

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**January 27, 2022**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Maria Stipe, Assistant City Manager  
Members

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. ADVERTISING PLACEMENT IN VIETNAMESE PUBLICATION FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR (TET) 2022**

A summary of Vietnamese advertisements purchased for the Lunar New Year is included for your information.

• **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.



Maria Stipe  
Assistant City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott Stiles  
Dept.: City Manager's Office  
Subject: ADVERTISING PLACEMENT IN  
VIETNAMESE PUBLICATION FOR  
LUNAR NEW YEAR (TET) 2022

From: Ana Pulido  
Dept.: City Manager's Office  
Date: January 25, 2022

Furthering the City's goal to enhance ethnic outreach to the Vietnamese community, the City of Garden Grove annually purchases a full-page ad in the Nguoi Viet's Tet issue magazine. This year, 2022, is the Year of the Tiger, and New Year's Day falls on Tuesday, February 1.

The ad on page 153 features New Year greetings from the City including a photo with the Mayor and all City Council members. In addition, the magazine features ads from the Garden Grove Police Department on page 165. Each City Council member has received a copy of the magazine.

Besides the ad in the Nguoi Viet 2022 Tet edition, this year, the City also purchased an additional ad in the Vien-Dong magazine.

The 2022 Tet edition magazines are available throughout the Vietnamese community in Orange County and nationwide. It's a well-read publication and kept by Vietnamese readers.

  
Ana Pulido  
Public Information Officer

  
By: Kristy Thai  
Bilingual Community Liaison

**WEEKLY MEMO 1-27-2022**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

January 20, 2022 - January 26, 2022

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

**Included in this Report**

 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

 gardengrovecityhall



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 1/20/2022 1:33 pm PST

Hey teens! Do you want to build career development skills? 📝 The City's Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC)...



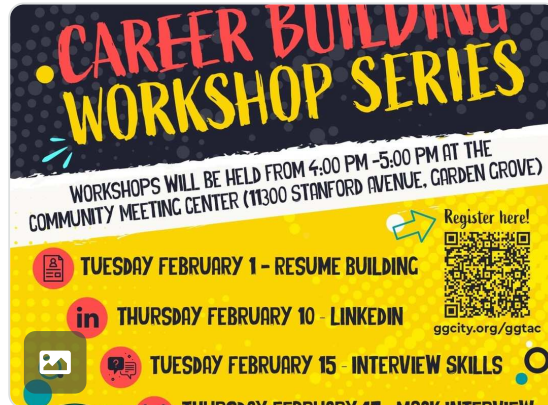
Impressions	2,035
Reach	1,928
Engagements	62
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 1/20/2022 1:34 pm PST

Hey teens! Do you want to build career development skills? 📝 The City's Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC)...



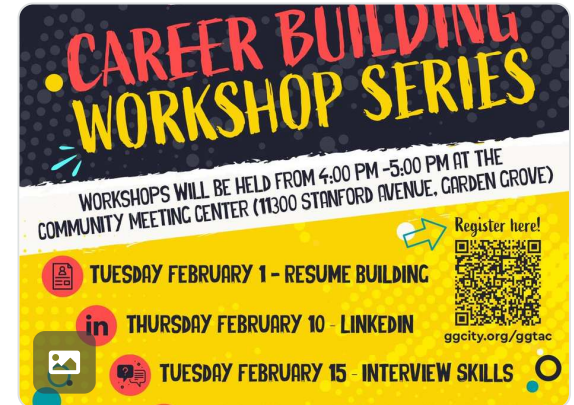
Impressions	1,233
Reach	1,178
Engagements	25
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2%



**@CityGardenGrove**

Thu 1/20/2022 1:50 pm PST

Teens! 📝 The City's GGTAC is hosting a free Career Building Workshop Series to help you prepare for job/career...



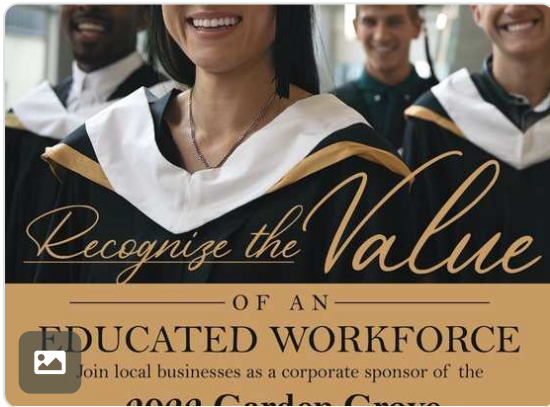
Impressions	245
Potential Reach	4,474
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.6%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 1/20/2022 4:07 pm PST

Interested in supporting Garden Grove's upcoming college graduates? Local businesses and organizations that...



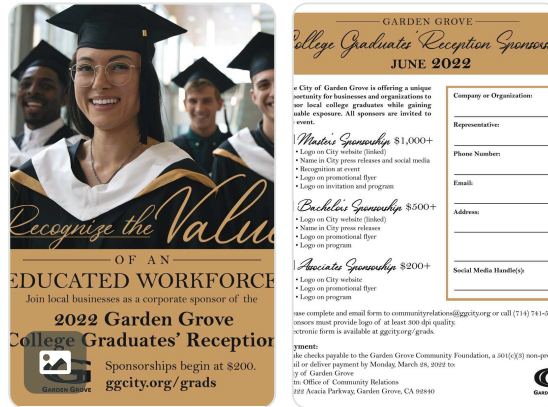
Impressions	939
Reach	932
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



**@CityGardenGrove**

Thu 1/20/2022 4:10 pm PST

Interested in supporting GG's upcoming college graduates? Local businesses & organizations are...



Impressions	259
Potential Reach	4,475
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%




**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 1/20/2022 4:14 pm PST

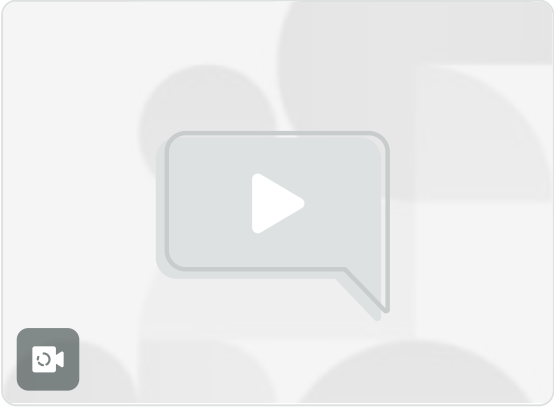
Interested in supporting Garden Grove's upcoming college graduates? Local businesses and organizations that...



Impressions	1,143
Reach	813
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%

**G**  **gardengrovecityhall**  
 Fri 1/21/2022 7:57 am PST

Last day to participate in the GG goodies + \$20 Target gift card giveaway!





Impressions	<b>295</b>
Reach	<b>293</b>
Comments	<b>0</b>
Story Taps Back	<b>3</b>

  **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Fri 1/21/2022 9:01 am PST


 With the continuing rise of #COVID19 cases, doing your part is becoming more and more important. Do your part by...



Impressions	<b>1,221</b>
Reach	<b>1,221</b>
Engagements	<b>12</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>1%</b>

  **gardengrovecityhall**  
 Fri 1/21/2022 9:02 am PST

With the continuing rise of #COVID19 cases, doing your part is becoming more and more important. Do your part by...



Impressions	<b>696</b>
Reach	<b>661</b>
Engagements	<b>10</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>1.4%</b>



  **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Fri 1/21/2022 9:07 am PST

🌿 With the continuing rise of **#COVID19** cases, doing your part is VERY important. Do your part by wearing face coverings,...





Impressions	<b>213</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,475</b>
Engagements	<b>1</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>0.5%</b>

  **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Fri 1/21/2022 12:01 pm PST


HIGH WIND WARNING ⚠️🌬️ There is a high wind warning set to go in effect today, January 21, at 3:00 p.m. until tomorrow,...




Impressions	<b>2,524</b>
Reach	<b>2,480</b>
Engagements	<b>57</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>2.3%</b>

  **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Fri 1/21/2022 12:04 pm PST

HIGH WIND WARNING ⚠️🌬️ There is a high wind warning set to go in affect today, January 21, at 3:00 p.m. until tomorrow,...



Impressions	<b>614</b>
Potential Reach	<b>14,108</b>
Engagements	<b>19</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impres...	<b>3.1%</b>

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Fri 1/21/2022 3:30 pm PST

😊 Let's make at-home COVID-19 tests more attainable. The California Department of Public Health has...




Impressions	<b>1,889</b>
Reach	<b>1,842</b>
Engagements	<b>102</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>5.4%</b>

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Fri 1/21/2022 3:30 pm PST


😊 Let's make at-home COVID-19 tests more attainable. The CA Department of Public Health has announced that every...




Impressions	<b>259</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,475</b>
Engagements	<b>6</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>2.3%</b>

 **gardengrovecityhall**  
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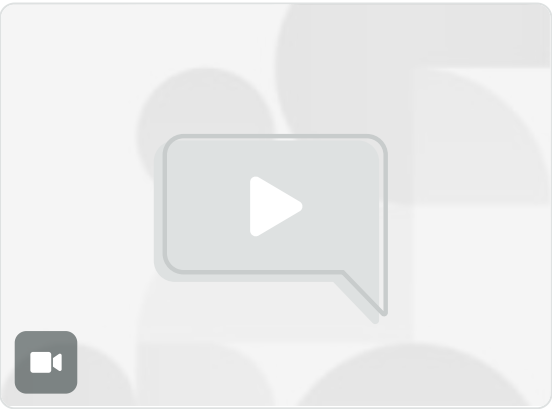
😊 Let's make at-home COVID-19 tests more attainable. The California Department of Public Health has...



Impressions	<b>1,437</b>
Reach	<b>1,316</b>
Engagements	<b>35</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>2.4%</b>

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 8:53 am PST

Cleaning your community starts with you. 🧹 In this Headlines, Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones acknowledges the importan...



Video Views	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 9:00 am PST

Cleaning your community starts with you. 🧹 In this Headlines, GG Mayor Steve Jones mentions how the City is partnering up with Republic Services to host a number of community cleanup days/bulky item disposal. Watch the full video now at [bit.ly/3Aswx8F](https://bit.ly/3Aswx8F) #GG1956





Post Link Clicks	—
Impressions	—
Potential Reach	<b>4,480</b>
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 9:33 am PST

🧹 Cleaning your community starts with you. Up and early on a Saturday morning, Garden Grove residents on Palm Street...





Video Views	<b>489</b>
Impressions	<b>1,075</b>
Reach	<b>1,054</b>
Engagements	<b>101</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>9.4%</b>

  **gardengrovecityhall**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 9:36 am PST


🧹 Cleaning your community starts with you. Up and early on a Saturday morning, Garden Grove residents on Palm Street...





Video Views	<b>129</b>
Impressions	<b>470</b>
Reach	<b>435</b>
Engagements	<b>10</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.1%</b>

  **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 9:37 am PST


🧹 Cleaning your community starts with you. Up & early on a Saturday morning, GG residents on Palm St participated in a neighborhood cleanup. Young volunteers from Santiago HS helped pickup trash & clean graffiti on the walls. Watch the full video at [bit.ly/33Yb3EB!#GG1956](https://bit.ly/33Yb3EB!#GG1956)



Post Link Clicks	<b>0</b>
Impressions	<b>183</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,480</b>
Engagements	<b>7</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3.8%</b>

  **gardengrovecityhall**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 9:48 am PST

🌟 WE HAVE A WINNER 🌟 THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT JOINED OUR FABULOUS FIRST GIVEAWAY OF THE YEAR 🌟...



Impressions	<b>436</b>
Reach	<b>425</b>
Comments	<b>1</b>
Story Taps Back	<b>3</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Mon 1/24/2022 12:15 pm PST

We have a winner! 🎉 This morning, we congratulated our winner of the Instagram Giveaway Challenge! Congratulations,...



Impressions	<b>1,125</b>
Reach	<b>1,074</b>
Engagements	<b>37</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>3.3%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Mon 1/24/2022 12:18 pm PST

CHECK OUT OUR LATEST POST ABOUT OUR LOVELY INSTAGRAM CHALLENGE GIVEAWAY WINNER @REBOOTRUBY 🎉👀



Impressions	<b>381</b>
Reach	<b>369</b>
Comments	<b>0</b>
Story Taps Back	<b>6</b>




**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 1/24/2022 12:20 pm PST

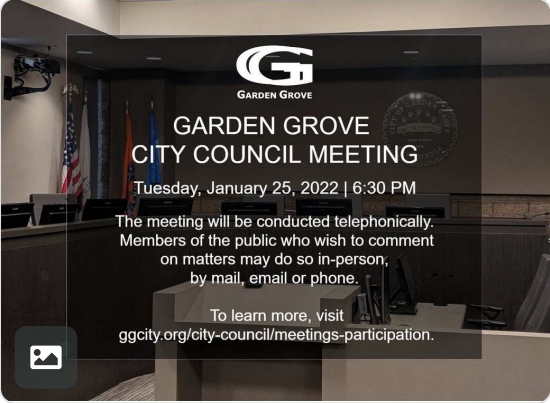
The Tuesday, January 25 Garden Grove City Council meeting will be conducted telephonically. In an effort to protect pub...



Impressions	<b>473</b>
Reach	<b>455</b>
Engagements	<b>4</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>0.8%</b>

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 12:28 pm PST

The Tuesday, 1/25 GG City Council meeting will be conducted telephonically. Community is encouraged to view meeti...



Impressions	<b>200</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,480</b>
Engagements	<b>2</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>1%</b>

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 3:43 pm PST

 The Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce has announced the 2022 Gala Award Business of the Year Winners! We...



Impressions	<b>636</b>
Reach	<b>636</b>
Engagements	<b>7</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>1.1%</b>

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 3:44 pm PST

 The GG Chamber of Commerce has announced the 2022 Gala Award Business of the Year Winners! We would like to...



Impressions	<b>233</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,480</b>
Engagements	<b>1</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>0.4%</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**  
Tue 1/25/2022 8:59 am PST

The community is encouraged to participate in a public workshop to provide input on the City Council district map for...

EVENT	DATE & TIME & LOCATION
<b>PUBLIC WORKSHOP</b> Communities of Interest	Saturday, January 29, 2022; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *A* Room & Zoom
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> Presentation of Community Input and District Alternatives, City Council Consideration and Direction Regarding Draft Map	Tuesday, February 8, 2022; 7:00 p.m. City Council Chamber & Zoom
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> Public Input on Draft Map	Tuesday, February 22, 2022; 7:00 p.m. City Council Chamber & Zoom
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> Presentation of Proposed Ordinance and City Council Member District Boundaries Map and City Council Action First Reading	Tuesday, March 8, 2022; 7:00 p.m. City Council Chamber & Zoom
<b>PUBLIC MEETING</b> Second Reading of Ordinance and City Council Member District Boundaries Map	Tuesday, March 22, 2022; 7:00 p.m. City Council Chamber & Zoom

All public hearings and public workshops will be held at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11200 Stanford Avenue and via Zoom.

Impressions **200**

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Potential Reach **4,480**

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Engagements **3**

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Engagement Rate (per Impression) **1.5%**



**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Tue 1/25/2022 9:44 am PST

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Impressions **734**

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Reach **731**

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Engagements **8**

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Engagement Rate (per Impression) **1.1%**



**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Tue 1/25/2022 12:53 pm PST

🎉👋 Welcome, BiGG Businesses! That's right! We have the honor of welcoming our newest BiGG (Buy in Garden Grove)...



Impressions **643**

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Reach **643**

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Engagements **10**

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Engagement Rate (per Impression) **1.6%**

 **gardengrovecityhall**  
Tue 1/25/2022 12:56 pm PST


🎉👋 Welcome, BiGG Businesses! That's right! We have the honor of welcoming our newest BiGG (Buy in Garden Grove)...




Impressions	<b>573</b>
Reach	<b>557</b>
Engagements	<b>6</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>1%</b>

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
Tue 1/25/2022 1:01 pm PST


🎉👋 Welcome, BiGG Businesses! That's right, We have the honor of welcoming our newest BiGG businesses: - Compu-Signs...



Impressions	<b>165</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,481</b>
Engagements	<b>4</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.4%</b>

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
Wed 1/26/2022 8:51 am PST

Give the gift of life ❤️ The Red Cross will have a Blood Drive on February 1, 2022, at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge, located at...



Impressions	<b>372</b>
Reach	<b>368</b>
Engagements	<b>2</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>0.5%</b>





@CityGardenGrove

Wed 1/26/2022 8:51 am PST

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Impressions	—
Potential Reach	<b>4,480</b>
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	—



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 1/26/2022 10:43 am PST

Give the gift of life ❤️ The Red Cross will have a Blood Drive on 2/1/2022, at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge (11551 Trask...



Impressions	<b>32</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,480</b>
Engagements	<b>0</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>0%</b>



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 1/26/2022 12:00 pm PST

🦠💉 While #COVID19 cases remain at an all-time high, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Continue to #maskup, get...



Impressions	<b>755</b>
Reach	<b>736</b>
Engagements	<b>10</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>1.3%</b>



@CityGardenGrove

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Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,480
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	—



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**Included in this Report**

 Garden Grove Police Department     ggpdk9unit



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Wed 1/26/2022 12:00 pm PST

Choose a career of courage, courtesy and commitment. If you think you've got what it takes to wear our badge, there's still time. #OfficeLife

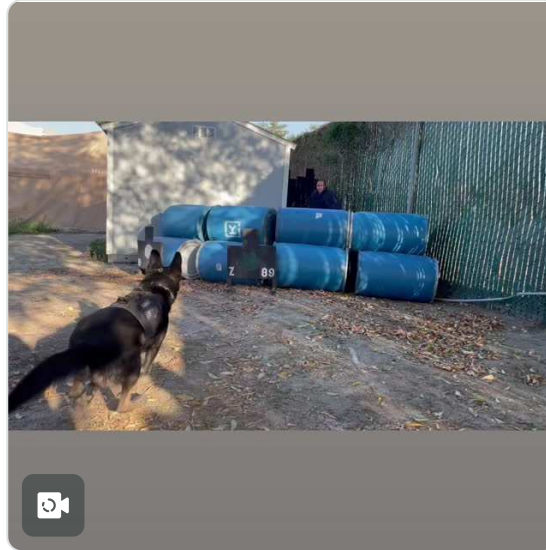


Impressions	<b>563</b>
Reach	<b>563</b>
Engagements	<b>44</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>7.8%</b>



**ggpdk9unit**

Tue 1/25/2022 5:53 pm PST



Impressions	<b>180</b>
Reach	<b>179</b>
Comments	<b>1</b>
Story Taps Back	<b>3</b>




**ggpdk9unit**

Tue 1/25/2022 5:42 pm PST


Vader's version of the old classic game #donkeykong. Working on obstacles using the barrels and control. @k9commander...




Video Views	<b>256</b>
Impressions	<b>954</b>
Reach	<b>840</b>
Engagements	<b>87</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>9.1%</b>

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Tue 1/25/2022 12:00 pm PST


Event Reminder: Please join us today from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM for the monthly Safety Event, at Hoa Binh Garden Grove...




Impressions	<b>2,995</b>
Reach	<b>2,995</b>
Engagements	<b>155</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>5.2%</b>

 **ggpdk9unit**  
Mon 1/24/2022 12:31 pm PST


Always vigilant. Interested in being a #K9 handler? #GardenGrovePD has many specialty units you can work, this is just...



Impressions	<b>694</b>
Reach	<b>647</b>
Engagements	<b>117</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>16.9%</b>

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Mon 1/24/2022 12:00 pm PST

Always vigilant. Interested in being a #K9 handler? #GardenGrovePD has many specialty units you can work, this is just...



Impressions	<b>4,235</b>
Reach	<b>4,235</b>
Engagements	<b>183</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>4.3%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sun 1/23/2022 3:00 pm PST

Early yesterday morning, Motor Officers were conducting speed enforcement in the area of Chapman Ave and Medina Dr. wh...



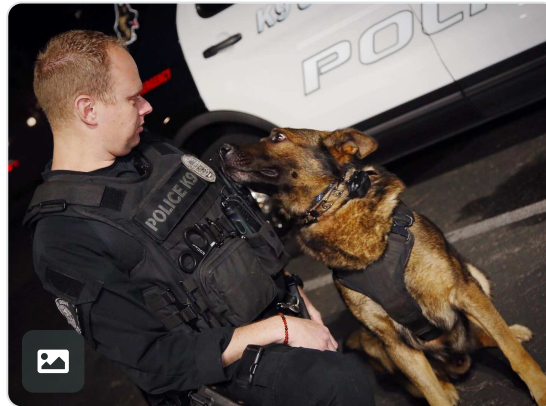
Impressions	<b>13,007</b>
Reach	<b>12,677</b>
Engagements	<b>2,335</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impress...	<b>18%</b>



**ggpdk9unit**

Fri 1/21/2022 1:10 pm PST

#K9Kody: Dad, can we please go catch bad guys already? Photographer: Just two more shots, Kody. . . . #ggpdk9Unit...



Impressions	<b>1,044</b>
Reach	<b>961</b>
Engagements	<b>203</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>19.4%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 1/21/2022 12:00 pm PST

Last weekend, the Garden Grove #PoliceExplorers participated in the Annual Chandler Tactical Explor...



Impressions	<b>6,662</b>
Reach	<b>6,285</b>
Engagements	<b>997</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>15%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Thu 1/20/2022 12:00 pm PST

Earlier this week while conducting pro-active patrol, #GardeGrovePD Community Impact Unit (CIU) Officers observed two...



Impressions	<b>12,745</b>
Reach	<b>12,023</b>
Engagements	<b>2,198</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impres...	<b>17.2%</b>






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 @GardenGroveTV3


 Garden Grove TV 3

 **Garden Grove TV 3**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 9:03 am PST


Cleaning your community starts with you.  
 ✂ In this Headlines, Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones acknowledges the importan...



Video Views	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

 **Garden Grove TV 3**  
 Mon 1/24/2022 9:34 am PST

✂ Cleaning your community starts with you. Up and early on a Saturday morning, Garden Grove residents on Palm Street...



Video Views	<b>18</b>
Impressions	<b>36</b>
Reach	<b>35</b>
Engagements	<b>14</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>38.9%</b>

**WEEKLY MEMO 1-27-2022**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

## Politics is raining on the Little Saigon Tet parade

A beef between some on Westminster council and the Garden Grove organizer of the parade might be prompting false news reports.



Lion Dancers perform during Garden Grove's inaugural Tet Parade on Westminster Ave on Sunday, January 26, 2020. (Photo by Drew A. Kelley, Contributing Photographer)  
By [SUSAN CHRISTIAN GOULDING](mailto:sgoulding@scng.com) | [sgoulding@scng.com](mailto:sgoulding@scng.com) | Orange County Register  
PUBLISHED: January 25, 2022 at 11:39 p.m. | UPDATED: January 26, 2022 at 4:16 p.m.

In the world of Westminster politics, not even the beloved Tet Parade is safe from personal conflicts and grudges.

Over the past week, Little Saigon blogger Nam Quan Nguyen has blasted out emails and videos claiming that Westminster officials – including Police Chief Darin Lenyi – want to cancel this year's parade, slated for Feb. 5, "in light of the ongoing spike of COVID-19 Omicron variant."

But Lenyi said it isn't true, and he wasted no words squelching the rumor.

"I'm going to use a media term: That's fake news," he said. "In no way, shape or form did I ever mention canceling the parade.

"The city is working with the parade organizer to look at other options for staffing the parade," Lenyi added. "Like police departments everywhere, we have staffing shortages due to Covid outbreaks."

Nguyen did not return requests for comment.

Many observers suggest the drama has more to do with simmering resentments between local politicians than with the ceremony itself – Westminster’s biggest and most lucrative yearly event.

“Why are they singling out the parade?” said the event’s organizer, Phat Bui. “They’re not telling people to stay away from other (Tet-related) events.”

Bui himself might be part of that answer. The Garden Grove councilman falls on one side of a complicated political rift in Little Saigon. Blogger Nguyen falls on another.

A former Westminster traffic commissioner, appointed by Mayor Tri Ta, Nguyen ran an unsuccessful 2020 campaign against Carlos Manzo for a seat on the Westminster City Council.

Nguyen operates a Vietnamese-language YouTube channel, Trust Media Network, that has a following in Little Saigon. He and longtime political activist Ky Ngo co-host a talk show on which they broadcast displeasure with Bui, express support for Ta, and endorse the recall of Manzo and Westminster Councilwoman Kimberly Ho.

Ta and Westminster Councilman Charlie Nguyen also pop up in True Media Network videos, promoting their causes and venting disagreements with their council colleagues.

Asked about Nam Quan Nguyen’s claims that the police chief wanted to cancel the parade, Ta said in an email, “The real fact is that our police chief, the police union and the interim city manager have raised the same concern of staff shortages for any mega-events in the city.”

Indeed, the highly contagious omicron variant is a serious concern. Westminster’s parade honoring Tet – a huge Vietnamese holiday tied to the year’s first new moon – attracts thousands of people from throughout the state and even the country.

Still, Westminster Police Chief Lenyi said any discussion from his side has been about ways to have the parade safely – not cancel it.

“Certainly, a mega-event could spread the virus,” he said. “But that is not up to the police chief to decide.”

Hostilities among local politicians started boiling to the surface three years ago after Tai Do joined the Westminster council. Soon after his election, he publicly needled Ta, Ho and Charlie Nguyen about alleged ethical lapses.

At that time, the three council members formed a dependable majority. In the summer of 2019, they voted to yank the upcoming Tet Parade from Bui – who had organized it for seven years – and give it to a less experienced applicant.

Eventually, local attorney Lan Quoc Nguyen, a close associate of Ta, ended up in charge of the 2020 parade. [Bui then proceeded to hold a second parade in Garden Grove.](#) Both went off smoothly and were well attended.

Since then, however, the Westminster council has changed. Ho switched allegiances last year and now generally votes with Do and Manzo, stirring anger in some Little Saigon circles. Ho's third vote killed a proposed redevelopment of the Civic Center. And, [sparking intense emotion](#) among many Vietnamese War-era immigrants, she later helped postpone a memorial honoring the battle of Quang Tri. Then, in November, the new majority voted to return the parade to Bui's organization, Little Saigon Tet Parade Association. The loser in that battle? A group led by Lan Quoc Nguyen.

Ta, Charlie Nguyen and their backers clearly don't much care for Bui, who supported a failed recall effort against them in 2020. And, adding to the rift, Bui virtually attended Westminster council meetings last year as a public speaker, criticizing the Quang Tri monument that Ta and Charlie Nguyen championed.

Still, given that the Tet parade is a big deal for Westminster businesses and a touchstone for the community, some expressed surprise that politics could trump civic support.

"Why would anybody want to sabotage something that brings so much happiness to our community and showcases the richness of the Vietnamese-American heritage?" said Councilman Tai Do.

Earlier this month, a week before a Jan. 15 fundraiser for the parade, Nam Quan Nguyen and Ky Ngo posted a video with the headline, "Tet Parade Will Be Canceled." That, too, was incorrect.

"A lot of people called up confused," Bui said. "Some who had reserved tables canceled. We were supposed to fill 70 tables but only filled 60."

At the Jan. 18 City Council meeting, Charlie Nguyen floated the possibility of canceling the event due to coronavirus numbers, but did not get enough votes for a formal discussion.

This year, the Little Saigon Tet Parade Association – which pays the city upfront for the entire event, including police officer hours – needs more money than ever. Because of staffing shortages in the Westminster Police Department, the organizer will have to hire private firms at a higher rate to help with blocking off streets and managing traffic.

"Normally, we have to pay the city about \$60,000, but this year it might be \$110,000," Bui said. The organization will shell out \$80,000 more for firecrackers, stage rentals, toilets and other expenses. As of now, Bui said, the nonprofit has about \$97,000 and, with only two weeks left before parade day, it may need to take out loans to cover the final bill.

Westminster Councilman Sergio Contreras, who did not run for re-election in 2020, said he witnessed tense interactions between Bui and Ta during his eight years on the council.

“Historically, they have never gotten along, and I don’t know why,” Contreras said.

The two men seemed competitive with each other, Contreras said: “It was always, who can build the biggest statue?”

“But what I don’t understand is getting the community caught up in your internal battles,” Contreras added. “The Tet parade is supposed to bring everybody together.”

Ta said via email that he has not yet decided if he will attend the parade, even as mayor of the host city.

“This year is a unique situation because of the Covid-19 circumstance,” Ta wrote. “Public safety is my number one priority; therefore, I will have to monitor the daily update on Covid-19 (before) attending a few mega-events.”

The dust-up over the parade has proved frustrating to some Little Saigon officials.

Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do said he is “disappointed by the misinformation” flying around Little Saigon about the Tet parade.

“I don’t understand the motivation behind it. It’s scaring the community.”

Do said he intends to play his usual role in the parade lineup.

“I just got my booster (vaccination) and I’m ready to go,” he said. “But I might just stay in my Jeep this year, and not get out and shake hands. I don’t want to be an agent of transmission.”

Do added that he hopes the parade and other Orange County Tet events will offer a respite from “divisions in the Vietnamese community.”

“Tet should be the one occasion where we can put all that aside,” Do said. “This is a time for celebration, optimism and happiness.”

Westminster Mayor Ta, too, views Tet as “the time for unity and healing.”

“It is the time that we hope for a better future,” Ta said. “It is the time that we remind ourselves of the sacrifice of our ancestors. It is the time for our community to be united, to celebrate and to welcome the fresh spirit of spring to our home.”

*In addition to the parade in Westminster, Tet celebrations are in the works all over Southern California – including Disneyland and on the Orange County Fairgrounds. Supervisor Do will host a three-day Tet festival in Fountain Valley’s Mile Square Regional Park, Feb. 4 through Feb. 6.*



# COVID-19 sick leave set to return in California

Gov. Gavin Newsom and lawmakers announced Tuesday they'd worked out a deal to bring paid sick leave back



Under the state law in effect from last March until Newsom and the Legislature let it expire Sept. 30, any employer with more than 25 workers was required to offer as much as 80 hours of leave for quarantines or vaccine side effects. Employees received as much as \$511 a day, or a maximum of \$5,110 total, with hours accrued retroactively to Jan. 1, 2021. (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes, File)

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Gov. Gavin Newsom and state lawmakers said Tuesday they have worked out a deal to bring back paid COVID-19 sick leave.

The agreement, which comes after a similar law passed in 2021 expired several months ago, would give workers access to supplemental paid sick leave through Sept. 30.

The framework would provide up to two weeks of leave to full-time workers at businesses with at least 26 employees. It would cover workers who are sick with the coronavirus and those caring for loved ones with COVID-19.

Workers who themselves test positive would need to present a test to receive the full amount of paid leave, which would be retroactive to Jan. 1.

The deal also proposes restoring suspended tax credits in a bid to help businesses shoulder the costs of the extra paid leave, which could be especially valuable for restaurants and other small businesses that have been battered by the pandemic.

The legislation is expected to reach Newsom's desk in "days, maybe a week, but not a month," said state Sen. Dave Cortese, a San Jose Democrat who chairs the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

Cortese said lawmakers had been working on the idea for weeks, adding that lawmakers' offices in Sacramento have also been affected by the virus.

"By extending sick leave to frontline workers with COVID and providing support for California businesses, we can help protect the health of our workforce, while also ensuring that businesses and our economy are able to thrive," Newsom said in a joint statement with Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon.

Labor leaders who had called for the return of supplemental paid sick leave praised the announcement.

"We spoke up about the impossible choices we faced without enough sick time to recover from COVID-19 without our kids going hungry," SEIU California President Bob Schoonover said in a statement. "We know we can't wait for employers to keep us safe — we have to advocate for ourselves, and Governor Newsom and legislators listened."

## As pandemic rages, a new health crisis looms; blood banks running low

Donations are off and the blood shortfall is worst in a decade.



Edward Kim, RN, takes blood from Fuad Sarhangnejad, left, and Regina Hertel at an American Red Cross bloodmobile in Fullerton, CA on Thursday, January 20, 2022. The American Red Cross and hospitals are facing a critical shortage of donated blood.

(Photo by Paul Bersebach, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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In the summer of 2020, Joshua Wishart's dad survived a vicious dog attack.

The key word is “survived” – something that would not be the case without more than a dozen units of blood transfusions.

“I never before realized how much blood is required to save a life,” Wishart said. “Ever since then, I’ve donated blood every chance I get.”

The 30-year-old Garden Grove resident even switched from giving whole blood to platelets, which can be donated every week rather than every two months.

Wishart travels frequently for his job as a transportation technician, but he doesn't let that stop his donations – popping into blood centers wherever he may be. “Last week it was Boise,” he said. “The week before that, San Jose.”

Now, blood contributions are desperately needed in Southern California.

Due to the fast-spreading coronavirus variant omicron, the American Red Cross, which provides some 40% of the nation's blood, is facing the worst shortage in more than a decade. It's more dire, even, than during the COVID surge of late 2020, before vaccinations were available.

"A lot of factors play a role," said Becky Firey, executive director for the American Red Cross of Orange County. "Our employees and our volunteers have been impacted by coronavirus, creating a staffing shortage. And with businesses and schools still virtual, there's been a 62% decline in blood drives."

Historically, a quarter of blood donations come from drives on high school and college campuses, Firey noted. Now, those opportunities are sharply curtailed – a loss that could reverberate into the future.

"Our wonderful young donors tend to become lifetime donors," she said, "yet we have experienced a big drop in those first-time donors."

Omicron also has put a damper on older donors. Many are wary of exposure and breakthrough cases, so they don't turn out to give blood.

"I made an appointment for Jan. 11. But then I didn't feel safe so, unfortunately, I cancelled," said Huntington Beach homemaker Elaine Meigs, 66. "I'm going to wait until things simmer down."

The blood shortage has wreaked havoc at hospitals. On Jan. 12, [the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services shut down its Harbor-UCLA Medical trauma center for more than two hours](#) because of inadequate blood supplies.

So far, Orange County hospitals have not reported incidents so alarming. Still, some have been forced to prioritize and reschedule surgeries.

"It is not something you would expect in the 21st Century in the United States," said Dr. Scott Rusk, St. Joseph Hospital's chief medical officer.

As a birthing center, St. Joseph Hospital must keep on hand a supply of the universal blood type O-negative to care for vulnerable people giving birth.

In recent weeks, that has led to postponing some non-emergency surgeries at St. Joseph.

"We don't like the term 'elective surgery,'" Rusk said. "These are critical surgeries, but they can be bumped forward."

For instance, the hospital might postpone a cancer surgery for a bit until enough O-negative is on hand..

"As a doctor, I know that briefly delaying the surgery won't impact the patient's outcome," Rusk said. "But as a cancer survivor myself, I know how hard it is for patients to hear they must wait another day with cancer inside their bodies. It's absolutely horrific."

The current situation has similarities and differences to health care shortages that played out during the coronavirus peak in late 2020 and early 2021.

“Then it was about ICU beds. Now it’s about blood,” Rusk said. “At least, this time, we don’t have extra freezers because the morgues are full. Our critical care doctors and nurses had never seen so many deaths in their careers.”

Recent news of the current blood shortage has motivated some Orange County residents to get to a donation center. For many, it’s their first visit since the epidemic took hold.

“After 15 years of donations, I peeled off because of COVID,” said Joe Polder, 55, who lives in Fullerton. “But now I thought, ‘I’ve got to make an appointment.’”

Polder, a sales manager, visited a site near his home on Thursday, Jan. 20.

“I thought my wife would be concerned (about omicron). But she just said, ‘Be careful,’” Polder said. “I enjoy giving blood. It’s a simple way to benefit the community and, selfishly, it’s rewarding.”

For Melissa Ramirez, not even coronavirus could stand in her way of her punctual donations.

Ramirez’ mother suffers from an autoimmune disorder and, because of that, requires frequent plasma transfusions. As a thank you to those who help her mom, the Tustin resident has gifted blood every couple of months for two decades, with nary a hiccup.

“I feel safe at the donation site,” said Ramirez, who works in the mortgage industry. “Everyone feels healthy or else they wouldn’t be there. Everyone wears masks. The cots are distanced.

“I’m too passionate about giving blood to ever stop. It’s something near and dear to me.”

For information about where to donate, go to: [redcross.org/local/california/southern-california/about-us/locations/orange-county](https://redcross.org/local/california/southern-california/about-us/locations/orange-county).

## Fullerton explores joining OC Fire Authority; will research cost-cutting possibilities



WIDE STANCE: Fullerton Fire Department's new Urban Search and Rescue truck weighs in at 36,000 pounds and features a 330 horsepower engine./// ADDITIONAL INFO: fntrescue.0207- 01/29/08 – Mark Martinez / The Register– The Fullerton Fire Department prepares to put a new search and rescue vehicle into operation.

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PUBLISHED: January 20, 2022 at 9:08 a.m. | UPDATED: January 21, 2022 at 9:38 a.m. Fullerton leaders are willing to explore joining the Orange County Fire Authority, a move officials with the regional fire service estimate could save the city millions of dollars and enhance some services.

Talks are in the “very beginning” stages, said Fullerton Mayor Fred Jung, and a decision isn’t imminent. But officials have committed to researching if there would be cost savings and service improvements with a switch to the agency that operates out of 77 fire stations in 23 cities and unincorporated areas throughout the county.

During a presentation to the City Council on Tuesday, OCFA officials laid out the proposal to absorb Fullerton’s department, saying the benefits of a transition could be “significant” cost savings, better paramedic response abilities and access to more resources, such as helicopters for fire fighting and rescues.

The services would come at a cost to the city of roughly \$21.5 million in the first year with an annual increase of at-most 4.5%, OCFA Division Chief Rob Capobianco said. One-time “start-up” expenses, such as costs to change signage, new uniforms and

transitioning computer programs and equipment, would tack on another nearly \$1.6 million.

But long term, savings associated with joining OCFA could be millions annually, the agency estimated. The city's [current budget](#) for its Fire Department is \$27.3 million. The city would no longer face a number of responsibilities, such as recruiting and hiring, labor negotiations and management of emergency computer systems, and that is part of where savings would come from, OCFA's proposal said. Fixed into the annual price for services would be the cost of replacing vehicles and apparatus and maintaining fire stations, Capobianco said.

To Fullerton's existing fleet, OCFA proposes converting a ladder truck at Station 6 in the northwest corner of the city into a paramedic unit that could provide enhanced medical care, adding paramedic gear and two "dual role" firefighter-paramedics there to respond to calls from the station, Capobianco said in an email.

"Currently, the initial truck response is basic life support, and the paramedic level care is dispatched at the same time from a surrounding unit that has advanced life support capability," he said.

The services currently deployed there are "not abnormal," Capobianco said, "but our goal in adding a (sixth) paramedic unit to the city would be to increase depth of coverage and relieve some of the pressure off the busy downtown units."

All Fullerton firefighters would be hired by OCFA, according to the agency's proposal, and non-sworn employees would be brought on "based on vacancies and OCFA's needs," Capobianco said during the meeting. He added that "there is a true desire to ensure that people are not left behind, and that this process is in the best interest of all the people working not (just) for Fullerton, but also for the OCFA."

Mayor Jung said city leaders were asked in 2020 during labor negotiations to explore OCFA membership. During Tuesday's meeting, the president of the union representing Fullerton's firefighters said the OCFA presentation was "a big step toward a brighter future for our fire service in the city of Fullerton," and he urged the City Council to move forward with evaluating to proposal.

"Your Fire Department is struggling right now," Fullerton Firefighter Association President Dan Lancaster said during the meeting's public comment period. "And we don't have long until more firefighters are lost to surrounding agencies. We need your help to get back on track to better serve this community."

In 2019, the [city of Garden Grove replaced its Fire Department with the OCFA services](#), anticipating a cost savings, and [Santa Ana joined in 2012](#). In 2020, [Placentia left the regional agency](#), seeing opportunities in running its own department.

Jung told city staffers the council will need "all the data points in real time" before making a decision, including a better look at the predicted savings, a breakdown of

start-up costs and the impact of having access to OCFA's regional services, among other considerations.

Spending the time to conduct the research is a "worthy effort," he said, if it means they uncover opportunities to cut costs and improve services.

"If the response time to our residents is faster, if the coverage for our region and city is better, then certainly it's worthy of exploration, at least just to see what the numbers are like," he said later in an interview. "If there's a cost saving involved, I think we owe it to our residents to find out and see what the actual numbers are. And that's the point of where we're at right now."

There is time to suss out the best decision for the city, he said, adding Fullerton isn't suffering from a "substantial deficit in services" with its Fire Department or the same fiscal issues it had been just a few years ago. City officials recently approved a 2.5% budget cut, he said.

"We're in a good spot, I think," Jung said, "and we'll move forward in the most deliberative manner, one way or the other."

What joining the OCFA would mean for the Brea Fire Department, which shares a fire chief and command staff with Fullerton, is unclear. Jung said that would have to be worked out if Fullerton leaders decide to press ahead with the Fire Authority, but "we're not at that point yet," he said. "We're not even close."

The research on OCFA's proposal will be brought back to the council for discussion at a later meeting, possibly next month.





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Thursday, January 27, 2022

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## **CITY HALL IN-PERSON LOBBY SERVICES RELOCATED DURING CONSTRUCTION**

Garden Grove City Hall lobby, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, will be closed during an 8-month construction project, beginning Monday, January 31, 2022 through October 2022. Front counter services will be available at the building west of City Hall at 12860 Euclid Street, which include business license, cashiering, and water payment services. For recreation classes, day camp, and park reservations, call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200. Services available by appointment are building services, code enforcement, engineering, and planning services. For the City's modified counter services contact information, visit [ggcity.org/modified-services](http://ggcity.org/modified-services).

The project consists of a comprehensive security enhancement of the City Hall lobby as well as security upgrades to the Garden Grove Police Department, Garden Grove City Municipal Center, Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

The project is funded by the Lease Revenue Bonds 2015A and was awarded to Thomco Construction, Inc., by the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

For more information, contact Shawn Park in the City Manager's Office at (714) 741-5371.



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Monday, January 24, 2022



## **COMMUNITY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

Members of the community are encouraged to participate in a public workshop to provide input on the Garden Grove City Council election district map for the 2020 Census redistricting process on Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The public workshop will be available via Zoom at [ggcity.org/redistricting-join](http://ggcity.org/redistricting-join) and in-person in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center A Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The City will also host a series of public hearings during the regular City Council meeting on Tuesdays, February 8, February 22, March 8, and March 22 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center. To view the public hearing online or provide public comments, please visit [ggcity.org/redistricting](http://ggcity.org/redistricting).

Spanish and Vietnamese translators will be available for the public workshop and all the public hearings. Translators for Chinese and Korean must be requested at least 72 hours in advance by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (714) 741-5040 or [cityclerk@ggcity.org](mailto:cityclerk@ggcity.org). Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange accommodations.

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COMMUNITY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC WORKSHOP  
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Garden Grove is made up of six districts, each with its own elected representative. The City adopted the voting district map and elections in 2016. Following the public workshop and public hearings, the finalized district map will help create and define the six Garden Grove City Council districts which will impact how residents elect their City Council members for the next 10 years.

For more information on redistricting, visit [ggcity.org/redistricting](http://ggcity.org/redistricting) or contact Maria Stipe, Assistant City Manager at (714) 741-5100.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**January 27, 2022**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the November 18, 2021 and December 2, 2021 Planning Commission meetings.
3. Minutes from the January 27, 2022 Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. Notice of cancellation of the February 3, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.
5. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from January 21, 2022 to January 27, 2022.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 27, 2022 – March 22, 2022

Thursday	January 27		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	January 28		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	February 3	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tuesday	February 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Friday	February 11		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	February 17	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	February 21		City Hall Closed – Presidents’ Day
Tuesday	February 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Friday	February 25		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	March 1	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	March 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Friday	March 11		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	March 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	March 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Perez  
Vice Chair Lindsay  
Commissioner Arestegui  
Commissioner Cunningham  
Commissioner Lehman  
Commissioner Ramirez  
Commissioner Soeffner

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Lindsay.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

November 4, 2021 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.  
Motion: Lindsay Second: Lehman  
Ayes: (7) Arestegui, Cunningham, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez,  
Ramirez, Soeffner  
Noes: (0) None

Commissioner Arestegui recused herself from the discussion due to being employed by General Council for a tenant of the project. As the conflict of interest fell under the City Code, Commissioner Arestegui remained in the room.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND SITE PLAN NO. SP-101-2021 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE, WEST OF BROOKHURST STREET, AT 13861 BROOKHURST STREET.

Applicant: DENNIS O'NEIL (SUNBELT STORES, INC.)  
Date: November 18, 2021

Request: Site Plan approval to expand an existing 180,449 square foot shopping center, which is currently improved with the Garden Grove Superstore, a Target retail store, and a Firestone auto repair shop, by constructing (i) two (2) new 4,000 square foot drive-thru pad buildings, (ii) one (1) new 4,000 square foot multi-tenant commercial building attached to the existing Target, and (iii) replacing the existing Firestone auto repair shop with a 5,600 square foot drive-thru multi-tenant building. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project.

Motion 1:

Action: Motion to leave the public hearing open and continue the item to the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Commission meeting in order for Traffic Engineering to look into mitigation efforts regarding the driveway approach location.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Perez

Ayes: (3) Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez  
Noes: (3) Cunningham, Lehman, Soeffner  
Absent: (1) Arestegui

The Motion failed.

Motion 2:

Action: Resolution No. 6029-21 was approved with updates to the Resolution and Conditions of Approval using bold and strikethrough to highlight changes, along with modifications to Condition Nos. 94d and 94e to read:

- a. Any individual building project must include the landscaping improvements within the area described above in Condition 94.a. and, in addition, must include the landscaping improvements required within any new or reconfigured parking areas needed to comply with above Condition 94.c.
- b. Any individual building project must include the site lighting improvements within the area described above in Condition 94.a. and, in addition, must include the site lighting improvements within any new or reconfigured parking areas needed to comply with above Condition 94.c.

Motion: Lehman Second: Soeffner

Ayes: (6) Cunningham, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez,  
Soeffner

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Arestegui

Commissioner Arestegui rejoined the discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-105-2021 AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-028-2021 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF YOCKEY STREET AND DAKOTA AVENUE AT 13361 YOCKEY STREET.

Applicant: TOBY NGUYEN

Date: November 18, 2021

Request: Site Plan approval to construct a 5-unit apartment complex that includes one (1) affordable unit for very low income. Pursuant to State Density Bonus Law, the applicant requests the following three (3) concessions from the R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zone development standards: (1) to increase the maximum building height from 35 feet to 37 feet, (2) to allow the 3<sup>rd</sup> story building area to increase from 50% threshold to 100%, and (3) to reduce the distance between residential units and the drive-aisle along the northerly property line from 10 feet to zero feet. Also, a request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to consolidate the two (2) existing parcels into one (1) lot. The site is in the R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and 15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations.

Action: Resolution No. 6034-21 was approved. Other than the applicant's representative, one person spoke with parking concerns, limited access to the neighborhood, and homeless issues.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Lehman

Ayes: (7) Arestegui, Cunningham, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez,  
Ramirez, Soeffner

Noes: (0) None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Assistant City Attorney, James Eggert, presented a PowerPoint discussion on Senate Bill 9 (SB9). The bill requires a proposed housing



development, which contains no more than two (2) residential units within a single-family residential zone, to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements, including, but not limited to, that the proposed housing development would not require demolition or alteration of housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate, low, or very low income, that the proposed housing development does not allow for the demolition of more than 25% of the existing exterior structural walls, except as provided, and that the development is not located within a historic district, is not included on the State Historic Resources Inventory, or is not within a site that is legally designated or listed as a city or county landmark or historic property or district.

The City cannot impose customized conditions of approval, however, it is permitted to impose objective development standards on the units. If the units are not in conformance or compliance with current setbacks, the City cannot require the new units to meet those setbacks.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:42 p.m. to the next Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

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Rosemarie Jacot  
Recording Secretary

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Perez  
Vice Chair Lindsay  
Commissioner Arestegui  
Commissioner Cunningham  
Commissioner Lehman  
Commissioner Ramirez  
Commissioner Soeffner

Absent: Lehman, Perez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Soeffner.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

November 18, 2021 MINUTES: The November 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes will be available for receiving and filing at the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting in January of 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT NO. A-033-2021, CITY OF GARDEN GROVE, CITYWIDE.

Applicant: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
Date: December 2, 2021

Request: A request by the City of Garden Grove to amend portions of Title 9 of the Garden Grove Municipal code to implement the provisions of California Government Code Sections 65852.21 and 66411.7, added by Senate Bill 9, and to add regulations and development standards for two-unit housing developments and parcel maps for urban lot splits in single-family residential zones. The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Government Code Sections 65852.21(j) and 66411.7(n) and Sections 15303 and 15315 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6035-21 was approved.

Motion: Soeffner Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (5) Arestegui, Cunningham, Lindsay, Ramirez, Soeffner  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (2) Lehman, Perez

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioners wish staff Happy Holidays.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff gave a brief description of future agenda items and stated the December 16<sup>th</sup> and January 6<sup>th</sup> meetings would be cancelled. Staff then wished the Commissioners Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:27 p.m. to the next Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

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Judith Moore  
Recording Secretary

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING  
Garden Grove City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room  
11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-214-2022

Applicant: Thanh Do  
Location: 12342 Brookhurst Street  
Date: January 27, 2022

Request: To operate a new restaurant, Oc 7\$, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) 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): Thanh Do

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1811-22.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-215-2022

Applicant: Linh Nguyen  
Location: 12936 Main Street  
Date: January 27, 2022

Request: To allow an existing coffee and tea shop, Phuc Long Coffee and Tea, to operate with limited live entertainment in the form of a two (2) person band: one (1) instrumentalist and one (1) vocalist. The proposed entertainment will occur on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. The site is in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) 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): Linh Nguyen

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1812-22.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

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Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 2022**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: January 27, 2022

DAISY PEREZ  
CHAIR



# Appellate court reaffirms cities' discretion to interpret their land use plans

*Jan 26, 2022*

In a recent (<https://www.courts.ca.gov/opinions/documents/C090117.PDF>) opinion (<https://www.courts.ca.gov/opinions/documents/C090117.PDF>), the state's Third District Court of Appeal has upheld the longstanding legal principle that “[b]ecause policies in a general plan reflect a range of competing interests, [a city] must be allowed to weigh and balance the plan’s policies when applying them, and [is entitled to] broad discretion to construe its policies in light of the plan’s purposes.”

The case involved the city of Davis’s 2017 approval of a four-story mixed-use project — 8,950 square feet of ground-floor retail space and 27 apartments — near the railroad tracks on the perimeter of its downtown core area. When reviewing the project, the city interpreted its own general and specific plans, determined that the project was consistent with those plans, and concluded the project was a good fit for the city.

The Old East Davis Neighborhood Association sued the city, challenging its approval of the project. The association alleged — contrary to the recommendations of city staff and the conclusions of the city council — that the project’s height and scale were inconsistent with the city’s general and specific plans. The trial court agreed with the association, concluding that it did not provide a sufficient “transition” to adjacent residential areas, and directed the city to rescind all associated approvals.

The city of Davis and the project developer appealed, arguing that the trial court applied the wrong legal standard when evaluating the city's determination. The League of California Cities, along with the California State Association of Counties and Sacramento Area Council of Governments, filed a [friend-of-the-court brief](https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/Library/2020/Old-East-Davis-Neighborhood-Assn-v-City-of-Davis_) ([https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/Library/2020/Old-East-Davis-Neighborhood-Assn-v-City-of-Davis\\_](https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/Library/2020/Old-East-Davis-Neighborhood-Assn-v-City-of-Davis_)) in support of the city, arguing the trial court should have deferred to the city's determination. It was also noted in the friend-of-the-court brief that, based on substantial evidence in the record, the project was consistent with the city's general and specific plans.

The Third District Court of Appeal reversed the trial court's decision, holding that the city acted within its discretion when approving the project and the trial court erred in reversing its approval. The court explained that a city council's determination that a project is consistent with its general plan carries "a strong presumption of regularity" and can only be overturned if the city council abused its discretion.

The opinion was originally ordered not to be published, but [upon request by Cal Cities](https://www.cacities.org/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?nodeguid=fe3d40a5-c099-4b4f-8ff8-fd31a341e7f8&lang=en-US) (<https://www.cacities.org/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?nodeguid=fe3d40a5-c099-4b4f-8ff8-fd31a341e7f8&lang=en-US>), the court published the opinion so it may be used as precedent in future cases.



# City officials receive Brown Act teleconference strategies and clarification

*Jan 26, 2022*

During a recent ILG webinar, more than half of the 700 attendees said that technological challenges are the greatest hurdle to holding online meetings.

For the past two years, cities have had to balance conducting business in an open, transparent manner while protecting public health. In a recent Institute for Local Government (ILG) webinar, Attorneys Julian A. Viksman and Brendan G. Adams covered common Brown act issues and clarified parts of **AB 361 (Robert, Rivas)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=AB%20361&t=bill>), a bill supported by the League of California Cities that allows public agencies to conduct remote meetings under modified Brown Act requirements.

During the **webinar** (<https://www.ca-ilg.org/webinar/navigating-new-laws-and-protocols-around-public-meetings-brown-act-and-other-considerations>), ILG conducted a round of informal polling and found that most public agencies are still conducting virtual or hybrid meetings. Only 14% were meeting in person. A significant majority, 58%, said that technological challenges, such as poor internet connections or tech literacy, were the greatest hurdle when holding virtual public meetings. Roughly a quarter reported no challenges at all.

Teleconferencing has long been a part of the Brown Act. However, AB 361 offers an alternative, less onerous pathway to compliance if the Governor proclaims a state of emergency and if a public agency meets certain conditions. Notably, AB



361 allows agencies to meet remotely without making the teleconference location accessible to the public and without a quorum from within its boundaries.

Public agencies must also allow residents an opportunity to offer comment in real-time. Additionally, legislative bodies cannot act on meeting agenda items if the public broadcast is disrupted due to unreliable software, spotty internet connections, or other issues.

The webinar highlighted a range of related challenges and questions. Attorneys Julian A. Viksman and Brendan G. Adams clarified that SB 361 does not change how officials can moderate public comment. Therefore, officials can use common online meeting functions, such as the mute button and polling. However, they discouraged the usage of breakout rooms, as doing so might limit which representatives that people can see and interact with, thus leading to a Brown Act violation.

Viksman and Adams also noted that agencies can stream traditional, in-person meetings to increase access and transparency if all other Brown Act requirements are met, such as the opportunity for residents to attend in-person. However, officials may wish to consider a range of factors before doing so, including the reliability of available technology and the potential for in-person and online disruptions, in addition to standard public health and safety concerns.

More than half of all webinar attendees surveyed reported an increase in participation when streaming virtual meetings, with 36% reporting that participation was about the same or less. However, Viksman and Adams urged cities to pursue a strategy that is best for their residents, noting that many older constituents or those without reliable, high-speed internet may have trouble participating in virtual meetings.

For more strategies, including how to manage the 30-day proclamation requirements, please [watch the full webinar. \(https://www.ca-ilg.org/webinar/navigating-new-laws-and-protocols-around-public-meetings-brown-act-](https://www.ca-ilg.org/webinar/navigating-new-laws-and-protocols-around-public-meetings-brown-act-)

and-other-considerations) Visit ILG's website for more information about (<https://www.ca-ilg.org/>) upcoming programs and resources (<https://www.ca-ilg.org/>).

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# Governor and state lawmakers reach deal on paid COVID-19 sick leave

*Jan 26, 2022*

Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders reached an agreement on new COVID-19 sick leave legislation similar to

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB95](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB95)) **SB 95 (Skinner)** ([https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB95](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB95)), which was enacted in March 2021 and expired Sept. 30, 2021.

The new policy would apply retroactively to Jan. 1, 2022, and would sunset on Sept. 30, 2022. The agreement would require employers — including public agencies — with at least 26 workers to provide up to 80 hours of supplemental sick leave to recover from COVID-19. Workers would have access to at least 40 hours of supplemental sick leave, as well as an additional 40 hours if they show proof of a positive test result from themselves or a family member.

Employers would also need to provide 24 hours of sick leave for workers recovering from the side effects of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, employers would have to pay for and provide a COVID-19 test upon request by the worker.

The agreement does not include direct funding to employers to offset sick leave costs or costs for testing. Instead, the proposal provides tax breaks to businesses. Corporate and individual taxpayers with at least \$1 million in business income will again be allowed to deduct operating losses.

California would also raise a \$5 million limit on tax credits for businesses. This does little to address the costs this will have on cities and other local agencies. Local governments will have to absorb the new costs and must ensure that tests are available for their employees. More details about the proposal should be available in the coming days.

In his (<https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2022/01/11/top-priorities-for-cities-get-new-investments-in-gov-gavin-newsom-proposed-state-budget>) **January budget proposal** (<https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2022/01/11/top-priorities-for-cities-get-new-investments-in-gov-gavin-newsom-proposed-state-budget>), the Governor also included \$214 million in early action funding to maintain and expand testing operations and \$362 million for testing for 2022-23, which could come as early as next month.

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# Guide to Local Recovery Update: January 26

*Jan 26, 2022*

The League of California Cities released an updated version of its American Rescue Plan Act revenue loss calculators to reflect the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Final Rule and added information about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act resources to the Guide to Local Recovery portal. The National League of Cities also has two webinars to help cities' pandemic recovery efforts, including one on American Rescue Plan Act compliance. Additionally, state leaders have reached an agreement on new COVID-19 sick leave legislation.

## Updated revenue loss calculator available

Cal Cities also released an updated version of its American Rescue Plan Act revenue loss calculators to reflect the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Final Rule. The calculators contain important updates for cities that are slated to receive more than \$10 million from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and have a revenue loss calculation that might indicate more than \$10 million of revenue loss. Cities that received less than \$10 million can simply take the \$10 million standard allowance provided for in the Final Rule. No further loss calculation is necessary to qualify for use of the funds under Category C.

A full list of changes is below, along with links to the calculators. For questions or concerns, contact Michael Coleman at [coleman@muniwest.com](mailto:coleman@muniwest.com) (<mailto:coleman@muniwest.com>).

1. Users may take the \$10 million “standard allowance” instead of doing the calculation. This does not increase your agency’s allocation, but for many agencies with allocations less than \$10 million, it will qualify their entire allocation under Category C, Revenue Loss. This is a one-time, irrevocable election.
2. The counterfactual annual growth factor has been increased to 5.2% or the average growth of the three years prior to the base year (starting point for revenue loss calculations) which is 2018-19, whichever is greater. The previous growth factor was 4.1%.
3. Users may calculate revenue loss on a fiscal year basis rather than a calendar year basis. This is preferable because you can use audited reports. Cities must use the same basis throughout the life of the program.
4. Users may now choose to include or exclude utility enterprises (defined as water, gas, electric, and transit) from the calculation. Cities must be consistent with their choice.
5. Users may choose to exclude tax rate increases and reductions adopted prior to Jan. 6, 2022, but after the start of the base year fiscal year 2018-19. If you choose to do so, you must exclude the revenue effect of all tax rate increases and rate reductions adopted during this period.
6. Users must exclude tax increases or reductions adopted after Jan. 6, 2022.

## Revenue Loss Calculator Links

- [Revenue Loss Calculator \(Government-wide – Full Accrual\)](http://www.californiacityfinance.com/ARPAlossRevCalcGovtWide.xlsx)  
(<http://www.californiacityfinance.com/ARPAlossRevCalcGovtWide.xlsx>)
- [Revenue Loss Calculator \(Fund Basis – Modified Accrual\)](http://www.californiacityfinance.com/ARPAlossRevCalcFundMethod.xlsx)  
(<http://www.californiacityfinance.com/ARPAlossRevCalcFundMethod.xlsx>)

Note: These links may not open due to browser settings. Please copy the link and open it in a new tab or try opening it in a different web browser.

[National League of Cities Resources](#)

The National League of Cities (NLC) has released a recording of its [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) compliance webinar](https://www.nlc.org/resource/from-the-event-arpa-compliance-session-1-coronavirus-local-fiscal-recovery-funds-compliance-audit-readiness/?_zs=GHHjc&_zl=V2Dv2) ([https://www.nlc.org/resource/from-the-event-arpa-compliance-session-1-coronavirus-local-fiscal-recovery-funds-compliance-audit-readiness/?\\_zs=GHHjc&\\_zl=V2Dv2](https://www.nlc.org/resource/from-the-event-arpa-compliance-session-1-coronavirus-local-fiscal-recovery-funds-compliance-audit-readiness/?_zs=GHHjc&_zl=V2Dv2)). The U.S. Department of the Treasury has stated that the Single Audit Act of 1984 will apply to Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund awards, which were authorized by ARPA. This may impact up to 10,000 previously unaffected municipalities and organizations. The webinar highlighted what auditors will be looking for and how municipalities with limited experience administering federal awards can prepare for the single audit process.

NLC is also hosting a new webinar series, which covers the new federal infrastructure programs and resources included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The next webinar features current and former U.S. Department of Transportation officials and will focus on the department's \$124 billion in competitive funding that will be distributed under the five-year law.

### [New supplemental paid sick leave policy proposed](#)

Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders have reached an agreement on [new COVID-19 sick leave legislation](https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2022/01/26/governor-and-state-lawmakers-reach-deal-on-paid-covid-19-sick-leave) (<https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2022/01/26/governor-and-state-lawmakers-reach-deal-on-paid-covid-19-sick-leave>). The proposal is similar to [SB 95 \(Skinner\)](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=SB%2095&t=bill) (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=SB%2095&t=bill>), which expired last fall. The new policy would apply retroactively to Jan. 1, 2022, and would sunset on Sept. 30, 2022. The agreement would require employers — including public agencies — with at least 26 workers to provide up to 80 hours of supplemental sick leave to recover from COVID-19.

### [Guide to Local Recovery Portal expanded](#)

The Guide to Local Recovery portal has been updated to include information about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The page now includes several fact sheets, a funding resource guide, and links to relevant public comment forms.

City officials looking for additional information about the American Rescue Plan Act and additional tools for recovery can visit the Cal Cities [\*\*Guide to Local Recovery \(/home/resources/guide-to-local-recovery\)\*\*](#) webpage.

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