8/17/2022

BY:   
Dylan Wright, Director  
OC Community Resources

DATED: 8/17/2022

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Office of the County Counsel  
County of Orange, California

BY:   
Deputy

DATED: 8/17/2022



## *For Immediate Release*

**Contact:** Damon Micalizzi, MWDOC | (714) 593-5014 | [DMicalizzi@mwdoc.com](mailto:DMicalizzi@mwdoc.com)

### **MWDOC APPOINTS DIRECTOR SECKEL TO METROPOLITAN BOARD**

**Fountain Valley, CA (January 18, 2023)** – The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Board of Directors **today** announced the appointment of Director Karl Seckel to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Board of Directors. Director Seckel will assume the seat formerly held by Satoru (**Sat**) Tamaribuchi.

“It is a true honor to be selected,” said Director Seckel. “I look forward to joining an exceptional team, from within our Orange County Delegation and at Metropolitan. My focus is to actively contribute to solving some of the water supply issues that we are collectively facing in Southern California.”

“We are deeply grateful to **Sat** for his contributions and service. Few people are as passionate, knowledgeable, and dedicated,” said MWDOC Board President Megan Yoo Schneider. “Fortunately, we have tremendous board members like Director Seckel, who will continue to build upon the foundation **Sat** and others have set before him. Karl will be a phenomenal addition to the Metropolitan Board of Directors. His expertise will provide valuable insights as we continue to strive for a sustainable water future for Orange County and all of California.”

Director Seckel has 45 years of professional water-related expertise working in Orange County, including nearly four decades of service at MWDOC as the Assistant General Manager and District Engineer. Before joining MWDOC, he worked for a civil engineering and water resources consulting firm. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland.

Director Seckel was elected to the MWDOC Board upon his retirement in 2020 to represent Division 4, serving the cities of Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and Seal Beach.

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**The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)** is a wholesale water provider and resource planning agency whose efforts focus on sound planning and appropriate investments in water supply, water use efficiency and conservation, public information and outreach, legislative advocacy, water education for all ages, and emergency preparedness.

MWDOC's 27 retail water agencies, comprised of city water departments and water districts, provide retail water services to the public. [www.mwdoc.com](http://www.mwdoc.com).

Municipal Water District of Orange County | [www.mwdoc.com](http://www.mwdoc.com)

18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley CA 92708 | (714) 963-3058

STAY CONNECTED:



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

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS REQUEST TO  
INCREASE RATES AND REVENUES FOR THE  
2023-2025 GAS DEMAND RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAMS  
APPLICATION FILING A.23-01-004**

**Why am I receiving this notice?**

On January 6, 2023, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas<sup>®</sup>) filed its 2023-2025<sup>1</sup> Gas Demand Response Pilot Programs with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of the application, SoCalGas is requesting a total of \$12.5 million. The proposed Gas Demand Response Pilot Programs (Pilot Programs) are designed to provide gas demand response programs to residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural customers. These Pilot Programs seek to help customers reduce their energy usage during times of peak demand.

If the CPUC approves this application, SoCalGas will recover forecasted costs in gas rates over a 3-year period beginning in 2024. This will impact your monthly bill.

**Why is SoCalGas requesting this rate increase?**

As the State rapidly deploys renewable energy to become carbon-free by 2045<sup>2</sup>, the reliability services and capabilities provided by the gas grid are increasingly being called upon. To support the reliability of the gas system and electric grid, the proposed Pilot Programs are integral to informing whether future demand response program(s) can effectively help with natural gas curtailments and system reliability. Implementing these Pilot Programs will allow SoCalGas to test the effectiveness of reducing customer gas usage during system peak demand periods. The findings from the Pilot Programs for years 2023-2025 may inform future gas demand response program designs that could advance system reliability, providing benefits to the ratepayers.

**How could this affect my monthly gas rates?<sup>3</sup>**

If SoCalGas's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill using 35 therms per month would increase by approximately \$0.05 or 0.1% per month in 2024, compared to estimated 2023. Individual customer bills may vary.

**Table 1: Proposed Gas Rate Increase**

Customer Class	Current Rates	2024		2025		2026	
		\$/th	% change	\$/th	% change	\$/th	% change
Core-CARE	\$/th	\$/th	% change	\$/th	% change	\$/th	% change

<sup>1</sup> SoCalGas is proposing that the 2023-2025 Gas Demand Response Pilot Programs begin Q4 of 2023 and that the 2023 costs be rolled into 2024 such that rates will not be impacted until 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Senate Bill 100 (De Leon, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018).

<sup>3</sup> The gas rates information will be available later.

	Residential	\$1.54592	\$1.54644	0.03%	\$1.54777	0.09%	\$1.54760	-0.01%
	Commercial/ Industrial	\$1.15852	\$1.15877	0.02%	\$1.15940	0.05%	\$1.15932	-0.01%
	Gas AC	\$1.09854	\$1.09862	0.01%	\$1.09881	0.02%	\$1.09879	0.00%
Core-Non CARE								
	Residential	\$1.96190	\$1.96242	0.03%	\$1.96375	0.07%	\$1.96359	-0.01%
	Commercial/ Industrial	\$1.47195	\$1.47219	0.02%	\$1.47282	0.04%	\$1.47274	-0.01%
	Gas AC	\$1.34459	\$1.34467	0.01%	\$1.34486	0.01%	\$1.34484	0.00%
	Gas Engine	\$1.02505	\$1.02537	0.03%	\$1.02620	0.08%	\$1.02610	-0.01%
	Natural Gas Vehicle	\$1.04410	\$1.04410	0.00%	\$1.04410	0.00%	\$1.04410	0.00%
Noncore								
	Commercial/ Industrial	\$0.19262	\$0.19266	0.02%	\$0.19275	0.05%	\$0.19274	-0.01%

### How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SoCalGas's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review SoCalGas' application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call 1-415-703-1584, email [PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov), or visit [PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov](http://PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov).

### Where can I get more information?

#### Contact SoCalGas

Email: [eloya@socalgas.com](mailto:eloya@socalgas.com)  
Mail: Evelyn Loya, Regulatory Affairs Case Manager  
555 West Fifth Street, GT14D6  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

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

### **Contact CPUC**

Please visit [apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2301004](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2301004) to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on SoCalGas' request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**

Email: [Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov)

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Application A.23-01-004** any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

**WEEKLY MEMO 1-19-2023**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**





## Post Performance

January 12, 2023 - January 18, 2023

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

**Included in this Report**

 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 1/18/2023 1:53 pm PST

🚫📱 Do you have the STOPit app? During a recent Parenting in a Digital World workshop, hosted by the Garden Grove...



Video Views	<b>36</b>
Impressions	<b>93</b>
Reach	<b>93</b>
Engagements	<b>14</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>15.1%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 1/17/2023 1:25 pm PST

🌟 BiGG things happen when you shop small. 🛍️ Help us welcome the new Buy in Garden Grove (BiGG) businesses who...



Impressions	<b>1,106</b>
Reach	<b>996</b>
Engagements	<b>22</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2%</b>



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Tue 1/17/2023 1:23 pm PST

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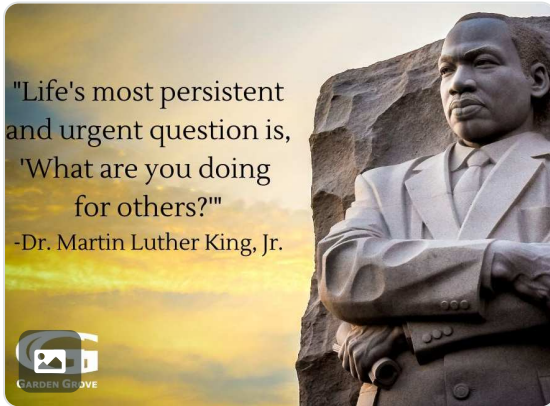
Impressions	<b>784</b>
Reach	<b>770</b>
Engagements	<b>17</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.2%</b>



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Mon 1/16/2023 8:38 am PST

🇺🇸 Today, we recognize the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for his courageous and tireless work toward equality. His...



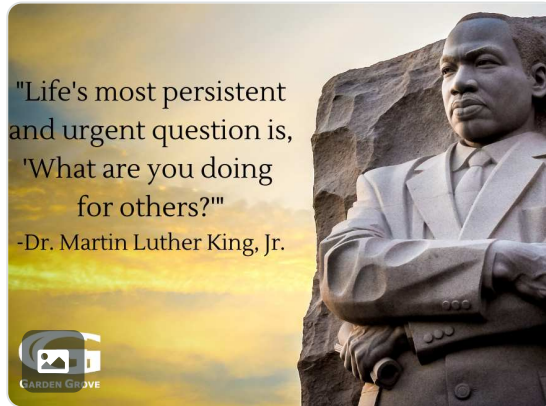
Impressions	<b>747</b>
Reach	<b>695</b>
Engagements	<b>26</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3.5%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 1/16/2023 8:35 am PST

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Impressions	<b>396</b>
Reach	<b>377</b>
Engagements	<b>10</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.5%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 1/13/2023 2:21 pm PST

#HappyKoreanAmericanDay! January 13 commemorates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the US in 1903....



Impressions	<b>380</b>
Reach	<b>354</b>
Engagements	<b>32</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>8.4%</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**

Thu 1/12/2023 3:30 pm PST

◆ The community is invited to attend SteelCraft Garden Grove's Lunar New Year Festival on 1/21, from 12PM-10PM. The...



Impressions	357
Potential Reach	5,906
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 1/12/2023 3:30 pm PST

◆ Are you ready to ring in the Lunar New Year? The community is invited to attend @steelcraftgg's Lunar New Year Festival ...



Impressions	4,290
Reach	3,197
Engagements	333
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.8%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 1/12/2023 3:30 pm PST

◆ Are you ready to ring in the Lunar New Year? The community is invited to attend SteelCraft Garden Grove's Lunar New Ye...



Impressions	3,060
Reach	3,006
Engagements	230
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.5%



## Post Performance

January 12, 2023 - January 18, 2023

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

**Included in this Report**


 Garden Grove Police Department

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Tue 1/17/2023 9:00 am PST


In Memory of Lieutenant John Reynolds, #EOW January 17, 2021. Lieutenant Reynolds became a #GardenGrovePD...




Impressions	<b>5,955</b>
Reach	<b>5,955</b>
Engagements	<b>717</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>12%</b>

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Mon 1/16/2023 8:00 am PST


“Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.” ~ #MartinLutherKingJr In observance of th...



Impressions	<b>1,723</b>
Reach	<b>1,700</b>
Engagements	<b>114</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>6.6%</b>

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Sun 1/15/2023 3:05 pm PST

Introducing the newest member of #GardenGrovePD, #K9Heart. Heart is a 5-year-old English Labrador. Together with...



Impressions	<b>12,257</b>
Reach	<b>11,634</b>
Engagements	<b>1,776</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>14.5%</b>





**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sat 1/14/2023 9:30 am PST

Yesterday, Deputy Darnell Calhoun was tragically killed while responding to a domestic violence call, in Lake Elsinore...



Impressions	<b>1,339</b>
Reach	<b>1,330</b>
Engagements	<b>181</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>13.5%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 1/13/2023 8:00 pm PST

Earlier today, #GardenGrovePD collaborated with Orange County Fire Authority and Garden Grove Unified Sch...



Video Views	<b>1,332</b>
Impressions	<b>2,447</b>
Reach	<b>2,347</b>
Engagements	<b>398</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>16.3%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 1/13/2023 6:30 am PST

\*\*\*TRAINING ADVISORY\*\*\* Today, January 13th, from 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM, #GardenGrovePD will be conducting a...



Impressions	<b>1,336</b>
Reach	<b>1,301</b>
Engagements	<b>54</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4%</b>

**WEEKLY MEMO 1-19-2023**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

OC Register  
January 18, 2023

## OC Sen. Janet Nguyen elected to leadership position

Nguyen is the highest-ranking Vietnamese American elected official currently serving in California government, according to her office



Sen. Janet Nguyen was unanimously selected to serve as Minority Caucus Chair by her colleagues. (Photo by Leonard Ortiz, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By [KAITLYN SCHALLHORN](#) | [kschallhorn@scng.com](mailto:kschallhorn@scng.com) | Orange County Register

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Sen. Janet Nguyen has been the first woman and Vietnamese American to hold several Orange County and state seats, and now she is the highest-ranking Vietnamese American elected official currently serving in California's government, according to her office.

When [Nguyen](#) first arrived in California from Vietnam, at just 5 years old, she spoke almost no English, she said. An immigrant from Saigon, she went to work at an early age, cleaning houses so she could have money for school supplies and clothes.

But soon she was leading in city government and then at the county and the state, and now, Nguyen is the newly-elected Senate Minority Caucus chair.

“I could never have dreamt of being in the Senate, and now my colleagues would choose me to lead the caucus,” Nguyen, 46, said. “It’s truly an honor, and I pledge to them and to Californians to use this decision to make sure we work together for a more affordable and safer state, so we all have the opportunity like my family did to achieve the American dream.”

The job of the Minority Caucus chair is to work in tandem with Minority Leader Brian Jones of San Diego to lead floor operations, run caucus meetings and put together the Republicans’ agenda. Nguyen said she is also tasked with working with her counterparts on the other side of the aisle.

“There’s a lot of courtesy working with the Democratic Caucus,” Nguyen said of setting the agenda. “We want to make sure they know what we’re up to and make sure everyone knows what’s going on.”

While Nguyen was just elected in November to represent Orange County’s coastal 36th Senate District, it’s not her first time in the upper chamber of the legislature; Nguyen was elected to the Senate in 2014 for just one term, but at that time she was the nation’s first Vietnamese woman to serve in a state legislature.

Aside from the coastal communities, Nguyen’s current Senate district stretches inland to include Little Saigon and Cerritos in Los Angeles County.

Nguyen has also served in the Assembly, on the Orange County Board of Supervisors and as a Garden Grove councilmember, the youngest member elected to that position, according to her office.

Last year, [Nguyen said her top priorities](#) are reducing the cost of living — specifically through cutting the gas tax and reforming California’s regulatory rules — and addressing homelessness.

She describes her political philosophy as “conservative, compassionate and reflective” of those she represents in office.

In the Assembly, Stephanie Nguyen, the daughter of Vietnamese refugees who grew up in Sacramento’s Little Saigon, serves in Democratic leadership as the assistant speaker pro tempore.

OC Register  
January 17, 2023

# Little Saigon prepares for Lunar New Year celebrations

This year, the Tet parade will be organized by the city of Westminster under the banner "Spring of Hope"



Dragon dancers perform during the Westminster Tet parade in 2022. (Photo by Mindy Schauer, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By **YUSRA FARZAN** | [yfarzan@scng.com](mailto:yfarzan@scng.com) |

PUBLISHED: January 17, 2023 at 8:05 a.m. | UPDATED: January 17, 2023 at 11:26 a.m.

Jessica Chu helps her mother arrange forsythias and quince flowers in large buckets for shoppers to pick from at [Little Saigon's Flower Festival](#) ahead of [Lunar New Year](#). Her mother's prized "Mickey Mouse Plant," grown in her garden, takes center stage in their flower display.

Named after Disney's famous mouse because of how the black fruits sit amidst the red sepals, the tropical plant, known scientifically as "ochna integerrima," is popular in Vietnamese households for Lunar New Year celebrations because it blooms yellow flowers.

"The yellow represents gold as in fortune, and the red, of course, means good luck," Chu said.

Lunar New Year dawns on Jan. 22 this year. For Vietnamese Americans in Little Saigon, Tet, as they call it, is one of the most important celebrations of the year. Flowers are an integral part of celebrations adorning doorways, altars and tablescape as blooms are said to bring good health and wealth for the year.

And it's one of the reasons Chu has returned to the Flower Festival as a vendor for the last 11 years. Her customers ask her to return because her flowers are of high quality.

"When (customers) bring (flowers) home, and it's not blooming, mentally they are thinking it's bad luck for them throughout the year," Chu said.

Her high-quality flowers, however, always bring a smile to her customers on New Year's Day with some texting her pictures.

"It's very rewarding because this is hard work and you don't make that much money," she said.

On the opposite end of the market, Natasha Dao stands behind rows and rows of bright red boxes and trays, wrapped with clear plastic so shards of colorful coconut and puffed lotus seeds can glisten through.

Mut, or traditional sweets, she said, make for great gifts when families and friends visit each other on the first day of the New Year.

"These ingredients were very easy to find back in the day," Dao said, explaining why the candy made of coconut, ginger, lotus seeds, peanuts and ash gourd is traditionally eaten at Tet.

This year is the first year she has a stall. But Dao feels as though she has "been doing this my whole life" because her family sells flowers at the Flower Festival every year.

In addition to the candy, Dao also markets red envelopes adorned with cats. The envelopes, she said, are for people to stuff with money and hand out as gifts to symbolize good wishes for the year.

This year in the Vietnamese zodiac calendar, it is the Year of the Cat. However, in the Chinese zodiac calendar, it is the Year of the Rabbit. Some believe that this is because the Chinese word for rabbit sounds like the Vietnamese word for cat.

Like Dao, former Garden Grove Councilmember Phat Bui is looking forward to eating banh chung, a glutinous rice cake stuffed with either a savory or sweet filling, during the holiday. Tightly wrapped in pandan leaf, the delicacy is offered to deceased ancestors to symbolize gratitude.

"The thing that I love most about Tet would be to meet with my friends, relatives and my family. It's similar to Thanksgiving in the USA," Bui said. "That's a time for reunions and laughter."

On the first day of the new year, he said, people push problems to the backburner with everyone striving to maintain a positive attitude. Bui plans to begin the new year with a visit to the Buddhist temple and meet with family and friends.

Visiting people is significant in Vietnamese culture because people believe the first visitors, "if they are good people, they will bring good luck for the whole year."

The Little Saigon Tet Parade Association has organized the annual Tet parade since 2013. This year, Bui's group bowed out, citing uncertainty of [Westminster's citywide sales tax renewal](#) and "bad political turmoil." The Westminster City Council divisions have boiled over to the Tet parade in the past; Garden Grove and Westminster hosted separate parades in 2020 because the latter city granted a permit to a newly formed Vietnamese American organization to host the Tet celebration instead of Bui's group.

This year, Westminster will be organizing the event under the banner “Spring of Hope.” According to the city’s website, more than 10,000 people are expected to attend with over 250,000 catching the live stream around the globe. In addition to celebrating the Lunar New Year, like with previous years’ parades, this event will recognize the contributions and history of Vietnamese Americans who fled following the Vietnam War and settled in Westminster and neighboring areas.

Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen said the theme symbolizes hope for new beginnings, particularly economic growth for Westminster after almost three years of COVID-19.

“I hope that the city will move forward with the new council joining us,” Nguyen said.

New Councilmember Amy Phan West, who along with Nguyen sits on the city’s ad-hoc committee planning the parade, said: “I’m most excited about bringing the community together to celebrate our diversity in person as we ring in the new year full of hope for a better future.”

This year marks Councilmember Carlos Manzo’s third Tet parade since he assumed office in 2020. His hope? “We end the division in this community, especially in the Vietnamese community, and we start looking at the city as one.”

Manzo is looking forward to attending this year’s parade, especially since “everyone is in such a good mood and smiling and wishing everyone Happy New Year; that’s what I like to see. I like to see the community come together as one.”

The annual Tet parade, hosted by the City of Westminster, will take place on Sunday, Jan. 22, beginning at 8:30 a.m. along Bolsa Avenue starting at Magnolia Street eastbound to Bushard Street. The event is free and open to the public. [More information can be found on Eventbrite.](#)

The Tribune  
January 17, 2023

# Tail of three therapy dogs



Three tails are better than one.

The Garden Grove Police Department has added a third therapy dog to its lineup of the Paws4Students team.

Heart, a 5-year-old English Labrador, together with handler Corporal A. Zmija, will serve students in West Garden Grove. They'll join "veteran" canine emotional support dogs Nellie and Misha.

All have gone through specialized training to be able to provide social-emotional support for students dealing with anxiety, de-escalation support for students experiencing heightened emotions or behavior, and other instances of trauma or tragedy when students need additional social-emotional support.



The Tribune  
January 17, 2023

# “Year of the Cat” this weekend



“THE YEAR of the Cat” will have several celebrations in West Orange County this weekend (Shutterstock).

The COVID-19 pandemic put a damper on plans to celebrate the Tet lunar new year holiday in recent years but local celebrations in and for the local Vietnamese-American community are back in the West Orange County area and just a few days away in observance of “The Year of the Cat.”

Westminster, home of the storied Little Saigon district, will again host the Tet Parade with a theme of “Spring of Hope.” This year the event is being organized by the City of Westminster instead of private organizations as has been done in the past.

The parade will again be along Bolsa Avenue on Sunday, between Magnolia and Brookhurst streets, with floats, bands and local leaders. It is scheduled to step off at 10 a.m.

New to the area will be “The Flower Street on Historic Main Street,” to be held on a one-block stretch of that part of Garden Grove’s original central business district on Saturday and Sunday. Large displays of flowers, entertainment and other attractions are planned.

One block over on Euclid Street north of Garden Grove Boulevard, the SteelCraft outdoor urban eatery will hold its own Tet event with entertainment, food and drink vendors and more from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The largest Tet event in Orange County this weekend is at Mile Square Regional Park in Fountain Valley from 5-10 p.m. on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Next weekend, another Tet Festival will be held on Jan. 27-29 at the OC Fair and Event Center in Costa Mesa.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Monday, January 9, 2023

**CITY HOSTS FREE BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF SITES  
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11**

The City of Garden Grove, in partnership with Republic Services, will host a series of community cleanup days throughout the city in an effort to help residents properly dispose of bulky items for free. The first cleanup day event will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Garden Grove Park, at 9301 Westminster Boulevard. The event is open to Garden Grove residents only.

Residents may bring unwanted bulky items, such as non-refrigerant appliances, furniture, mattresses, and carpets. Electronic waste, including printers and computers, and green waste, such as leaves and lawn clippings are also accepted. This will be a self-service event in which residents will be unloading their own items, on a first-come, first-served basis, until bins are full.

Items not accepted include hazardous waste, batteries, LED lights, refrigerators, freezers, AC units, concrete, dirt, and tires. For a complete list of banned items, visit [ggcity.org/cleanup-days](http://ggcity.org/cleanup-days).

Republic Services provides special collections of bulky items at no charge for single- and multi-family residents. Each household receives up to three bulky item pickups per calendar year and is limited to up to 10 items per pickup. The service is by appointment only by calling (714) 238-2444.

For more information, visit [ggcity.org/cleanup-days](http://ggcity.org/cleanup-days).



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, January 9, 2023

## **CITY HALL CLOSED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023.

Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday, and will resume the next day. Trash pickup will not be interrupted.

For more information on street sweeping, please call (714) 741-5382.

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Friday, January 6, 2023

## **OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING**

The City of Garden Grove's [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) will host a free 20-hour workshop to train individuals to prepare for and recover from disasters, as well as learn various life-saving skills. The program will be held at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue, over two weekends, on Friday, February 3 through Saturday, February 4, and Friday, February 10 through Saturday, February 11. Class will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on each Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both Saturdays. To register, visit [ggcity.org/cert](http://ggcity.org/cert) or email [elizabeth-roberts-volunteer@cert.ggcity.org](mailto:elizabeth-roberts-volunteer@cert.ggcity.org). The registration deadline is Sunday, January 15, 2023.

Training will include basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

After completing the 20-hour workshop, participants will be recognized as program graduates and sworn-in as Disaster Service Workers. A certificate of completion and CERT T-shirt will be given to program graduates.

Participants must be 18 years and over, and live or work in Garden Grove.

For more information, visit [ggcity.org/cert](http://ggcity.org/cert) and follow the Garden Grove CERT social platforms on [Facebook @GardenGroveCERT](#) and [Instagram @ggcert](#).

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Human Resources Department

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Thursday, January 5, 2023

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## **CITY NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR GARDEN GROVE POLICE POSITIONS**

The City of Garden Grove is now accepting online applications for sworn and non-sworn positions. The deadline to apply is Monday, January 30, 2023. To apply online, visit [ggpd.org/join](http://ggpd.org/join).

Job openings for full-time and part-time positions include:

- Police Recruit
- Police Recruit – Academy Enrolled
- Police Officer – Academy Trained
- Lateral Police Officer
- Police Cadet

Centrally located in Orange County, Garden Grove is a diverse city that values and relies on a community policing philosophy. The City of Garden Grove offers competitive benefits including contributions toward medical, dental, and vision coverage; Garden Grove Police Association paid percentage of lifetime medical; tuition reimbursement; bilingual pay; military leave with pay; military service buyback through the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS); and flexible job opportunities across the department.

-more-

CITY NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR GGPD POSITIONS  
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For sworn police officers, the Garden Grove Police Department offers in-service training programs and specializations in the areas of canine handling, gang suppression, investigations, juvenile services, motorcycle traffic enforcement, patrol, special weapons and tactics, vice-narcotic enforcement, and more after sufficient experience in the police department.

The Garden Grove Police Cadet Program introduces young men and women to the various aspects of the police department to prepare them for a career in law enforcement.

Visit [ggpd.org/join](http://ggpd.org/join) to apply online or for more information, including job details and qualifications, or contact Corporal Jason Johnson from the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5922 or [jasonj@ggcity.org](mailto:jasonj@ggcity.org).

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**January 19, 2023**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the November 10, 2022 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting and agenda for January 26, 2023 meeting.
3. League of California Cities from January 11, 2023 to January 19, 2023.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19, 2023 – March 10, 2023

Thursday	January 19	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tuesday	January 24	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
		5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 26		\$2 Casual Dress Day
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	January 27		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	February 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	February 10		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	February 14	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	February 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	February 20		City Hall Closed – President’s Day
Thursday	February 23		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	February 24		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	February 28	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	March 10		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure





## AGENDA

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue

Thursday, January 26, 2023

9:00 a.m.

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

**COVID-19: Masks are not required, however, the public is encouraged to wear masks in City facilities. Please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symptoms.**

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, should contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (714) 741-5312 or email [planning@ggcity.org](mailto:planning@ggcity.org) 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-232-2023](#)

APPLICANT: Toby Nguyen

LOCATION: 8762 Garden Grove Boulevard #102

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 3,748 square foot preschool/daycare (child daycare center), Dragonfly Academy, for 54 children, aged 2 to 5 years old, along with a 2,025 square foot outdoor playground. Upon approval of the subject request, the Conditional Use permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-047-2015, which allowed an after-school program, shall be revoked and become null and void. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 - Existing Facilities - of the State CEQA Guidelines.

b. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-234-2023](#)

APPLICANT: Kyunghee Choi Park  
LOCATION: 9836 Garden Grove Boulevard

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new cosmetology vocational trade school in an existing 3,081 square foot commercial tenant space. The school will be limited to a maximum of 36 students and three instructors at any one time. The site is in the GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 - Existing Facilities - of the State CEQA Guidelines.

2. [COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC](#)

3. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING  
Garden Grove Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-229-2022

Applicant: Jose Estrada  
Location: 12582 Valley View Street  
Date: November 10, 2022

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a new restaurant, Estrada's Café, to operate with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License within an existing vacant restaurant tenant space. Upon approval and exercising of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-179-06, shall be revoked and become null and void. The site is in the PUD-102-76 (Planned Unit Development) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Ian Brown. One letter of support was submitted by Robbi Maurer.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1832-22 with an amendment to add language (in bold) to Page 4 of the Decision:

Although the subject site is located in an area considered to be in a low-crime district and in an area with an over-concentration of on-sale ABC licenses, a finding for public convenience or necessity is warranted given the potential community benefit through the operation of the restaurant with an ABC Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The addition of the new ABC Type "41" License would provide and maintain an amenity that enhances the customer dining experience and maintains the intent of being a business serving the local community. The use will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. Provided the Conditions of Approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use will be harmonious with the persons who work and live in the area. **Therefore, the City of Garden Grove hereby**

**determines and approves a Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity for Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-229-2022.**

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-231-2022

Applicant: Jiyeon Kim  
Location: 9760 Garden Grove Boulevard  
Date: November 10, 2022

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing restaurant, Mochinut Chungchun Hotdog, with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Kevin Franklin. One letter of opposition was submitted by Dr. M. Hernandez with concerns for overconcentration of licenses, crime, disturbances, drunkenness, and trash in the area due to alcohol.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1833-22 with an amendment to add language (in bold) to Page 3/4 of the Decision:

Although the subject site is located in an area considered to be in a high-crime district and in an area with an over-concentration of on-sale ABC licenses, a finding for public convenience or necessity is warranted given the potential community benefit through the operation of the restaurant with an ABC Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The addition of the new ABC Type "41" License would provide and maintain an amenity that enhances the customer dining experience and maintains the intent of being a business serving the local community. The use will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. Provided the Conditions of Approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use will be harmonious with the persons who work and live in the area. **Therefore, the City of Garden Grove hereby determines and approves a Finding of Public**

Zoning Administrator Minutes

***Convenience or Necessity for Conditional Use  
Permit No. CUP-231-2022.***

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

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Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



# Major disaster declaration unlocks new funding for storm-impacted cities and residents

Jan 18, 2023

*Cal OES released a [fact sheet](#) to help cities navigate the emergency disaster proclamation and funding process. Local emergencies must be proclaimed within 10 days of the incident if a city intends to request state/federal funding.*

The White House issued a [major disaster declaration](#) over the holiday weekend. The new declaration unlocks more federal funding and assistance programs for California cities and residents, including funding for emergency and permanent work. Major disaster declarations are issued when the damage caused by a natural event is beyond the combined capabilities of state and local governments to respond.

The declaration [currently directs](#) funding to individuals and local governments in the counties of Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. Additional counties may be included after federal, state, and local officials can safely assess the scope of damages.

According to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), local governments should continue [notifying Cal OES](#) about any unmet needs. Local governments should also identify, by date, all damage and costs if they intend to pursue reimbursement via state or federal funding.

If a local government intends to request state or federal funding for the event, a local emergency must be proclaimed within 10 days of the incident. Local governments should consult with their legal counsel on when to proclaim or not proclaim a local emergency or a public health emergency.

If a local jurisdiction proclaims a local emergency and requests state or federal funding, it should submit an Initial Damage Estimate to Cal OES within three business days. Cal OES will then coordinate a validation call and may schedule site visits to assess any damage.

For rain events, local governments can include prepositioning and/or emergency protective measures —such as sandbagging — that occurred one or two days prior to

the rain event in the Initial Damage Estimate. Additional information about the [proclamation process](#) is available online.

The new declaration is one of the many new resources announced for impacted residents and businesses throughout the state. Taxpayers in most counties can file a [deduction for a disaster loss](#) either when filing an original or amended tax year 2022 tax return. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) also provides [automatic filing and penalty relief](#) to any taxpayer with an IRS address of record located in the disaster area. [Small business owners](#) affected by flooding, power outages, and other storm-related hardships may request an additional three months to file their tax returns from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Residents and businesses in the counties of Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz have access to [additional resources](#), such as temporary housing and home repairs or lost-cost loans to cover uninsured property loss. *Additional information about disaster declarations is available on the [CalOES' emergency disaster fact sheet](#) or the [U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency's website](#). For questions, please contact the [Cal OES Disaster Analysis Unit](#).*



## State updates fire hazard severity zone map — and gives stakeholders little time to respond

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***Cal Cities and others are urging Cal FIRE to extend the public comment period an additional 60 days.***

The Office of the State Fire Marshal released a draft of the state's Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for the state's rural, unincorporated areas (State Responsibility Area). Stakeholders were given just a few weeks to respond.

The draft map comprehensively ranks the State Responsibility Area based on the likelihood of wildfires. It does not include cities or large urban areas. However, the methodology and data behind the map will inform the upcoming Local Responsibility Area map, which deals entirely with cities.

Both maps will impact local land use policies and wildfire management, as certain areas have been recategorized into different severity levels.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a program under the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal FIRE). CAL FIRE spent the better half of a decade developing both maps using publicly unavailable data. However, stakeholders were only provided a 45-day window to review the State Responsibility Area map.

The draft map was released on Dec. 14, just a week before major holidays. Some of the related [57 public hearings](#) were held 48 hours after the map was released or during holiday weekends.

[The League of California Cities and a robust coalition](#) — which includes the California Chamber of Commerce and California Building Industry Association — are urging Cal FIRE to extend the public comment period an additional 60 days beyond the current Feb. 3 deadline. The coalition is also seeking more information about the modeling, including inputs and algorithms.

Local agencies have decades of relevant and meaningful data. They need adequate time to review the new map and related studies, as well as their own data. Without a more forgiving timeline, agencies will likely be forced to “data dump” enormous amounts



of information without the requisite analysis. This will likely further slow this process or result in inaccurate map designations.

Overall, the new map shows increased fire hazard, reflecting California's increase in wildfire occurrence and severity. The change is the result of many factors, including a changing climate. This will have potentially significant insurance implications.

The Local Responsibility Area map will be updated this spring. Cal Cities will continue to advocate for the release of appropriate data and information to ensure collaboration and success with other stakeholders.



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In a major win for cities, federal lawmakers added new flexibility to how cities can spend American Rescue Plan Act dollars and gave the U.S. Department of the Treasury the authority needed to restore critical technical assistance programs. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency extended deadlines for its recycling and solid waste grant applications and new recovery resources are available from the National League of Cities and the Local Infrastructure Hub.

## **New ARPA flexibility**

The final [federal budget package](#) for 2023 added new flexibility to how cities can spend the American Rescue Plan Act's State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds (SLFRF). Securing additional flexibility for federal funding has been a major priority for the League of California Cities.

Known as ARPA Flex, these new, eligible grant expenditures will include:

- Spending to provide emergency relief from natural disasters, including temporary emergency housing, food assistance, financial assistance for lost wages, or other immediate needs.
- Spending on transportation infrastructure eligible projects and matching funds.
- Spending on any program, project, or service that would also be eligible under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's [Community Development Block Grant program](#).

The new flexibility will not be unlimited. The amendment caps the amount a grantee may spend on these new purposes at \$10 million or 30% of the total grant amount — whichever is greater. The U.S. Department of the Treasury is expected to finalize these changes in February.

Additionally, the bill also provides the Treasury Department with the authority needed to restore live administrative and technical assistance to grantees. These services were largely shuttered or automated after funding ran low. Restoring these services was essential, as many cities needed support from the Treasury Department during reporting periods.

Cal Cities actively supported ARPA Flex provisions for over a year through federal advocacy in Congress. Most recently, these efforts included partnering with the National League of Cities and California cities in key congressional districts to advocate for these

provisions in the federal budget package. Cal Cities will continue to advance cities' interests at the federal level this year.

## Recycling and solid waste grant applications deadline extended

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency extended deadlines for its [Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program](#) and the [Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program](#) to Feb. 15. Both programs received an infusion of funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Approximately 40% of the funding for both programs will be directed to disadvantaged communities.

The education and outreach program supports projects that inform the public about recycling programs, increase collection rates, and decrease contamination in recycling. The solid waste infrastructure program supports the implementation of a circular economy and improvements to local post-consumer materials management programs and local waste management systems.

Last year's infrastructure law also mandated the development of a [model recycling program toolkit](#). This toolkit can be used by grant applicants to help design or improve recycling, composting, and other material management programs.

## Local Infrastructure Hub events

The Local Infrastructure Hub — a partnership between several local government associations — announced a slate of recovery webinars focused on [transportation, technology, and water infrastructure](#).

On Jan. 31, policy experts will discuss how funding from the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law can be integrated for different types of infrastructure projects. The briefing will focus on [green infrastructure](#) — nature-based projects that filter and absorb stormwater where it falls. Details for the remaining webinars have yet to be announced.

## NLC resources

The National League of Cities released two key resources for cities, including a fact sheet on how cities can use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to increase [housing stability](#). Stable living conditions have been [linked](#) to better economic mobility, health, job security, and academic growth. ARPA-funded programs, which are available to local governments and their partners, include:

- [Emergency Rental Assistance](#)
- [Homeowner Assistance Fund](#)
- [Emergency Housing Vouchers](#)
- [Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services Program](#)
- [USDA Emergency Rental Assistance](#)
- [USDA Single-Family Home Loan & Housing Repair Loans & Grants](#)
- [Fair Housing Initiative Programs](#)
- [State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#)

NLC also released a short primer on [economic mobility](#). Research shows that even a modest savings of \$250 allows families to better weather income drops and makes

them less likely to rely on local services. However, studies have also found that Americans are less economically mobile than individuals in other wealthy countries. The resource identifies several policy and programmatic levers that cities can use to improve economic mobility. All cities, regardless of size, can play an important role in boosting the economic mobility of their residents.

*City officials looking for additional information about the American Rescue Plan Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Inflation Reduction Act, or additional recovery tools can visit the [Cal Cities Guide to Local Recovery portal](#).*